

Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Meeting on 17th July 2017

To: Chairperson and Each Member of the Municipal District

I refer to the following Notice of Motion from Cllr D'Alton which is on the Agenda for the meeting of the Municipal District on the 17th July 2017.

“That this Municipal District would provide a full update on the Town and Village Renewal funding awarded to Passage West last year for the production of an Urban Renewal Plan.”

Report:

Under the 2016 Town and Village Renewal Scheme it was proposed that the project in Passage West would mainly centre on a Health Check, a Strategic Plan and a physical project. The vast majority of the funding was towards the Plans.

The Department has sought clarification on a number of matters in relation to this proposal over the past few months. The Council has liaised with SECAD in relation to the specific queries that have been raised to ensure that the responses were as comprehensive as possible. The most recent correspondence from the Council was sent to the Department was on 30th June 2017. This advised the Department that it is the Council's view that *“...it is considered essential that a more extensive Health Check and a Strategic Plan are put in place. This will assist local groups in their efforts to progress their projects, maximise the potential that exists from the facilities that are already in place and ensure that future development takes cognisance of and is aligned to the agreed strategic development of the town.*

Passage West has potential. The difficulty it has is to maximise that potential. This is an opportunity to encourage all existing and potential stakeholders to engage in a conversation with a view to developing a practical, strategic, but achievable plan that will set out how over a defined time the town can achieve its goals”

Further information received from SECAD was forwarded to the Department on 3rd July. On 13th July I received an e-mail from the Department to advise that: **“A decision has now been made with regard to your request to amend the original proposal and approval is hereby given for you to proceed with the revised project as outlined.”**

SECAD were advised immediately and asked to commence the process. Given that we are now in the peak of summer holidays it will probably take a while to get the project up and running.

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Municipal District Officer