REPORT TO: Heritage Grants Sub Committee AGENDA ITEM: 5

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REPORT FROM: Director of Community Services OPEN

MEMBERS' Philip Heath, Heritage and DOC:

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SUBJECT: Swadlincote Conservation Area REF: See individual

Partnership Scheme items

WARD(S) TERMS OF

AFFECTED: Swadlincote REFERENCE: DS3

## 1.0 Recommendations

### SWADLINCOTE CONSERVATION AREA PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (PSiCA)

- 1.1 That an 80% grant of £28,444.80 based on eligible costs of £35,556 be awarded to Peak Trust Ltd. for a new shop front and adjoining pedestrian door at 18 & 18A High Street based on the submitted estimate dated £35,556 from Harvey and Clark Ltd. subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:
  - i) That a sample of the glazed brick for the stallriser be approved before work starts.
  - ii) That a lime mortar be used and the specification and a sample panel be approved before the brickwork is generally executed
  - iii) That the joinery be painted before the grant is paid and the colour scheme be agreed.
  - iv) That details of the new fascia sign for the shopfront be agreed prior to installation.
  - v) That the precise patterns for the ironmongery for the new door and shopfront shall be agreed 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)

18 / 18A High Street

Unlisted

Applicant: Peak Trust Ltd. Ref PSiCA 15

- 3.1 18/18A High Street is part of the substantial run of early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial properties that give the south side of Swadlincote High Street its prevailing character. Over time the strength of character of these buildings has been diluted by insensitive alterations, particularly the insertion of bland modern shopfronts. The present application, like previous ones on the street, seeks to restore the appearance of the building by provision of an appropriately detailed new shopfront, including restoration of the pedestrian door alongside.
- 3.2 The cost of the eligible works is £35,556 based on the lowest of four competitive estimates.

## 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 <u>Background Papers</u>

7.1 File Ref PSiCA 15