REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

22 MAY 2000

REPORT ON: CITY CENTRE FACADES ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 277-2000

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Committee of further grant uptake and the Facade Enhancement Grant Scheme.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to agree to offer the following grant.

107-113 Nethergate - £7,240

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The proposed grant for 107-113 Nethergate will require to be included in the Planning and Transportation Department's 2000-2001 Capital Estimates.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

"places, spaces and objects combine meaning and beauty with utility".

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 When a facade enhancement involves forming a new access this will be constructed to enable disabled access to the properties wherever possible.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 At its meeting on 30 August 1999 the Committee agreed to support the principle of grant assistance for Nethergate properties.
- 6.2 Committee agreed at their 28 February meeting to offer a grant for 107-113 Nethergate. Due to contractual difficulties it was not possible to start the works last financial year 1999-2000. The project is now on site.
- A category 'B' Listed Building 107-113 Nethergate, currently unoccupied, is to be converted into a restaurant/carry out facility. Diagonally opposite DCA, its renovation will make a significant contribution to the City's Cultural Quarter. The value of the contract is in excess of £400,000. A grant of £7,240 is recommended against the eligible elements.

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.
- 7.2 Scottish Enterprise Tayside have been advised of this grant application and are supportive of it.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Minutes of Planning and Transportation Committee City Centre Facades Enhancement Grant Scheme August 1999 - Item 12 refers.

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