

<b>Lansdowne Shelter, Portrush</b>	<b>17 January 2017</b>
<b>Corporate Policy &amp; Resources Committee For Decision</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and Assets
<b>Outcome</b>	Preservation of Maritime Heritage
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Tourism and Recreation Services
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	NIL

## **1.0 Background**

Council Officers have recently been approached by Mr Robin Ruddick and Mr Jim Allen asking if they can have temporary use of the RNLI shelter at Lansdowne, Portrush for a fixed period of 5 months.

The purpose of the request is to restore an abandoned fishing Boat/Yawl that has been left at Portrush Harbour after the death of its previous owner. The boat known as a drontheim is the last known motorised example in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area and is therefore a vessel of note from a maritime heritage point of view.

Officers believe that the preservation of this vessel is important and would like to offer the use of the Lansdowne Shelter on a temporary basis only, to allow some time to salvage the decaying drontheim.

The conditions are that it is at no cost to Council and that all electricity and associated costs are met by Messrs Ruddick and Allen. The building must be vacated again by the end of May 2017.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee approve the temporary licence to facilitate the restoration works on the drontheim allowing use of the Lansdowne Boat House (currently vacant). This would be subject to a licence agreement being issued and conditions met.