



22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

**To: The Chair and Each Member of Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District**

**RE: Mallow –Dungarvan Greenway Feasibility Project  
Section 85 agreement with Cork County Council**

**A Chomhairleoir, a chara,**

You will be aware, that both Cork County Council and Waterford City and County Council were awarded grant funding, to examine the feasibility for the development of a potential Mallow to Dungarvan Greenway that would link in and connect with the existing Waterford Greenway. Initial grant funding in the sum of €80,000 each, was awarded to both Councils as part of the Greenways - Carbon Tax 2020 funding call, held by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways.

Following the grant of this funding the Executive of both Local Authorities have met over the course of several months to agree the scope of the feasibility project, the key areas of analysis which will form the basis of the feasibility report and the final output studies and reports which will determine the feasibility or otherwise of the Mallow to Dungarvan Greenway.

Arising from these meetings both Councils have undertaken a joint competitive tendering process to procure Consultants to commence the feasibility project. The preferred tenderer has not yet been formally appointed and their appointment is subject to the approval of both Councils, to a Section 85 agreement for the advancement of the feasibility project.

It is proposed that Cork County Council would act as the lead for the feasibility study and will work in close partnership with Waterford City and Council to progress the project through the required stages. It is proposed that the Section 85 agreement for the Dungarvan – Mallow Greenway feasibility project would be included on the Agenda for the next full council meeting of the respective Local Authorities.

Following the joint competitive tendering process, it was noted that additional funding was needed for the completion of the feasibility project. A request for increased funding was made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports and following consideration of this request the Department has agreed to fund the full cost of the feasibility study in the amount of €361,238 (incl. vat). Both Cork County Council and Waterford City and County Council welcome this additional funding support from the Department.

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