

**Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – 1 Gladstone Villas, Victoria Road, Newcastle (Ref: 20/21001/HBG)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the following grant is approved:-**

- 1. £348 Historic Building Grant be given towards the repair of timber cladding boards and replacement timber finials.**

**Purpose of report**

To enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

No. 1 Gladstone Villas is one of a pair of Victorian Villas situated within Stubbs Walk Conservation Area. The house is of red brick construction with blue brick banding and has decorative timber barge boards. The flat sections of cladding boards are rotten and have suffered damage in recent weather. The proposal is to replace these and the finials which are damaged.

Two competitive quotations have been received by contractors. The cost of the work is estimated at £3,480 including VAT. The building is a historic building within the Conservation Area, and the work is eligible for 10% grant towards the cost of the works.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party has not considered this application because due to the restrictions in place in response to the corona virus pandemic all meetings of this group have been suspended until further notice.

**Financial Implications**

Historic buildings and structures are entitled to apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 from the Conservation and Heritage Grant Fund. The intervention rate is 20% of the cost of the work for Listed Buildings. Buildings within Conservation Areas or on the Register of Locally Important Buildings are eligible to apply for 10% of the cost of such work.

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with £8,000 in the Fund; allowing for commitments.