

Shop Front Improvement Grants Panel - Minutes

Thursday 27 February 2025 5pm

Present: Cllr Wright (Chairperson), Cllr. Jarvis, Cllr. Ridley, Cllr. Barnett, Cllr. Jenns, Cllr. Farrow (on Teams)
Becky Evans, Rachel Stephens, Jennifer Leadbetter

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<p>Introduction</p> <p>£100,000 has been made available 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, with officers then requesting more information if appropriate.</p>											
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