



RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr Sean Fielding	Delegated Decision in relation to Business Grants	

Award of a Business Improvement Grants in Shaw district centre

Decision (s)

Approve a Business Improvement Grant award as follows:

- £6,250 to "Artisan" in respect of 22 Milnrow Road,

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision		No

Reasons for the decision(s)

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to award a Business Improvement Grant in Shaw District Centre.

The Council recognises the important role that independent businesses play in sustaining the vibrancy and vitality of our high streets and has developed a Business Improvement Grant scheme for Shaw District Centre. Discretionary grants of 50% of the costs of improvements, up to a maximum of £8,000, are available. The grant recommended for approval is:

Artisan, 22 Milnrow Road, Shaw

This premises is a former graphic design/printing and art shop/office. A three-year lease has been taken by a new business partnership of two local young people who are opening a luxury hair salon (Artisan) on the ground floor with beauty rooms on the first floor. They are already self-employed (separately to each other) - one currently working from home and the other working from a rented chair in Royton. They both have an existing client base who will come to the new shop in Shaw. They will be renting out the upstairs as beauty rooms and will be taking on an apprentice or junior almost immediately thus creating at least 2 additional new jobs.



They are planning to completely renovate the premises and are carrying out some work which is not part of the application such as the updating of the electrical wiring within the building as they have family able to do the work. The works that form the grant application consists of the installation of a new false front/decorative trim to shop front (they are aware that this will need Planning Permission), internal renovation of ground and floor including, creation of new doorways, new flooring, new walls, plastering, new WC and washroom, installation of counter and back wash, skirting boards and new upstairs windows. They have already applied for Building Regulations under application 224040/19/FP. Approval of both Planning Permission and Building Regulations will be a condition of any grant approval

They have provided three quotes for the works outlined above and based on the lowest quote of £12,500, they are applying for a grant of £6,250 towards the costs of the works.

The business is registered for Business Rates and is currently in receipt of Empty Property Relief while they do the renovations. This is due to expire on 1st October 2019 when they will seek Small Business Rate Relief.

The Shaw and Crompton Grant Advisory Panel made up of the 6 ward councillors for Shaw and Crompton unanimously agreed to support this application via emails dated 20th and 21st August 2019.

Options/Alternatives considered

1. Do nothing. If the Council chooses to adopt this approach then the Council’s regeneration aspirations for Shaw District Centre would be delayed. There is potential that the appearance of these premises and Shaw District Centre could decline further.
2. Approve the award of the Business Improvement Grant. Business Improvement Grant applicants will enter into a contract with the Council, to ensure that works are being undertaken satisfactorily with claw back arrangements for non-compliance. Funding takes place once the contract is completed and the works completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

Conflict of Interest declared : none

Councillor Sean Fielding - Council leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise

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In consultation with

Carol Brown, Director of Environmental Services

(Director Signature)

Decision made pursuant to:



Oldham
Council

a) **Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation.**

