

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

### Ashley Congregational Church (Ref: 23/24003/HBG)

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that:-**

**£ 1,284 Historic Building Grant be given towards sash window reinstatement.**

#### Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of applications for financial assistance towards the cost of reinstatement of 2 windows and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on the applications.

#### 1. Congregational Church, Ashley

The application is for assistance to manufacture and install 2 large 15 over 15 timber sliding sash windows to the front elevation of the chapel. The original windows were removed and infilled with brick during some historic renovations, around 1868.

The building got planning permission for conversion of the former chapel and schoolroom in July 2023. It has been disused for many years as a chapel and is being carefully restored with a sensitive proposal for reuse as a dwelling which takes into account the significance of the building.



The Chapel is a Grade II Listed Building, and the work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works. Two quotations have been received and the total cost of this work is estimated at £6,420 including VAT.

The house is a Grade II Listed Building, and the work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works.

#### 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 this grant application with an allocation this year to the Fund of £24,917. This allows for existing commitments.