

2nd July 2018

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Flood Risk Management Plans - CFRAMS

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As the Members are aware, Limerick City & County Council has received confirmation from the Office of Public Works in relation to the identification of projects to be delivered under the CFRAMS programme.

The OPW has identified a list of 118 Flood Relief Schemes in the Flood Risk Management Plans to be implemented under the 10 year €1 billion investment programme.

Background to CFRAMS Study

The CFRAMS Programme involved detailed engineering analysis and assessment for 300 identified communities.

Nationally, the CFRAMS Programme studied 80% of our primary cause of flooding in communities that house almost two thirds of our population. While the Programme assessed flood risk in all our major cities, approximately half of the communities assessed had populations of less than 2,000 people and one quarter had populations of less than 500 people.

Process

The Commissioners of Public Works formally adopted the Flood Risk Management Plans on 14th March 2018. These Plans were approved by Mr. Paschal Donohoe T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on 16th April 2018. The Plans were launched on 3rd May 2018 by Mr. Kevin "Boxer" Moran TD, Minister of State for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief.

Limerick City & County Council

The Members of Limerick City & County Council, through reserved function, have statutory obligations in accordance with Regulation 20. (1), (2) & (3) of the European Communities (Assessment & Management of Flood Risks) Regulations 2010-2015.

Regulation 20. (1) requires *that the County Council or Local Authority shall within three months examine and consider the Flood Risk Management Plans and decide whether to adopt or otherwise the said Plans.*

Regulation 20. (3) requires the Council to notify the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Commissioners of Public Works of its decision within one month following the expiry of the three month consideration period.

Presentation to Metropolitan and Municipal Districts

Briefings in relation to the CFRAMS proposals were made to each of the Districts on the following dates:

Municipal District of Newcastle West: 15th June 2018

Metropolitan District of Limerick: 18th June 2018

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale: 26th June 2018

Municipal District of Cappamore/Kilmallock: 28th June 2018

The Members of the individual districts noted the CFRAMS proposals.

I would further advise the Members that the Council has written to the OPW requesting formal approval of funding to progress with the minor projects.

Recommendation

The successful delivery of flood relief schemes is critical to the protection of health and safety of persons and property in Limerick.

Completion of the Flood Relief Schemes will also contribute to facilitating economic growth and development in the region.

Accordingly, in accordance with Regulation 20. (1), (2) & (3) of the European Communities (Assessment & Management of Flood Risks) Regulations 2010-2015, I recommend that Limerick City & County Council examine, consider and adopt the under-listed Flood Risk Management Plans.

Flood Risk Management Plans

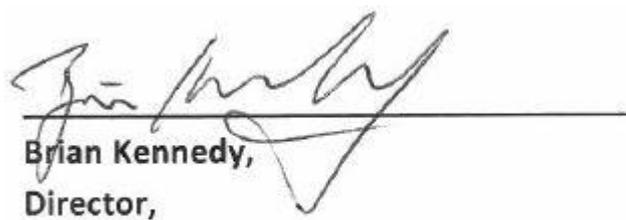
- Unit of Management (UoM) 23 Tralee Bay – Feale, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Athea).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 24 Shannon Estuary South, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Adare, Askeaton, Foynes, Newcastlewest, Rathkeale).

- Unit of Management (UoM) 25/26 Shannon Upper & Lower, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Limerick City & Environs, Castleconnell, Montpelier).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 27/28 Shannon Estuary North & Mal Bay, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Bunratty, Shannon).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 16 Suir, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Tipperary Town).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 18 Blackwater (Munster), Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Freemount, Mitchelstown).

Effect of Adoption

The adoption of CFRAMS will facilitate further detailed design studies and assessments in relation to the development of appropriate flood mitigation and defences.

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