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TO: Brierfield and Reedley Committee

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Brierfield Premises Improvement Grants

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to the Committee on grants under the Brierfield Premises Improvement Scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee releases £3,000 formally awarded for improvements to 120 Halifax Road, Brierfield, subject to planning permission, on 04/07/17.
2. That the Committee continues with its decision making on Premises Improvement Grants as a standing item on the agenda.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To allow payment to be made to the applicant.
2. To allow members to carry on taking decisions on Premises Improvement Grants as and when they appear.

ISSUE

1. Premises Improvement Grant scheme: Applications received in financial year 2017-18

In February 2017 a Premises Improvement Grant of £3000 was offered to ECO World Energy Ltd of 76-78 Colne Road, Brierfield. The signage work was completed in June 2017 and payment made to them.

Subsequently the following applications for grant assistance were received:

- (i) Applicant: Farhat Khaliq Beauty Salon (PAID)
Address: 7 Burnley Road, Brierfield BB9 5HX
Project: New signage and lighting, as well as new doors and windows.
Planning
Permission already approved. Cost: £4795
Total Grant: £2397.50 (50%)
- (ii) Applicant: Jamil Ahmed T/A Hillstop mini-market (PENDING)
Address: 120 Halifax Rd, Brierfield BB9 5BQ
Project: Replacing existing shop front and shutters. Application required
Planning Permission.
Cost: £6,000.
Total Grant: £3000

The following was resolved by the Committee (Minutes 04.07.17):

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RESOLVED

- (1) That a grant of £2397.50 be awarded to Farhat Khaliq Beauty Salon for improvements to 7 Burnley Road, Brierfield.
- (2) That a grant of £3,000 be awarded to Jamil Ahmed T/A Hillstop Mini-market for improvements to 120 Halifax Road, Brierfield, subject to appropriate planning permission being in place.

REASON

The criteria has been met

2. Results of 2017-18 approvals and future funding for 2018-19

- (i) Farhat Khaliq completed the work on her beauty salon on Burnley Road, creating three new jobs.
- (ii) Jamil Ahmed received planning permission on 25th September 2017 for his premises improvements and approached the Council again in early March 2018. The offer of the £3,000 grant was sent out to him on 20th March 2018.
- (iii) An Officer from the Economic Development Team will continue to respond to requests from businesses in Brierfield for assistance, and seek on-going approval from the Committee for any requests for Premises Improvement Grants in the 2018-19 financial year.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report

Financial: £3,000 requested from the committee's capital programme 2018/19.

Legal: None arising directly from this report

Risk Management: None arising directly from this report

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report

Sustainability: successful delivery of this scheme will enhance the image and appearance of Brierfield town centre and in turn encourage the use of local town centres

Community Safety: None arising directly from this report

Equality and Diversity: grants are accessible to all businesses within the town centre.

APPENDICES

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS