# REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2002

REPORT ON: CITY CENTRE FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO: 88-2002** 

# 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To bring to Committee's attention two further applications for grant assistance under FEGS.

# 2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Committee is asked to agree to the following levels of grant.

	Address	Grant	Percentage Offered
a b	34-36 Commercial Street 27 South Tay Street	£12,000 £12,450	75% 75%
	Total	£24,450	

#### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The estimated expenditure of £24,450 is included within the current approved Capital Budget for the financial year 2001/2002.

# 4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Places, spaces and objects combine meaning and beauty with utility. Encouraging improvements to City Centre facades is seen as a means of improving the image of the City Centre.

# 5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 All existing accesses are to be retained which allows for disabled access.

# 6 BACKGROUND

6.1 All planning consents for the Commercial Street and South Tay Street properties are in place.

#### 6.2 **34-36 Commercial Street**

Currently lying vacant, this shop forms part of a group of four shops. At present the shop does not match the style of the other three. The proposal is to have the shop front matching the others. The proposed new use is to be an Italian restaurant.

#### 6.3 27 South Tay Street

This property, currently vacant, is to be converted into a small hotel/restaurant. It is the first application to be received since Committee agreed to extend FEGS into the emerging Cultural Quarter. The works to the frontage of the property will bring back many of the original Georgian architectural features. This proposal furthers the aims of developing the cultural quarter.

# 7 CONSULTATIONS

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

#### 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Minutes of Planning Committees (DDC) June 1996.

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