



Subject:	Update on the Inter trade Voucher Scheme
Date:	6th December 2018
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the InterTrade Ireland Voucher Scheme.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the update provided and to indicate if they wish to receive a presentation from InterTrade Ireland.

3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that at its meeting in November, the Brexit Committee requested that a report be brought back regarding the InterTrade Ireland Voucher Scheme.</p> <p>Details of InterTrade Ireland's support for SMEs is available on their website https://intertradeireland.com/brexit. Among the support available for SMEs is financial support up to £2,000 towards professional advice in relation to Brexit matters. This support is available to companies based on the island of Ireland. The eligibility criteria for applying for the support is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be from an SME (250 employees or less) and Turnover < €40M (£ equivalent); • The business must have a satisfactory trading record (we reserve the right to request submission of Financial Accounts for the business); • The assistance requested must relate to a Brexit issue; • Companies based in Ireland must submit a valid tax clearance access number along with this application form. <p>A copy of the application form that companies need to complete is attached as appendix 1.</p> <p>InterTrade Ireland has indicated that they are willing to come to speak to the Brexit Committee, if they would like to obtain more information on the work they are doing. They have also indicated that they are willing to present at any events that the Council may organise for businesses and officers will liaise them to identify any potential opportunities.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no implications relating to this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications relating to this report.</p>
	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Application for InterTrade Ireland support

