

REPORT FROM: Housing, Health and Economic Development Services
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TO: Brierfield and Reedley Committee

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Brierfield Premises Improvement Grants – Updated Report

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to the committee on a grant application under the Brierfield Premises Improvement Scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee consider approval for a grant application from Mr Ahmed of £3,000 for improvements to 56 Colne Road, Brierfield, BB9 5NN for a business trading as “Fly High Travel”. That any approval is on condition that Mr Ahmed meets the conditions of the Planning Department, namely to get approval from them for the materials to be used in the new shop front.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To allow for a decision to be made on a grant application.

ISSUE

1. Premises Improvement grant scheme: Application received

Approval is requested for a Premises Improvement Grant of £3,000 to improve the premises at 56 Colne Road, Brierfield, BB9 5NN. This property is opposite Brierfield Post Office/Jet Garage. Though this property is not officially within the town centre boundary, this is only very marginally so, and the unit can certainly be regarded as part of the town centre.

Currently Mr Ahmed rents no. 52 Colne Road, Brierfield and runs it as a travel agency business. His intention is to move to a building two doors down at No.56 Colne, which he currently owns.

This will bring a redundant shop unit back to life. The improvements include a new shop front with shutters and will enhance what currently is a very run down unit (see attached picture). The cost of

the improvements total nearly £6,500. Planning Permission has been given on the plans Mr Ahmed wishes to carry out, but there are conditions that have been applied to that permission which require him to get approval from the Planning Department for the materials to be used in the new shop front.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report

Financial: £3,000 is requested from the committee's budget 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: None arising directly from this report

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