

## Shop Front Improvement Grants Panel - Minutes

**Wednesday 2 July 2025 5pm**

Present: Cllr Bell (Chairperson), Cllr. Barnett, Cllr. Jarvis, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. Ridley, Cllr. Stuart  
Becky Evans, Rachel Stephens, Jennifer Leadbetter

Apologies: Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Jenns

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<p><b>Introduction</b></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><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None</p>																							
<p><b>Future Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>6 August 3 September 1 October 5 November</p>																							