

8. HERITAGE GRANT APPROVAL – ADDINGTON PRISON, 338 LINCOLN ROAD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to consider an addition to the previously approved grant funding for Addington Prison, 338 Lincoln Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Addington Prison is a Group 2 heritage building constructed in 1872 and currently intended for use as back packers accommodation. The Statement of Heritage Significance is included at Attachment 1.
3. In June 2008, the Committee approved a grant of \$50,238 for maintenance, and restoration works on the exterior, roof structure, floors, ceilings and external painting of the prison building.

4. Scope of Works and costs for conservation

The applicant has requested a further grant for the installation of protective glass to one cell to provide for the conservation and protection of pencil drawings on the cell walls. The total cost for the protective glass is \$8,798.

Scope of works	Costs
Installation of protective glass	\$8,798

5. Heritage Incentive Grants Policy

The Operational Guidelines for the Policy provide for a grant of up to 40 % of the total heritage related costs for a Group Two heritage building.

Proposed heritage grant (40%)	\$3,519
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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	08/09
Annual Budget	\$595,000
Carried Forward from Previous year	\$714,683
Total Budget including carry-forwards	\$1,309,683
Total Grant funds paid	\$259,795
Total Grant fund commitment	\$747,764
Balance of 08/09 funds	\$302,124
Fund approval for Piko Wholefoods	\$10,090
Fund approval for 2 Cunningham Terrace	\$26,228
Fund approval for Acland House	\$27,876
Fund approval for Cashmere Church	\$ 5,824
Fund approval for 68 Manchester St	\$ 8,357
Fund approval for Hi Para Apartments	\$ 7,992
Fund approval for Addington Prison Glass	\$ 3,519
Total Available Funds 08/09	\$212,238

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. Yes. The Heritage Incentive Grant budget is an annual fund provided for in the 2006- 2016 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Conservation Covenants are required under the Heritage Conservation Policy for properties receiving Heritage Incentive Grants of \$5,000 or more. A Limited Covenant should be registered against the property title for a period of not less than 5 years to ensure that no demolition or partial demolition can occur. A full conservation covenant has already been approved as part of the existing grant funding.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. Yes. Covenants are a more comprehensive form of protection of the buildings because they are registered against the property title, ensuring that the protection of the Council's investment is protected.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. The Heritage Incentive Grants Scheme is aligned to the Community Outcome 'An Attractive and Well-designed City'. This provides for, among other things, ensuring "*our lifestyles and heritage are enhanced by our urban environment*". The success measure is that "*our heritage is protected for future generations*". Heritage Incentive Grants contribute towards the number of protected heritage buildings, sites and objects, which is the measure under the outcome.
11. One of the objectives under the Strategic Direction Strong Communities provides for "*protecting and promoting the heritage character and history of the city*" (Goal 7).

One of the objectives under the Strategic Direction Liveable City is to "*Maintain and enhance the quality of development, and renewal of the city's built environment, by protecting Christchurch heritage buildings and neighbourhood character*". (Goal 4)

12. 'City Development Activities and Services' aims to help improve Christchurch's urban environment, among other things. One activity under City Development provides for Heritage Protection, which requires the Council to "*provide leadership, advocacy, resources, grants and conservation covenants to conserve and rehabilitate heritage items*". One of Council's contributions is to ensure the city's heritage is protected for future generations. The Council provides information, advice and funding for city heritage and heritage conservation, and will be expected to continue to do so, as part of its objective to retain heritage items.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

13. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Alignment of the requirement for Heritage Incentive Grants and Conservation Covenants stems from the Heritage Conservation Policy which in turn is relevant to:

Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS)

Heritage development projects provide opportunities for increased commercial and residential activity in the City while at the same time enhancing the heritage townscape. The UDS considers heritage as an integral part of Christchurch and an aspect of growth management provided for is through the protection, maintenance and enhancement of heritage.

Christchurch City Plan

Heritage redevelopment projects are consistent with the Heritage provisions of the City Plan: Volume 2, Section 4, City Identity, Objective 4.3 Heritage Protection provides for objectives and policies in relation to Heritage protection. It recognises that Christchurch is a cultural and tourist centre, a role mainly dependent on its architectural, historic and scenic attractions. Much of its distinctive character is derived from buildings, natural features, other places and objects which have over time, become an accepted part of the cityscape and valued features of the City's identity ... Protection of heritage places includes cultural, architectural, ... areas of character, intrinsic or amenity value, visual appeal or of special significance to the Tangata Whenua, for spiritual, cultural or historical reasons. This protection may extend to include land around that place or feature to ensure its protection and reasonable enjoyment. A heritage item may include land, sites, areas, buildings, monuments, objects, archaeological sites, sacred sites, landscape or ecological features in public or private ownership.

Central City Revitalisation Strategy

Inner city Heritage improvement projects are consistent with the vision for the Central City to cultivate a distinct identity that is unique to the city's environment and culture. This strategy places particular emphasis on the heritage of our Central City. The Christchurch Central City contains over half of the city's entire heritage assets.

New Zealand Urban Design Protocol

Heritage projects improve the quality and design of the urban environment by protecting the heritage of the city, which is stated in the Protocol as being an attribute of successful towns and cities. The Limited Covenants will contribute towards the implementation of the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol of March 2005 of which the Council is a signatory body.

Heritage Conservation Policy

Heritage Incentive Grants are provided for under section 8 of the Heritage Conservation Policy. The Heritage Conservation Policy aligns with the Community Outcome "An attractive and Well-designed City" through the indicator "Number of heritage buildings, sites and objects."

Heritage Conservation Policy is aligned with Council's Strategic Directions, Strong Communities Goal 7: *"Celebrate and promote Christchurch's identity, culture and diversity by protecting and promoting the heritage character and history of the city."* and Liveable City Goal 4 of: *"Maintain and enhance the quality of development, and renewal of the city's built environment by protecting Christchurch heritage buildings and neighbourhood character."*

The Heritage Grants Policy is aligned with the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter 1993 for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value, which the Council has adopted. The concept of places incorporates landscape, buildings, archaeological sites, sacred places, gardens and other objects. ICOMOS considers that countries have a "general responsibility towards humanity" to safeguard their heritage for present and future generations.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. There is no requirement for community consultation for Heritage Incentive Grants or covenant consents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Heritage Grants and Covenants Committee approve a Heritage Incentive Grant of up to \$3,519 for the installation of protective glass for the pencil drawings on one cell wall for the Group 2 heritage building at 338 Lincoln Road, Addington Prison, subject to compliance with the agreed scope of works and certification of the works upon completion