



## RYDE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICER REPORT

<b>Committee:</b>	Finance and Community Resources Committee
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<b>Report Title:</b>	St Thomas' Church Capital Works

## 1. SUMMARY

During the renovation works at St Thomas' Church there has been items of work identified that fall outside of the Youth Investment Fund Grant but are pivotal for the opening of the facility.

## 2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

When purchasing the building, the council secured additional funds to allow for any capital works that the church may require.

Below is a list of Capital Works, along with estimated costs that need to be undertaken at the site:

Item	Details	Estimated Cost
Lightning Protection	This will secure the building and inhabitants from being struck by lightning, which is an increased risk with a tall building.	£7,395
Front Wall Repair	The wall running along west side of the building is structurally unsafe and is a risk to both the public and the homeowners at the rear of the building. This needs to be rebuilt once full planning permission is granted.	£7,735
Catacombs Cover	A steel plate is required to make the entrance to the Catacombs safe.	£850
External Window Repairs	Due to the age of the building a number of the external window frames are corroding and need to be repaired.	£1,000
Electrical Works to St Thomas' Rest Gardens	Electrical supply points are to be installed in the rest gardens which will allow the council to hold markets and events in the area.	£4,225.30
Side Wall Repairs	The south side of the main building wall requires some repointing works to protect the building	£1,041
Gates & Railings	Due to the repair of the wall, new railings and gates are required.	£3,500
Total		<b>£25,746.30</b>
Balance Remaining in Capital Fund		<b>£45,809.93</b>

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

To approve the above expenditure so that the new premises can open safely in July 2024.