

#### 4. HERITAGE UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update on issues relating to heritage.

##### **FORMER SYDENHAM METHODIST (CONGREGATIONAL) CHURCH CORNER BROUGHAM AND COLOMBO STREETS GROUP 2**

At the Council meeting of 22 February, there was general support by the Council for the retention of the building. It was resolved that a further report be made to the March Council meeting outlining the costs involved in the purchase and conservation of the building before the Council makes a decision as to its level of commitment to the retention of the church.

##### **FORMER CANTERBURY HORSE BAZAAR, CNR BEDFORD ROW, LICHFIELD AND MADRAS STREETS, GROUP 4**

The Heritage Covenant for this building has been lodged with the Council and is in the process of being registered on the title of the building. Staff are liaising with the owner with respect to the structural upgrade and a consent has been granted for this work. The \$200,000 grant given for the retention of this building has now been paid to the owner as per the matters outlined in the resolution of full Council September 2000.

##### **PUBLIC TRUST BUILDING 152 OXFORD TERRACE GROUP 3**

A Resource Consent application to lower the ground floor windows of this building has been received by the Council. The consent will be considered by a commissioner in March.

##### **FORMER MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS OXFORD TERRACE GROUP ONE**

Work to progress the formation of the Our City Past Present and Future and the Environment Centre is now under way. A Project Manager has been appointed and Management Committee established to oversee this work. An opening date of 1 September 2001 has been set for completion of the first stages of the project and an opening exhibition in the building.

##### **WARNER'S HOTEL RESTORATION UPDATE:**

Staff continue to liaise with the owners of the building and the Project Manager with respect to the upgrade and restoration of Warner's. Weekly meetings are to be established with the Project Manager and a monthly meeting will be held with heritage staff, the owners and Project Manager to review progress in particular with respect to grant payments.

A work programme has been established with a three stage schedule that will see the refurbishment, fire safety and structural upgrades undertaken for the east wing, west wing and central section in four month time frames over the next twelve months.

Payment of the grant will be on an invoice basis on satisfactory completion of the work as outlined in the Council resolution and Heritage Conservation Policy (1999).

An application for a consent to open the north wall to the landscaped area on the former Savoy site is currently being worked through. The landscaping of the vacant area to the north of the building is now in progress.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the report be received.
  2. That the Council endorse the concept of the former Sydenham Methodist (Congregational) Church being utilised as a local museum, as suggested by the deputation, as one proposal for its future use.
  3. That Council officers examine the concept of establishing local museums including the formation of charitable trusts to run them.
  4. That the Council grant speaking rights to the deputation at the March Council meeting, to present its proposal.

It was noted that deputation members expressed their willingness to set up a charitable trust to run the former Sydenham Methodist (Congregational) Church for community use/local museum purposes.