



LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

SUBMISSION OF URGENT ITEM

1. Meeting – FINANCE AND RESOURCES
2. Date of Meeting – 8 JULY 2021
3. Title of Report – DURBAN HOUSE, EASTWOOD - CAPITAL REPAIRS
4. Reason for late submission of report

THE ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS UNFORESEEN.

5. Reason to be specified in the minutes why the item should be considered as a matter of urgency

THIS UNFORESEEN REPORT CONCERNS A MATTER THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH URGENTLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNCIL.

6. Item submitted by

Name and Designation – ZULFIQAR DARR, INTERIM DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Date and time 7/7/21 13.50

Signature

7. Item received by – JEREMY WARD

Name and Designation – HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

Date and time 7/7/21 13.50

Signature

8. Approval of Chair

In accordance with Section 100 B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 I
*approve/do not approve the submission of the item referred to at paragraph 3
to the meeting stated above.

Signed

Date

7/7/21

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

DURBAN HOUSE, EASTWOOD – CAPITAL REPAIRS1. Purpose of report

To recommend that £25,000 be allocated to capital repairs at Durban House Eastwood as part of the preparation for the Levelling Up bid for the town. As the next Finance and Resources Committee is scheduled for 7 October 2021 and to avoid delay this report is being submitted as an Urgent Item.

2. Background

Committee will recall that this Council owns Durban House in Eastwood. Although the building is not listed or in a conservation area it is a noticeably attractive building and a visual asset to Eastwood and to the Borough of Broxtowe. The Council has previously decided therefore not to sell the building or to demolish it. However, the last two lettings (a beauty studio and a school) have both failed to last and yield worthwhile income for the Council.

The building is now considered to be a potentially vital part of the proposed Levelling Up bid for Eastwood and, as such, various capital repairs are considered vital to the delivery and credibility of that bid.

3. Proposed capital repairs (all costs exclude VAT)

• Internal

New cellar flooring £7,000

Contents removal from previous tenant £500 estimate

• External

Scaffold access £9,500

Painting of structure £7,000

Minor roof works/gutter clean (pending access) £800 estimate

In addition, there will be various revenue items such as clearing car park and paths and planting fruit trees.

5. Financial implications

The estimated cost of the required repairs is £25,000, which can be allocated from contingency within the 2021/22 capital programme. £55,000 was approved in the budget and £27,000 has been allocated to date leaving a balance of £28,000. In view of the limited budget available scope of work will need to be clearly defined and fixed price contracts issued.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the addition to the 2021/22 capital programme as set out above be approved.

Background papers

Nil