

Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000 **Appendix D**
(For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2007/08 – 2009/10)

1	Service	Conservation			
2	Service Manager	Conservation Manager			
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Historic Building and Area Enhancement Scheme Grants			
4	Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total gross cost
5	Costs	£39,300	£40,600	£40,600	£120,500
6	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	The scheme supports the restoration and enhancement of historic buildings. The minimum life of the grant aided works would be 30 years for a re-thatching scheme, with an expectation of considerably longer.			
7	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	The historic fabric of the villages, which help define the attraction and character of the district will be maintained.			
8	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	Average number of repair schemes for properties supported annually is expected to be 20.			
9	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	Grant schemes are all subject to consultation with the local member and approximately a third support Parish Council or community led and initiated projects.			
10	Which of the 2007/08 priorities will the proposal address and how?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Customer Service – The grant scheme has been evaluated by the Audit Commission and is considered to be well run and good value for money. • Affordable Housing – Working with the Housing department, the scheme is of some importance in helping low income families and individuals repair historic buildings and thereby remain in their own home. 			
11	How will performance indicators be affected?	<p>The grant scheme directly supports the achievement of the following Performance Indicators :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP904 – Number of historic buildings improved as a result of LA action • SP903 – Percentage buildings taken off the buildings at risk register. 			
12	Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.	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.			
13	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failure to meet duties under the planning acts. 2. Potential loss of historic buildings and local vernacular materials. 3. General decline in the appearance and attraction of the villages. 			
14	How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?	Could not be achieved. Many of the other major sources of grant aid for historic buildings are either not available for private residential properties or have a threshold which precludes action on these smaller schemes.			
15	Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)	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 total investment in repairs is at least 7 times the amount of grant.			

16. Contribution (£000s)		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total contribution
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17. Revenue impact (£000s)		Reason	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal		Additional: income expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Reduction in: income expenditure			
		Total for year			
18	Are any revenue changes likely to continue after 2009/10? If so, please complete the attached schedule?	No			
19	Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16	N/A			