

5th May, 2017.

**To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal  
District of Adare-Rathkeale**

**Re: Proposals to Address Flooding Issues at Foynes, Askeaton and Ballysteen**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

**FOYNES Flood alleviation scheme**

Design and Delivery Services have confirmed that the scheme is nearing completion and will be complete by end of May 2017. The demountable barriers have been delivered to site and the outdoor staff have been trained in the erection of the demountable barriers.

**ASKEATON Flood alleviation scheme**

Design and Delivery Services are still awaiting a response from the Office of Public Works (OPW) in relation to the funding of works at **Askeaton**. However, in a letter to the District dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 the OPW indicated that, under its Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAM), Askeaton is currently ranked No. 6 in the medium sized scheme category so it will be one of the early schemes to be advanced when the overall prioritisation and delivery programme for the CFRAM schemes is agreed by Government. The OPW have recently confirmed that they are optimistic that the scheme will be advanced '*quickly*'. (Same Position as last month)

**BALLYSTEEN Flood Embankment**

In relation to *Ballysteen*, Limerick City and County Council are currently assessing the 3 quotations from suitable consultants for the design and preparation of the scope of works and specification, along with a costing appraisal. It is intended to engage the most economically advantageous Consultant in May 2017.

**Is mise le meas,**

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