Restoring Lowestoft’s historic station building...

The Station Building Renovation Delivery Group led by Lowestoft Vision and Waveney District Council secured £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to kick-start a scoping project which will consider a proposal to renovate, restore and revitalise the historic Railway Station Building in the centre of Lowestoft.

A restored Station Building would create new jobs, enhance and develop people’s skills and help to preserve Lowestoft’s important heritage for future generations. Over the summer the Group commissioned architectural heritage specialists Purcell UK to produce some initial designs and estimate the costs of bringing this beautiful historic asset back in to full operational use.

Purcell UK have completed draft layout options for the building and have worked with Lowestoft-based Nautilus Associates who looked into the initial costs of full restoration, expected end value of the building and to determine if the proposed idea is financially viable and sustainable.

The final step was for Nautilus Associates to produce a Viability Appraisal. This was completed in March 2015.

This report enables the group to discuss with Heritage Lottery Fund how successful the proposed use of the building will be in terms of accessing funding to restore the building.

You can keep up to date with progress through Lowestoft Vision website - http://www.lowestoftvision.co.uk

If you have any old photographs of the inside Station building please share with - AAP-Projects@Eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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