

## Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

### Betley Court (Ref: 23/24001/HBG) and Madeley Almshouses (23/24002/HBG)

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grants be approved:-

1. **£5,000 Historic Building Grant be given towards sash window repairs on part of the building which was not damaged during the fire at Betley Court.**
2. **£5,000 Historic Building Grant to be given towards the cost of the renovated and new metal windows at Madeley Almshouses.**

#### Purpose of report

To enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

1. Betley Court, Main Road, Betley

The application is for assistance to help carry out repairs to 13 sash windows within Royds House, one of the apartments within Betley Court. Royds House is located to the rear of the property, on the south west corner. This part of the house included some of the late Victorian extensions by W Caroe.



In August 2019 Betley Court suffered a devastating fire which destroyed much of the property, including almost all of the interior and roof structure. This is presently being reinstated and much of this structural and enveloping work is complete and the scaffolding is incrementally being removed.

Some of the rear apartments were virtually free from fire damage due to the fire separation systems in place although the windows are in need of overhauling and repair. The work includes removing sashes, glass, and paint down to original wood, reglaze using new glass. The frames will have paint removed down to original wood, remove pulleys, clean & polish. Two windows will be new sashes - replacing cill, 1/2 linings & outer nosing.

The costs of the reinstatement of the rest of the fire damaged house have so far been met by the family and the insurance.

Two quotations have been received by appropriately qualified contractors. The total cost of this work is estimated at £35,162.40 including VAT.

The house is a Grade II\* Listed Building, and the work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works. Due to the costs involved, this would be over £7,000 but the grant fund only enables applicants grant assistance up to a maximum of £5,000. On this basis therefore the maximum grant of £5,000 can be offered towards works at Betley Court.

## 2. Almshouses, Station Road, Madeley

The almshouses are owned by the Sir John Offley charitable trust and they have applied for assistance towards renovating and replacing where necessary all of the windows on the front elevations of the properties. There are 6 single units and 2 double units. The terrace is a Grade 2 Listed Building and the windows are genuine leaded lights within existing timber surrounds. Windows sections are hung on forged pins and will be fabricated by appropriately qualified contractors.

Two quotations have been received and the total cost of this work is estimated at £46,965 including VAT.



The house is a Grade II Listed Building, and the work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works. Due to the costs involved, this would be over £9,000 but the grant fund only enables applicants help up to a maximum of £5,000.

On this basis therefore the maximum grant of £5,000 can be offered towards works at Madeley almshouses.

### 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.

There is sufficient funding to meet both of these grant applications with an allocation this year to the Fund of £10,000. This allows for existing commitments.