

**6th April, 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,

Design and Delivery Services have confirmed that the ***Foynes Flood alleviation scheme*** is nearing completion. The permanent structure is now in place and currently this is being painted. The demountable barriers have been delivered to site and training is being provided on their installation towards the end of the month. Additional works are now required at the west entrance to accommodate these demountable barriers.

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***. It should be noted however that 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*'.

In relation to Ballysteen, Limerick City and County Council are currently seeking 3 quotations from suitable consultants for the design and preparation of the scope of works and specification, along with a costing appraisal. A fee proposal will also be provided for a number of site visits while work is being carried out.

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