

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

3 Church Street, Newcastle (Ref: 24/25006HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

£2,400 Historic Building Grant be given towards sash window repairs.

Purpose of report

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

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The application is for repair of the 9 sliding sash windows at the above Grade II Listed Building. This late 18th Century building has been lying vacant for the last 4 or 5 years and needs some repair and renovation. The current owner is renovating the building by improving ventilation and its fire performance where possible and repairing the windows.

The applicant has received two quotations for all the windows on the front elevation and it is likely that once the work starts and each window is investigated it will be easier to fully assess the state of each window. The grant is currently proposed to be offered against the lower quotation.

Two competitive quotations have been received for the work and the lowest at £12,000 including VAT which is payable.

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 £11,886. This allows for existing commitments.