

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – 1 Gladstone Villas, Victoria Road, Newcastle (Ref: 20/21004/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grants are approved:-

- 1. £396 Historic Building Grant be given towards a timber replacement sash window.**

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.

This application is for the replacement of a first floor side elevation sash window. The bottom sash and the outside window sill are rotten. Replacement of sash will be on a like for like basis with super slim heritage glazing and draught proofing.

Two competitive quotations have been received by appropriately qualified joiners/contractors. The cost of the work is estimated at £1,980 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 will consider the grant at its next meeting on 1 December 2020.

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 a little over £3,700 in the Fund; allowing for commitments. This will leave £3,318 available to offer subsequent heritage assets within the Borough.