



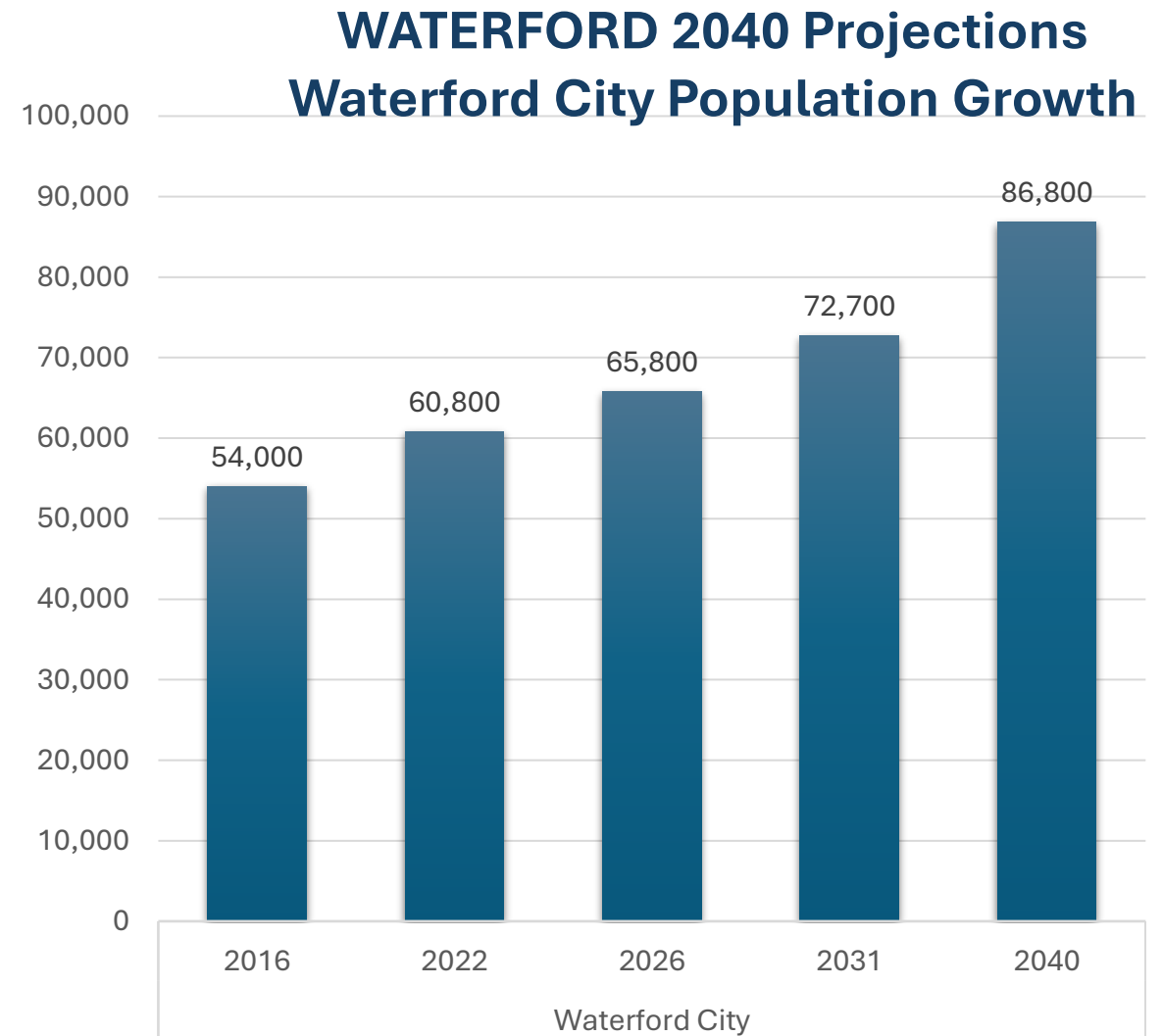
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Economic Development Presentation to LCDC

Nov 2025

Waterford 2040 Projections Population Growth

- Waterford City regional population will rise from 634,000 in 2022 to 790,000 in 2040
- This 25% rise in the regional population will be driven by a 42% in the Waterford City urban population a 26,000 increase
- These projected growth rates are very much in line with the Government's National Planning Framework (Project Ireland 2040)
- The anticipated 160,000 extra people in the region are in line with the population trends seen in the 2022 census
- This represents the largest city-region catchment outside of Dublin
- Census-to-Census Waterford is the fastest growing Irish city at 12.6%



