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REPORT FROM:	Deputy Chief Executive	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO:
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SUBJECT:	Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme	REF: HERS 11
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Swadlincote	TERMS OF REFERENCE: DS3

1.0 Recommendation

17, CHURCH STREET

- 1.1 That Mr & Mrs M A and E C Smith be offered a 50% grant up to a maximum of £432 towards eligible costs of £865 for rebuilding the front boundary wall at 17, Church Street as set out in the estimate from Statham Building Services Ltd dated 19th August 2003, subject to the standard conditions and the following additional conditions:
- i) that before the work is generally executed a sample panel of brickwork including the pointing and samples of replacement bricks including glazed bricks be approved
 - i) that before demolition work starts a drawn and photographic record is made of all remnants on the existing wall of the former railing fixings

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To consider an application for grant aid and to inform members about the 2003/04 budget.

3.0 Detail

2003/2004 Budget

- 3.1 The 2003/2004 budget has been set at £120,000. This is made up of £70,000 English Heritage funding and £50,000 South Derbyshire District Council funding. It had been intended that £20,000 of the Housing budget should be ring fenced as in previous years for landlord grants for

creating flats above shops but because of budget restrictions this financial year this has not been possible.

- 3.2 The Year 2 review submitted to English Heritage at the end of last financial year set out the case for including a number of residential properties on Church Street. Their inclusion was approved subject to a £40,000 limit over the course of the financial year.
- 3.3 This is the final year of the currently approved scheme. A lot has been achieved since April 2001 but much remains to be done. An application will be made towards the end of this financial year to extend the scheme for a further three years subject to the continuing availability South Derbyshire District Council of funding. Provided the right kind of achievement can be demonstrated and that there is a continuing need the chances of success for a second round bid are high.

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- 3.4 17 Church Street is the end of a terraced row built at the beginning of the twentieth century at the north end of Church Street. This attractive red brick and slate covered terrace has suffered badly from visually disfiguring alterations in the more recent past, hence its inclusion in the HERS scheme this year.
- 3.5 No 17 has lost its historic joinery but is the only one on the row where the front wall survives. The owners have expressed a long term desire to carry out a package of conservation works including the reinstatement of sash windows and railings. For the time being though they are anxious to properly repair the original front boundary wall which leans over the public footway.
- 3.6 The proposed eligible works in this instance are the rebuilding of the front garden wall to precisely match its current appearance. This work is eligible at 50%.
- 3.7 The total cost of the eligible work based on the lowest of competitive estimates is £865. This is exclusive of VAT as the builder is not registered for VAT purposes.
- 3.8 The project will result in the following benefit. A rare survival of an original feature will be safeguarded and it is hoped that this will provide a pattern that other owners can follow.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The recommended grant offer can be met from the 2003/2004 budget see summary at Annexe 'A'.

5.0 Community Implications

5.1 Grants for historic buildings 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. Regeneration of the town centre bolsters the local economy, helps local businesses to improve and increases choice for Swadlincote visitors and shoppers.

6.0 Background Papers

6.1 Grant application: 17, Church Street. File No. HERS 11