

Shop Front Improvement Grants Panel - Minutes

Wednesday 3 September 2025 5pm

Present: Cllr. Wright (Chairperson), Cllr. Barnett, Cllr Bell, Cllr. Jarvis, Cllr. Jenns, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. Stuart, Cllr Clews
Becky Evans, Rachel Stephens, Jennifer Leadbetter (via Teams)

Apologies: Cllr. Ridley

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<p>Introduction</p> <p>An additional £100,000 has been made available in 2025 / 2026 for grants to support any customer-facing business operating in North Warwickshire that would like to improve the appearance of their shop front.</p> <p>The grants can cover the cost of basic exterior improvements, which can include painting, cleaning, minor repairs, and signage.</p> <p>Businesses are able to apply for a grant of up to £2,000 to cover the total cost of the work. Grants over £2,000 can be applied for, with the applicant contributing 50% of the total costs.</p> <p>Businesses submit an online Expression of Interest, followed by the submission of quotes and photographs. Officers may then request more information if appropriate.</p>																
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<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The panel discussed the split of funding across the Borough and agreed that the scheme should continue to accept applications from all eligible businesses across North Warwickshire. This will continue to be monitored at future panel meetings.</p>											
<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>1 October 5 November</p>											