

Cllr O Donnabhain

1. "That this Municipal District would write to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and request that the Minister make emergency funding available for the immediate repair of the Weir at Ballincollig Regional Park."

As Members are aware there was a partial collapse of the Weir in Ballincollig in December 2014. The Weir is in the ownership of Cork County Council. Accordingly the cost of any repairs will have to be borne by Cork County Council. Indeed the collapse occurred in a section of the weir where the Council had undertaken works in the 1980s.

The County Engineer was requested to arrange for the preparation of a preliminary options report on possible. This has been received and indicates that the cost of a full repair, incorporating a new fish pass would be in the order of €400K to €500K. The report sets out a number of options for works that might be undertaken.

The Consultants who prepared the report have been asked to carry out further analysis on the various options and to liaise with Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Council's Heritage Department to ensure that any concerns that they might have are taken into consideration. The result of the exercise and proposals for remedial works will be brought to the Members shortly.