

Mayor and Members :

I refer to the following Notice of Motion from Cllr Marcia Dalton which is on the Agenda for the Council meeting on the 27th March 2017:-

“That Cork County Council would initiate its commitment to Green Infrastructure outlined in the Cork County Development Plan 2014 by ensuring the critical elements of green infrastructure within Cork County are identified and mapped during the remaining lifetime of the County Development Plan 2014:

- Biodiversity and ecological networks
- Water quality and flood attenuation infrastructure
- Recreational/quality of life infrastructure.”

Report : :

It is intended as part of the upcoming review of the Cork County Development Plan, 2014 to ensure that Green Infrastructure issues will inform the Councils approach to a range of policy issues that will be addressed as part of that review. This work will include recognising the importance of biodiversity and ecological networks, water quality and flood attenuation infrastructure and recreational/quality of life infrastructure as key elements of Green Infrastructure.

It should be noted that the key elements of Green Infrastructure are already mapped in the current CDP e.g. SAC, SPA, PNHA's, NHA's, High Value Landscapes, key tourism assets (mountains, coastlines and rivers), however not packaged under the Green Infrastructure banner.

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