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Note to the Chief Officer and Members of Waterford LCDC on the Trans-national Projects with North
East Antrim

The LCDC approved technical assistance of €3,000 per project for the following projects:

Industrial Heritage

Coastal Regeneration

With the assistance of this investment, the two projects are now ready to proceed to the next level, a full transnational application for each. This will require the LCDC's decision to proceed to the next level, and commit to a written agreement with North and East Antrim County Council on the two projects outlined below.

Industrial Heritage

This project will be located in Portlaw. The Portlaw Heritage Group are proposing to re-configure their museum located in the Councils Heritage building in the village centre into a small interactive exhibit focused on the significant industrial heritage of the village. This project is been linked to two projects in North East Antrim, one in Broughshane, a flax milling town similar to Portlaw, and the other been Cargan, a mining area in the Glens. These two locations will also be carrying out two capital projects. The Transnational will involve reciprocal meetings and events between groups from the villages around the two projects.

Coastal Regeneration

This project will be located outside Dunmore East. The Dunmore East Sea Scouts are refurbishing an old hall as a Sea Scouts Centre. Their partners in Antrim will come from one of two villages, Glenarm and or Whitehead. These villages want to build onto their sea/coastal rowing centres. As the Council provides the matched monies in the North, only one of the centres will be allowed to proceed.

Again, reciprocal exchanges based on the two projects will also be part of the project.

Funding Required

The funding required for this project will be just over €200,000, with the two projects down here costing up to €100,000 each, and the exchange element costing up to €9,000.

Funding Source

There is a separate budget for LEADER Transnational Projects. The funding is entitled LEADER Transnational funding, and it is additional to the LEADER budget already allocated to the LCDC.

The funding operates under the same rules as the mainstream LEADER Funding.

Next Steps

If the LCDC commits to proceeding with the project, the next step is for the written agreement with North and East Antrim to be considered at the next LCDC meeting, and if approved, signed off, and then the technical element of getting the projects ready for evaluation can commence.

Action for this Meeting

- Decide whether to proceed or not to considering the formal agreement at the next meeting

Signed

Jimmy Taaffe