

**REPORT FROM:** Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services  
Manager

**TO:** Brierfield and Reedley Committee

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## Brierfield Premises Improvement Grants

### 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 of £2900 for access improvements to a Community Enterprise in Brierfield, subject to planning permission (if required).

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### ISSUE

1. Approval is requested for a Premises Improvement Grant of £2900 to improve the premises of a Community Enterprise in Brierfield. This being 50% of the cost of the cheapest quote. The applicant has submitted 3 quotes for the work and the cheapest quote is £5,800. The improvements within the grant application are part of wider renovations by the Community Enterprise. In the grant application they have applied for funding to assist with improvements to the front of the building and assist in providing ease of access to those with mobility issues and disabilities.

The work will consist of Aluminium front doors, disabled ramp, decorative banisters and handrails, steps. This work will combine with the recently installed lift at the premises.

Once work is completed the Community Enterprise intends to keep running in its current format of a Community-focused health and wellbeing hub, including fully equipped gymnasium and community café and continue to employ its current 2 full time staff and 2 part time staff.

2. The approval is subject to the applicant going through the Pre-App Planning Process and applying and obtaining planning permission if required.
3. As officer's we recommend that this grant be approved due the improved access issues for those with disabilities or mobility issues.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None arising directly from this report

**Financial:** £2900 is requested from the committee's budget 2020/21. The committee will require sufficient uncommitted funds within the existing budget to fund this project.

**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**