
REPORT TO:	Environmental and Development Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 8
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REPORT FROM:	Deputy Chief Executive	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	Heritage Grants Sub-Committee	REF: 13.3.18.6
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS04

1.0 Recommendation

- 1.1 That the terms of reference of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee be changed to reflect the fact that the Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) has now come to an end and a new grant scheme has been set up under English Heritage's new initiative, Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas (PSiCAs).
- 1.2 That Derbyshire County Council be allocated two Members on the Sub-Committee with voting rights in respect of Swadlincote PSiCA applications.
- 1.3 That a representative from the Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust and the Swadlincote and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce continue to be invited to attend Meetings of the Sub-Committee in a non-voting capacity relating to Swadlincote PSiCA applications.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To consider the amendment of the terms of reference of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee and voting rights for County Council representatives.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 This Committee established the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee on 3rd June 2004 with the following delegated powers:-

Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) Grants

- to deal with all matters relating to the Swadlincote HERS as delegated to South Derbyshire District Council by English Heritage

Historic Building and Conservation Area Grants

- to determine all applications for grant assistance and requests to start work without prejudice to applications
 - to set grant priorities for the fund at the beginning of each financial year
- 3.2 The Historic Building and Conservation Area Grants are funded solely by the District Council. The Swadlincote HERS was jointly funded by the District Council and English Heritage. In its final year, 2006/2007, when the HERS scheme was at risk because of a shortage of local funding, Derbyshire County Council stepped in to help and contributed £10,000. Two County Council Members attended the Meetings.
- 3.3 2006/2007 was the final year of the HERS and following much uncertainty about the future of such schemes, English Heritage launched a new round of grant schemes under the title 'Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas' (PSiCAs). The County Council agreed to continue its contribution and the District Council made a successful bid for a three year PSiCA with a budget of £100,000 pa (English Heritage £50,000, South Derbyshire District Council £40,000, Derbyshire County Council £10,000).
- 3.4 The County Council has requested that they have two representatives on the Sub-Committee with voting rights.
- 3.5 It is proposed therefore that the requested voting rights be granted and that the terms of the Sub-Committee with reference to the Swadlincote scheme be amended as follows:-
- Swadlincote PSiCA
- to deal with all matters relating to the Swadlincote PSiCA as delegated to South Derbyshire District Council by English Heritage.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As detailed above.

5.0 Community Implications

- 5.1 Historic building grants contribute towards sustaining the District's built heritage, a valuable and non-renewable resource investment in which promotes tourism and improves environmental quality for all.

6.0 Background Papers

Letter from DCC dated 14 03 07

Letter from DCC dated 15 05 07