# REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 26 MARCH 2001

REPORT ON: FACADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME: CAMPBELLS CLOSE, 21 REFORM STREET, 39 UNION STREET

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO: 154-2001** 

### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain Committee approval for further grant spend under the Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme.

### 2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Committee is asked to approve the following grants.

21 Reform Street : £3,600

39 Union Street : £3,000

Campbells Close : £12,000

Both applicants at Reform Street and Union Street are local businesses. Therefore a 75% grant is recommended. The Campbells Close gate is recommended to be paid in full.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The total costs of these grants are estimated at £18,600. These will be met from the Planning and Transportation Departments 2000/2001 capital budget for the Façade Enhancement Grants Scheme.

## 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 facade enhancement involves forming new accesses these will be constructed to enable disabled persons access to the properties wherever possible.

#### 6 BACKGROUND

6.1 The budget for the Façade Enhancement Grant Scheme for financial year 2000/2001 is £189,000. The undernoted table shows details of the funding contributions and the schemes approved by Committee in this financial year to date.

#### 2000/2001 Approved Budget

	£000's
Dundee City Council Scottish Enterprise Tayside Social Inclusion Partnerships TOTAL	100 75 <u>14</u> 189
Schemes Approved to Date	165
Balance Available	24

- 6.2 Committee will recall that previous grant applications were approved for **21 Reform Street** (McDonalds) and **39 Union Street** (Rendezvous Bar). Works are well underway at both locations. However during the contract on both projects works of an unforeseen nature were revealed.
- 6.3 At **21 Reform Street** the existing marble was to be re-used. This however failed whilst being removed. The applicants agent suggested replacing this with a tiled finish. This was not acceptable to the Planning and Transportation Department. A sandstone was suggested by the Department and agreed with the applicant. The overall cost of this additional work, primarily materials, is £4,876.
- 6.4 At **39 Union Street** the removal of the canopy fixings resulted in localised structural problems being identified. These had to be remedied quickly. This has resulted in an additional works cost of £4,000.
- 6.5 Committee will recall that the Façade Scheme has delivered a rolling programme of city pend public art theme gates. These are located at Doig's Court, Castle Street and J D Browns Close, Castle Street.
- 6.6 A scheme for public art gates has been prepared for **Campbells Close**, High Street. This accesses the property at 77 High Street (including Hugh Farquhar's Hair Salon). It will also be utilised for access to the eastern part of Gardyne's Land (now under restoration).
- 6.7 The design of the proposed gate (display at Committee) picks up historical and existing themes associated with Campbell's Close, (for example the use of the scissor motif associated with a hairdresser).
- 6.8 See attached plans for location of properties.

# 7 CONSULTATIONS

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

# 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Minutes of Planning Committee (CDDC) City Centre Facades Enhancement Grant Scheme June 1994 – Item 3 refers.

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