



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Historic building grant scheme – delegated powers








Summary of Purpose and Recommendations:

Delegation of power to offer grants to officers.

Cost to Council: Employee costs

Within existing budget? Yes

Contribution to Corporate Plan (Minor/Moderate/Major/Neutral):

	+		-		+		-
	Major			Priorities			
	Major			Clean Streets and Public Space		Neutral	
		Neutral		Crime and Disorder		Neutral	
		Neutral		Housing		Neutral	
		Neutral		Managing our Finances	Minor		

Comments on Impacts on Corporate Objectives and Priorities:

Delegation of powers is recommended for the most efficient administration of the scheme, hence best practice within the organisation and in the service provided to the public.



HISTORIC BUILDING GRANT SCHEME – DELEGATED POWERS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report recommends that the power to offer historic building grants be delegated to officers.

2 THE GRANT SCHEME

- 2.1 Under Section 57 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 a local authority may contribute towards the expenses incurred in the repair or maintenance of listed or other buildings of architectural or historic interest.
- 2.2 In April 2004 a historic building grant budget of £20 000 per annum was reinstated here. Grants to a maximum of £2000 will be offered towards repairs to listed, and in conservation areas important unlisted, buildings and structures. The amount of grant will be based on a percentage of the total cost of eligible repairs.
- 2.3 In order to ensure the most efficient administration of the scheme it is considered that the power to offer grants should be delegated to officers.
- 2.4 The operation of a similar grant scheme which operated up to 1998 was delegated to officers.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of operation of the scheme is contained within existing approved budgets.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no crime and disorder implications to this report.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no environmental implications to this report.

6. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder supports the recommendation contained in this report.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the power to offer historic building grants be delegated to the Head of Policy Design and Information (John Ward).

Further Information

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Background Papers

None