

TO: THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

**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.

The development of a greenway from Mallow to Dungarvan provides the opportunity to develop a strategic, sustainable, and captivating greenway that would stretch from the attractive countryside at the heart of Munster to the scenic coast of Waterford. The greenway would incorporate a compelling 77.35km stretch of scenic countryside which in its journey from Mallow to Fermoy and onto Dungarvan would run alongside the Blackwater River, this route incorporates some stunning scenery owing to the breadth of the river and viaduct crossings at key landmark locations.

It is proposed that Cork County Council will act as the Lead Authority to carry out the required management responsibilities for the feasibility project. This will entail the formal appointments of the consultants, acting as a direct point of contact for the consultants and overall management of the feasibility project in the functional areas of both Cork County Council and Waterford City and County Council.

The Section 85 agreement sets out a timeline of 2 years for the carrying out of the powers, functions and duties related to the feasibility project, but the extent of the powers, functions and duties, which are to be transferred is limited to those required to develop and complete the feasibility project only.

I attach herewith copy of Section 85 Agreement and in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001(as amended), it is recommended that the council adopt the following resolution:

Pursuant to section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), Waterford City and County Council hereby agrees to enter into an Agreement, as presented to it, with Cork County Council whereby Cork County Council will carry out all the functions of the Local Authority in respect of the Mallow to Dungarvan Greenway Feasibility Project.

The making of an agreement by a Local Authority under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) is a reserved function.

The matter has been included on the Agenda of Cork County Council for consideration at their June Council meeting.

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