

ReVitalise Portrush Letter of Offer	8th May 2018
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Accelerating our Economy and Contributing to Prosperity
Outcome	Contained within report
Lead Officer	Head of Prosperity and Place
Cost: (If applicable)	No cost to Council

The purpose of this report is to recommend the adoption of a letter of offer for the ReVitalise programme which is proposed for Portrush.

Background

ReVitalise is a scheme funded by the Department for Communities, aimed at improving business frontages in towns across Northern Ireland. Similar schemes have run in Coleraine, Limavady, Ballycastle and Ballymoney.

Funding

The Department for Communities has forwarded a Letter of Offer valued at £488,237.55 to complete the proposed Portrush ReVitalise scheme. The offer is part of the Portrush Regeneration Programme funding. No financial contribution from Council is required.

Grant assistance will be available to enhance the external facades of approximately 130 business premises in the immediate Portrush area. The maximum grant for each applicant will be £5,000. A 10% financial contribution towards the total cost of each project is required from each applicant. The Scheme will be completed by April 2019. A Steering Group of Elected Members, Portrush business representative nominations and officers will manage the scheme.

Recommendation

To accept the Letter of Offer for £488,237.55 from the Department for Communities.