
REPORT TO:	Heritage Grants Sub Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 5
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REPORT FROM:	Director of Community Services	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	Philip Heath, Heritage and Conservation Officer x5936	DOC:
SUBJECT:	Swadlincote Conservation Area Partnership Scheme	REF: See individual items
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Swadlincote	TERMS OF REFERENCE: DS3

1.0 Recommendations

SWADLINCOTE CONSERVATION AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (PSiCA)

1.1 That an additional grant of £3,081 based on eligible costs of £4,292.30 be awarded to Mr. F. J. Lynch for the restoration of two first floor front windows and front entrance lobby and repointing works at the rear at 25, Church Street, based on the submitted estimate amounting to £5,020.39 plus VAT dated 28th September, from Hardwick Coleman & Whotton Ltd. subject to the usual conditions and the following additional condition:

i) That samples of the floor tiles for the front entrance lobby shall be submitted to the Design and Conservation Officer for approval prior to installation.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider Swadlincote Conservation Area Partnership grant allocations/applications.

3.0 Detail

SWADLINCOTE CONSERVATION AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (PSiCA)

25 Church Street

Unlisted

Applicant: Mr. F. J. Lynch

Ref PSiCA 13

3.1 25 Church Street is an Edwardian semi-detached house. Like other properties on the street, it is notable for the display of moulded ornament, probably local terracotta, in the front elevation. This part of the street has a strong homogeneous character, largely as a result of the consistent and rich detailing of the house fronts.

3.2 The original grant offer on this property, made on 30th June 2009, was £3,090 based on eligible costs of £3,862, being the lowest of three prices received. The other prices were £4,760 and £7,475.

- 3.3 It has since become clear that the reason for the great discrepancy between the original quotes was that only the highest of them had included the costs of manufacturing the ornamented heads and sills on the front elevation, for which Meadowstone Ltd. have given a price of £1,787.30 to the contractors now working on the project. Moreover, only the highest price had originally included a cost (£390) for tiling the entrance lobby. When these omissions are allowed for, the price differences between the three original quotes group into a normal range.
- 3.4 The additional eligible sums now priced by Hardwick Coleman and Whotton to finish the project amount to £4,292.30. This includes £1,425 for repointing and a chimney pot, all at the back of the building, which were agreed as extra items by the Design and Conservation Officer after work began. Added to the builder's original price of £3,862, this amounts to £8,154.30 in all.
- 3.5 In order to attempt a fair comparison with the other original prices, omissions from the estimates provided by Bartrams and Jon Wilson Joinery have been added in, using the figures provided by Hardwick Coleman and Whotton. The totals all fall within a normal range, with Hardwick Coleman and Whotton still being the lowest.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 This allocation can be met from the 2009/2010 budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The implementation of the masterplan and continuation of the PSiCA grant scheme are key tasks for the Planning service.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 Investment in the public realm will make Swadlincote a more attractive place capitalise on its heritage merit and attract more private sector investment. This will improve the town for residents, workers and visitors.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 File Ref PSiCA 13