

## 6. HERITAGE GRANT APPROVAL – 32 SALISBURY STREET, CHRISTCHURCH

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for a Heritage Incentive Grant (HIG) for 32 Salisbury Street (also known as 381 Montreal Street) (**Attachment 1**).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. 32 Salisbury Street, also known as 'Ironside House' is located at the junction of Montreal Street and Salisbury Street. There is no certainty as to the architect of the building but it was built around 1899 for Archibald Scott, an insurance manager (refer to the Statement of Heritage Significance in **Attachment 1**). The building is actually named after a Miss A. F. Ironside who taught at the Christchurch Teacher's College from 1927 through to 1941. The building is a prominent feature of this urban corner and is an important part of the street scene directly opposite the Victoria Clock Tower and Victoria Mansions.
3. The English Domestic Revival style two storey building is constructed of a timber frame with a number of ornate brickwork chimneys. The building has a relatively complicated plan and roof form with many gables, ridges and valleys. The roof is steeply pitched and the original roofing material was corrugated iron. The current roofing material is lightweight 'decramastic' tiles and the chimneys have been painted the same colour as the timber wall cladding. There are a number of original features such as decorated gables with shingles, a large arched window, a first floor balcony and a bay window which give the building its distinct architectural style and form.
4. The building at 32 Salisbury Street, is listed in Group 4 of the Christchurch City Council's City Plan. The building is not registered by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga (NZHPT).
5. The building has not been the subject of a previous Council Heritage Incentive Grant and is owned by H & H Developments Ltd.
6. The work that the applicant is seeking grant support for will ensure the future protection and continuing use of this significant heritage building. The application meets all the criteria for a grant as provided in the Heritage Incentive Grants Policy – Operational Guidelines.

### SCOPE OF WORK

7. A summary of conservation and maintenance works include:
  - (a) Cleaning of the roofing tiles.
  - (b) Preparation and repainting of the entire exterior of the building excluding the roof.
8. Costs for conservation, including code compliance and maintenance works are outlined in the table below:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Moss removal and cleaning of roofing tiles; preparation and repainting of all walls, windows and fascia boards	\$35,009
<b>Total of conservation and restoration related work</b>	<b>\$35,009</b>

## HERITAGE INCENTIVE GRANTS POLICY

9. The Operational Guidelines for the Policy provide for a grant of up to 30 per cent of the total heritage related costs for a Group 4 heritage building.

<b>Proposed heritage grant (30%)</b>	<b>\$10,502</b>
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## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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	<b>2009/10</b>
<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>\$842,106</b>
<b>Commitment from previous year</b> (St Paul's Presbyterian Church)	\$142,000
<b>Total Grant funds committed year to date</b>	\$579,155
<b>Balance of 09/10 funds</b>	<b>\$120,951</b>
Fund approval 32 Salisbury Street	\$10,502
<b>Total Available Funds 2009/10</b>	<b>\$110,449</b>

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

11. Yes. The Heritage Incentive Grant budget is an annual fund provided for in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. Limited Conservation Covenants are required under the Heritage Conservation Policy for properties receiving Heritage Incentive Grants of \$5,000 to \$49,999. A Full Covenant is required for grants of \$50,000 or more.

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

13. Yes. Covenants are a more comprehensive form of protection of the buildings because they are registered against the property title, ensuring that the Council's investment is protected. Given the nature of the work, it is recommended that a 10 year Limited Conservation Covenant be required as a minimum for the uplifting of this grant.

## ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. The Heritage Incentive Grants Scheme is aligned to the Community Outcome '*An attractive and well-designed City*' (LTCCP 2009-19, page 50). 'Community Outcome 9. Development' provides for, among other things, ensuring "*our lifestyles and heritage are enhanced by our urban environment*" (page 54). One of the success measure is that "*Our heritage is protected for future generations*" (page 54). "*Progress will be measured using these headline indicators ... number of heritage buildings, sites and objects.*" (page 54). Heritage Incentive Grants contribute towards the number of protected heritage buildings, sites and objects, which is the measure under the outcome.
15. Within the 'Activities and Services' section of the LTCCP, is 'City planning and development' which aims to help improve Christchurch's urban environment, among other things. One of the activities included in 'City planning and development' is 'Heritage protection'. "*A city's heritage helps to sustain a sense of community identity, provides links to the past, and helps to attract visitors. The Council is committed to protecting the heritage of our city and works with developers, landowners and other stakeholders to conserve heritage buildings, areas and other items*" (page 187).

16. 'Heritage Protection', requires the Council to *"Research and promote the heritage of Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Work with developers, landowners and other stakeholders to conserve heritage areas, buildings, and other items. Promote development that is sensitive to the character and heritage of the city and existing communities."* (page 192). 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 2009-19 LTCCP?**

17. Yes.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

18. 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

The Heritage Incentive Grants are provided for under section 8 of the Heritage Conservation Policy. As noted above under the LTCCP heading, 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".

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?**

19. Yes.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

20. There is no requirement for community consultation for Heritage Incentive Grants or Covenants.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Heritage Grants and Covenants Committee approve:

- (a) A Heritage Incentive Grant of up to **\$10,502** for conservation and maintenance work for the protected heritage building 'Ironside House' at 32 Salisbury Street subject to compliance with the agreed scope of works and certification of the works upon completion.
- (b) That payment of this grant is subject to the applicants entering a Limited Conservation Covenant for a minimum period of 10 years, with the signed covenant having the Council seal affixed prior to registration against the property title.