

5th July, 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 – there is no update on last months position which is set out below

Design and Delivery Services have confirmed that the scheme is now substantially complete. 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 – there is no update on last months position which is set out below

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 27th 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*'.

BALLYSTEEN Flood Embankment – there is no update on last months position which is set out below

In relation to *Ballysteen*, Limerick City and County Council have identified the most economically advantageous tender. This Tender was to be funded by the GMA scheme, however no GMA funding has been assigned. There is no Area Office Capacity to design this embankment and Design and Delivery Services have been asked whether they have capacity. An answer on this is due imminently.

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