



LIMERICK REGENERATION

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Regeneration Programme on Track

The Limerick Regeneration Programme (Master Plan) was unveiled at the end of October last.

This unveiling came after a period of intensive consultation with a range of stakeholders and widespread interaction with residents.

As everybody now knows, the last few months of 2008 have seen a massive deterioration in the National economy, which unfortunately has introduced an element of uncertainty to virtually everything in the country.

Despite this, there continues to be very strong Government support for the Limerick Regeneration Programme. This backing was re-iterated by the Taoiseach Mr. Brian Cowen when he visited the offices of the Limerick Regeneration Agency in Moyross very recently.

In addition, we have been informed that the overall budget for the Limerick Regeneration Programme for 2009 will be significantly increased (as compared to that sanctioned in 2008).

All this means that Regeneration is on track. Making progress will not be easy, however, and not everything is going to happen straight away. As already mentioned, we will be working in a climate of economic difficulty over the coming few years.

Even if taking place within a climate of economic stability, as Ireland experienced over the last 10-15 years, this complex project would not be easy to successfully implement. Nevertheless, whatever the prevailing economic conditions, the Limerick Regeneration Agencies have been set up to carry out the task of Regeneration, and we remain, and will remain, fully committed to delivering results.

The Agencies, set up in June 2007, have a mandate for Regeneration until June 2012. Our job is to plan and ensure implementation of the Limerick Regeneration Programme.

We are not taking over the various statutory responsibilities of other organisations, e.g. Education, Health, Justice, Local Authorities. We will, however, be involved in all these issues as we work with the various Communities in the Regeneration Areas of Moyross, St. Mary's Park and Southill/Ballinacurra Weston.

We have been working on and will continue to work on achieving better integration and co-ordination between all the various

organisations that provide services in the Regeneration Areas. In addition, we will be striving to achieve greater accountability from these organisations with a view to improving performance for the benefit of the various Communities.

I believe this message to be very important. Regeneration is on track, and my team and I look forward to working with the Communities of Moyross, St. Mary's Park and Southill/Ballinacurra Weston over the coming years. Finally, I would like to say how appreciative I am of your continuing co-operation, commitment and patience.

Brendan Kenny,
Chief Executive Officer.

Regeneration Agency Offices

The Agency currently has three offices (addresses on Page 4 of this newsletter). If you have any questions, worries or concerns regarding Regeneration, we would urge you to visit one of these offices. They are open from 9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. You can just call in, or, if you wish, you can ring and make an appointment to see a senior official.

