

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 4 JUNE 2001

REPORT ON: CITY CENTRE FACADES ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 273-2001

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To bring to Committee's attention the further uptake of grants under the FECS scheme.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee is asked to award the following grants:

a	24 Castle Street	£6,600
b	24-26 Exchange Street	£8,625

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The expenditure of £15,225 in the financial year 2001/02 is included within the current approved Financial Plan for the financial year 2001/02.

The grants recommended can be met from these sums.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 By the successful renovation of City Centre buildings, the distinctive architectural character of the City Centre will be retained and will assist in addressing the following key theme of Dundee 21.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The existing floor level at each property does not allow for the construction of disabled person access.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 24, Castle Street currently trades as an Indian restaurant. The proposal is to replace the existing out of keeping shopfront with one that is more in keeping with Castle Street. The property is listed category "B" and is situated in one of the FECS targeted streets. A 75% grant of approved costs are recommended.
- 6.2 24-26 Exchange Street is a Category "B" listed building. It is situated in one of the targeted FECS areas of the city centre. The current owners are converting the upper floors into residential use as part of the empty homes initiative (which was approved by the Development Quality Committee on 22 May 2000) and form two shops on the ground floor. The proposed designs are compatible with this building. A 75% grant of approved works is recommended.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and Scottish Enterprise Tayside have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Minutes of Planning Committee June 1994 - Item 3 refers.

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