

Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000
(For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2010/11 – 2014/15)

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1	Service	Conservation & Design					
2	Service Manager	Conservation & Design Manager					
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Historic Building/War Memorial/Area Enhancement Scheme Grants					
	4. Costs (All £000s)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total gross cost
	Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred	£42,600	£42,600	£42,600	£42,600	£42,600	£213,000
5	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	The minimum life of the grant aided works would be 30 years for a re-thatching scheme, with an expectation of considerably longer for most repair schemes.					
6	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	<p>The grants support the repair and restoration of historic buildings and war memorials and the enhancement of Conservation Areas within the District. They strengthen and protect the distinctive character of our villages, make real improvements to local places and ensure a sustainable future for vulnerable and irreplaceable parts of our heritage. Most of the grants are given for works which can be seen and enjoyed by the public and the scheme benefits the whole community.</p> <p>The grants are given to local and charitable groups and private owners, and help support local craftsmen, contractors and suppliers.</p> <p>The scheme provides a public service which balances planning/heritage control with assistance using carefully targeted grants.</p>					
7	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	<p>Average number of repair schemes for properties supported annually ranges from 10 to 25.</p> <p>Last year grants were given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 parish councils for local projects 3 parish churches 8 Private owners/businesses 7 local charities 					
8	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	<p>Public surveys record the high value residents put on South Cambridgeshire's historic villages.</p> <p>Grant schemes are all subject to consultation with the local Member and approximately a third support Parish Council or community led and initiated projects.</p> <p>The grants are popular and have strong support from the public, communities, local groups, Parish Councils and local Members.</p>					
9	Which of the 2010/11 priorities will the proposal address and how?	<p>A. We are committed to being a listening Council providing first class services accessible to all.</p> <p>A i. Listening and engaging with our local community</p> <p>A ii. Working with voluntary organisations, Parish Councils and Cambridgeshire County Council to improve services through partnership</p> <p>A iv. Achieving improved customer satisfaction with our services</p> <p>C. We are committed to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.</p> <p>E. We are committed to providing a voice for rural life</p> <p>E i. Protecting existing communities, villages and the countryside</p>					

10	How will performance indicators be affected?	<p>A number of performance indicators would be affected including the following where there would be a high impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SP904 – Number of historic buildings repaired with the support of SCDC grants ○ SP903 – Historic buildings at risk taken off the buildings at risk register as a % of the total ○ NI 5 - Overall/general satisfaction with local area ○ NI 7 – Environment for a thriving third sector 						
11	Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.	<p>The Council has a legislative responsibility under the Planning (Listed Building & Conservation areas) Act 1990 to help secure the future of historic buildings in its area. Grant Aid is one method of securing their future and is supported by legislation.</p> <p>The expenditure also helps the Council improve and promote local wellbeing (a statutory power).</p>						
12	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	<p>Negative impacts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Failure to meet responsibilities under planning and heritage acts ○ Potential loss of historic buildings and local vernacular materials/traditions ○ General decline in the appearance and attraction of the villages ○ Loss of legibility of wording on War Memorials <p>The scheme is an excellent way of demonstrating and publicising the Council's concern for local communities and the environment, and its ability to make a positive difference on the ground. The Council would lose a service which generates positive results and publicity and enhances its reputation.</p>						
13	How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?	<p>Could not be achieved. Many of the other major sources of grant aid for historic buildings are not available for private residential properties, have a threshold which precludes smaller, local schemes, or are only given for the top 6% of listed buildings.</p>						
14	Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)	<p>The grant scheme generates significant investment by voluntary bodies and the private sector in the repair of individual heritage assets and the quality of the built environment. The SCDC grant is often the essential leverage to generate more extensive funds. On average the value of repair work generated is at least 6 times that of the grant.</p>						
15. Contribution (£000s)		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total contribution	
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
16. Revenue impact (£000s)		Reason		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal		Additional: income expenditure		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Reduction in: income expenditure						
		Total for year		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	Are any revenue changes likely to continue after 2010/11? If so, please complete the attached schedule?	No						

18	Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16	N/A
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REVENUE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2010/11 to 2036/37

To be completed if appropriate

Financial Year	Estimated Addition to:		Estimated Reduction in:	
	Income £(000)	Expenditure £(000)	Income £(000)	Expenditure (£000)
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