

<b>EXTENSION OF CROWN ESTATE LEASE AT RATHLIN HARBOUR</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT</b>	
<b>FOR DECISION</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Protecting the Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Protect, enhance and promote opportunities for greater enjoyment of our natural environment
<b>Lead Officer</b>	John Richardson
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

**The purpose of this Report is to request approval from Members to extend the existing lease with Crown Estates to facilitate the proposed upgrade works to Rathlin Island Harbour by DRD**

### **Background**

Members will recall in May 2015 Council approved DRD's proposals to provide a new mooring facility in Rathlin Harbour to accommodate the new ferry which is being built to operate between Ballycastle and Rathlin Island.

To facilitate the works which are due to commence in April 2016, Council as Harbour Authority are required to extend their current lease with Crown Estate for the rental of additional areas of seabed to accommodate the new berth.

This results in an increase from £2,828 to £6,500 per year (addition of £3,672)  
This additional Crown estate expenditure will be included within the new ferry operation procurement process to off-set any cost to Council.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended the Environmental Services Committee approve the extension of the lease with Crown Estate for rental of additional areas of seabed.