REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –

**25 SEPTEMBER 2000** 

REPORT ON: CITY CENTRE FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO: 548-2000** 

#### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To bring to Committees attention the continuing uptake of grants under FEGS. The success of the scheme has resulted in a significant improvement to the quality of city centre shops.

#### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to approve the following grants:-

a 21 Reform Street £14,400 b 4 South Tay Street £10,240 c 39 Union Street £10.800

#### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost awarded to these grants is estimated at £35,440. This expenditure can be met from the balance of finance available for city centre façade enhancement in the Capital Budget for 2000/2001.

# 4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

### 5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

### 6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 <u>39 Union Street</u> is a Category "B" Listed Building. The upper floors have been improved as part of the Housing Department's Union Street initiative. The premises are currently used as licensed premises and will continue to be used as such. The proposal is to remove an unsympathetic 1950's frontage and return it to a more compatible design. A 75% grant of approved works is recommended.
- 6.2 <u>4 South Tay Street</u> is a category "B" Listed Building. Also it is contained within the Cultural Quarter. The property, currently vacant, is proposed to be converted into a gift shop. The proposed design of the shopfront adds a contemporary solution to this section of South Tay Street. A 75% grant of approved works is recommended.

6.3 <u>21 Reform Street</u> is a Category "B" Listed Building. The property is currently a fast food outlet. Although the classical balustrading and pillars were reinstated in 1987, other features which are part of the Reform Street detailing were omitted. The current proposal reinstates the original door and window positions, by removing inappropriate stall risers. The Committee's attention is drawn to the fact that the premises are franchised by a local businessman who operates one other similar concern in Dundee. 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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