

Intertrade UK meets to discuss its budget plans for 2026/2027 and provides an update to the East-West Council (Update: 4 February 2026)

The Board of Intertrade UK met in hybrid format at Belfast City Airport on 9 January 2026 to discuss its plans for deploying its funding for Financial Year 2026/2027, in line with its published Work Programme.

This followed the announcement at the Autumn Budget 2025 that the Government has allocated £2.25 million to Intertrade UK over the next three years to strengthen trade and investment across the UK internal market.

The discussion covered a range of potential options for supporting the implementation of Intertrade UK's Work Programme, including research on removing barriers to intra-UK trade and events to promote business opportunities across the UK internal market. The Board is now finalising its budget plans and will begin to use its funding once it becomes available in April 2026.

The Board of Intertrade UK also received presentations from Belfast City Airport on its draft "Master Plan 2040" and from the Road Haulage Association who highlighted challenges its members are facing under Great Britain-Northern Ireland trading arrangements.



Chair of Intertrade UK Baroness Foster also appeared at the East West Council on 22 January 2026, providing an update on the work of Intertrade UK to date and summarising the Board's initial discussions on its budget plans.