REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

26 APRIL 2004

REPORT ON: ALBERT STREET FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 273-2004

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for awarding a façade enhancement grant in advance of the scheme being taken over by the Dundee Environment Heritage Trust.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to agree to the award of grant of £9,170 estimate.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant sum can be met from the approved SIPs contribution.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Diversity and local distinctiveness are valued and protected. Encouraging investment in the District Centre is a positive step to these goals.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 When façade enhancement involves forming new accesses these will be constructed to enable disabled persons access to the properties wherever possible.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Committee will recall that at their meeting of 30 August 1999 they agreed to target part of Albert Street to be included in a Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme.
- A grant application has been received from the proprietor of 169-171 Albert Street, a snackbar/café establishment. This property is located within the targeted area.
- 6.3 The proposal is to introduce contemporary shopfronts which has the benefit of planning permission, replacing the existing dowdy shopfront.
- 6.4 Internal works have been substantially completed and the owner is keen to progress. In view of the fact that the DEHT will not be in a position to deal with applications till the end of May 2004, it would be appropriate for the Committee to deal with this grant request.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), and Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Planning) and Head of Communities have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The Albert Street Study approved by Committee 25 October 1999.
- 8.2 Minutes of Planning and Transportation Committee of 30 August 1999, Item VI.

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