

<b>Portrush Railway Station Clock</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June 2016</b>
<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b>	<b>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>	All environments in the area will benefit from proactive decision making which protects natural features, characteristics...
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Director of Performance
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	Insurance – to be advised at Committee

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 A request was received from Portrush Heritage Group for the Council to facilitate retention of the 19<sup>th</sup> century longcase clock formerly located at the Portrush Railway Station concourse. A photograph of the clock is attached at Appendix A. Until recently the clock has been located at the entrance area to Barry's Amusements but this is no longer an option. The Group suggested the Council's Offices in Coleraine at Cloonavin as a suitable temporary location until a permanent location in Portrush could be found.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Committee recommended that Council consider the request favourably and for additional information to be brought back to Committee in relation to damage liability, value of the clock and the care and preservation of the clock.

## **2.0 Update**

- 2.1 Further information has been obtained from the owner of the clock as requested.
- 2.2 The owner of the clock will arrange for his team to transport the clock from its current location, the team will install the clock in the chosen location and supervise its installation.
- 2.3 The clock has a value of approximately £25,000 and would be insured by Council if the clock is located in Council owned premises.

2.4 The clock has been recently restored and requires little maintenance. It needs wound every 6 days.

### **3.0 Location**

Portrush Town Hall was considered for the temporary location of the clock but is unsuitable because of space restrictions. The Bann Gallery in Cloonavin has space and would be a suitable temporary location.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 **It is recommended that Committee considers the request to temporarily relocate the Portrush Railway Station Clock in the Council's Offices in Coleraine.**

