

## Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

**DURBAN HOUSE, EASTWOOD – CAPITAL REPAIRS**1. 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 a noticeably attractive building and a visual asset to Eastwood and to the Borough of Broxtowe. The Council has previously decided therefore not 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