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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Heritage Grants Sub Committee</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 5</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> March 2011</b>	<b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>Director of Operations</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>Marilyn Hallard, Design and Conservation Officer, x5747</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Swadlincote PSiCA Grants</b>	<b>REF: See individual items</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>Swadlincote</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: DS3</b>

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## **1.0 Recommendations**

### 18 HIGH STREET

- 1.1 That a 50% supplementary grant of £456 be offered to Mr J John Thorpe towards eligible costs of £6,371, including 20% VAT, for additional repairs to the boundary walls based on the tender from Davlyn Construction, dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011, subject to the relevant usual conditions.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

To determine Swadlincote PSiCA grant applications.

## **3.0 Detail**

18 High Street

Unlisted

Applicant: Mr John Thorpe

Ref PSiCA 22

- 3.1 A grant of £4118 had been offered in May 2010 for improving the Ernest Hall Way frontage comprising the reinstatement of damaged and missing sections of boundary wall. However following the removal of the section of wall on the east side a further length was found to be unstable and a significant amount of additional rebuilding proved necessary.
- 3.2 At the last meeting permission was given for works to continue at this property without prejudice to consideration of a supplementary grant offer for additional costs. The additional rebuilding is largely complete with just the copings to be fitted.
- 3.3 The Council has been trying to encourage improvements to the rear of the private premises which line Ernest Hall Way to reinforce and complement the repaving works carried out recently in the street. This was the first such grant proposal and it is hoped that it will act as a catalyst to others.
- 3.4 The total cost of the additional works is £6,371 (including 20% VAT). The works were originally tendered in May 2010 and the rates used for the additional works are the same. A 50% grant would be £3,185. The outstanding balance of the fund is only

£456 so this application will be brought back to committee for further consideration after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 After the last meeting the outstanding balance of the 2010/2011 PSiCA budget was £456. See 'Financial Summary' at Annexe 'A'

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 Participation in the grant schemes will continue to help achieve Corporate Plan theme Sustainable Growth & Opportunity by contributing towards the vitality and viability of the historic environment. Appropriate investment in Swadlincote town centre's streets and buildings supports businesses and encourages tourism and inward investment.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 Historic building grants contribute towards the Sustainable Community Strategy theme 'Vibrant Communities'. The District's historic buildings and conservation areas are a key component of its vibrant communities, which offer opportunities for the future, such as tourism and job creation. The effective protection of these assets, through care and good management, enhances quality of life for all and safeguards the environment. By concentrating a generous budget in one area the PSiCA scheme makes a significant contribution to the re-generation of Swadlincote town centre.

#### **7.0 Background Papers**

- 7.1 Grant Application: 18 High Street. Ref PSiCA 22