

19. HERITAGE GRANTS AND COVENANTS COMMITTEE SIX MONTHLY REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the Heritage Incentive Grants and Covenants approved by the Committee during the six month period 1 July to 31 December 2009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The attached report provides a summary of heritage grants and covenants approved during the period 1 July to 31 December 2009. The Committee are to report to the Council as required under the delegated authority of the Council to the Heritage Grants and Covenant Committee:

“The Committee be requested to report back to the Council twice a year, listing heritage grants which have been approved by the Committee pursuant to its delegated powers within the preceding six months”.

3. The Heritage Incentive Grant Fund has a budget of \$842,106 for the 2009/10 financial year.
4. Eight grants had been approved from the 2009/10 budget by 31 December 2009 with a total value of \$341,873, leaving a remaining grant fund of \$500,233. Based on a number of pre-application discussions, a full take up of the Heritage Incentive Grant Fund is anticipated in the latter six months of 2009/10 financial year.
5. Statements of Heritage Significance, which have been provided as part of the decision making process for each grant application, are attached to the Council report for reference purposes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Heritage Incentive Grants are budgeted for on an annual basis through the Council’s LTCCP. The total Heritage Incentive Grant Fund for 2009/10 is \$842,106.
7. Larger heritage maintenance and conservation projects may receive grant funding over more than one financial year. In the 2009/10 financial year the grant commitments include \$141,920 to St Pauls Trinity Pacific Presbyterian Church; the total grant of \$638,000 approved by Council in June 2009 is to be paid over four financial years.

	2009/10
Annual Budget	\$842,106
Commitment from previous year (St Paul’s Presbyterian Church)	\$141,920
Grant approvals July to December 2009	\$199,873
Total Grant funds approved 2009/10 (at 31 December 2009)	\$341,793
Total Available Funds at 31 December 2009	\$500,313

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

10. Yes. Covenants are a more comprehensive form of protection for the buildings because they are registered against the property title, ensuring that the Council's investment is protected. For all grants approved in the six month period 1 July to 31 December 2009, covenants have been required as a condition of grant approval where the value of the grant exceed \$5,000.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. 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.
12. 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).
13. '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?

14. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. 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).
 - Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan.
 - Central City Revitalisation Strategy.
 - New Zealand Urban Design Protocol.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

- (a) That the Council receive the six monthly grants and covenants report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009.

BACKGROUND**18. Heritage Incentive Grants Approved by Committee July to December 2009**

Property name and address	Value of grant	Date approved by Committee	Covenant
St Josephs Church 18 Winchester Street, Lyttelton	\$20,238	3 August 2009	Full covenant
'Lochranza' 14 Godley Quay, Lyttelton	\$12,417	3 August 2009	Limited covenant
'The Tin Palace' 13 Oxford Street, Lyttelton	\$18,923	3 August 2009	Limited covenant
Former Crown Hotel 192 Moorhouse, Christchurch	\$106,760	6 October 2009	Full covenant
Dame Ngaio Marsh House 37 Valley Road, Christchurch	\$16,910	6 October 2009	Full covenant
Commercial Building 112 Lichfield Street, Christchurch	\$3,419	3 November 2009	No covenant required
The Canterbury Club 129 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	\$21,206	1 December 2009	Full covenant (limited area)
Total	\$199,873		

19. Heritage Incentive Grants Approval by Council for 2009/10 Financial Year

St Pauls Presbyterian Church, 236 Cashel Street, Christchurch	\$141,920	24 June 2009	Full covenant
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In June 2009 a grant of \$638,000 was approved by Council for St Paul's Presbyterian Church to be paid over a four-year period. The commitment for the 2009/10 financial year is noted above.

20. Covenants Approved July to December 2009

Property name and address	Value of grant	Date approved by Committee/Council	Covenant
266 Prestons Road	Nil, covenant only	3 November 2009	Limited covenant