

Pay Parking Dividend

To: Each Member of the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District.

As Members are aware the Council has provided a Pay Parking Dividend for Douglas in 2015 & 2016. The amount available in 2016 amounts to €35K (€25K released for 2016 and €10K from 2015)

In 2015 we undertook footpath works in Douglas Village with the funding available

Consideration has been given as to how the 2016 allocation may be best used to benefit the Douglas area. As you are aware, there have been requests from Members to have major improvement/public realm works undertaken in Douglas Village. One proposal that has been raised on occasion is the undergrounding of services, thereby freeing up footpath/pedestrian space which would allow more opportunities to enhance the general area. However such a project would require substantial funding.

The Council has contacted the ESB in relation to this proposal requesting them to develop a plan and to obtain an estimate of the cost for carrying out this work. The Council is of the view that in the region of €250,000 may be required for this work. Accordingly the Pay Parking Dividend for 2016 and 2017 will be used to commence creating a fund towards undertaking this work. In addition, the Council will be actively looking to try and find other sources of income in order to undertake this project.

Once the plan is received from the ESB as referred to above, we will report to Members on the potential options available and if the project can be carried out in stages which might facilitate a speedier implementation.

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