75 MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES ACROSS
ALL BUSINESS SECTORS IN THE REGION

100+ ICT COMPANIES IN THE REGION

➤ Life Sciences

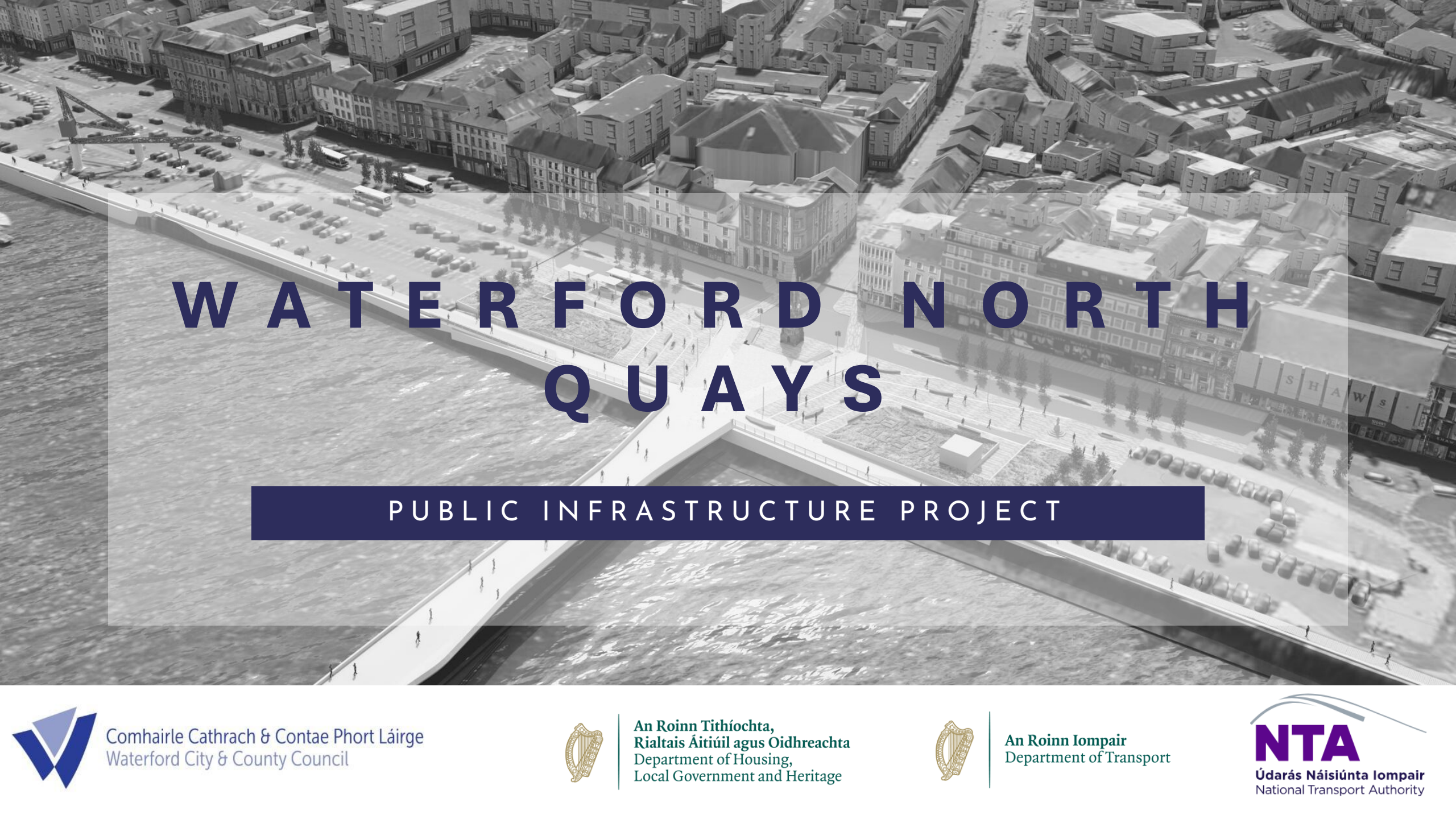


➤ International Services / Tech



➤ Other Large Employers





WATERFORD NORTH QUAYS

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT



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An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport





Flood Defences

- Two kilometers of sheet pile flood defenses
- Track drainage and two pump stations
- Substantial completion Q4 2026

Transport Hub

- Substantial completion of building Q1 2026
- Irish Rail SET Works Q4 2026 – Q1 2027
- Opening of Transport Hub to public Q2 2027





Sustainable Transport Bridge

- Delivery of superstructure May 2025 (subject to final testing and certification in Belgium)
- Implementation of bridge bye laws May 2025
- Substantial completion Q4 2025
- Bridge opening 2027

Access Infrastructure

- Upgrade of access roads
- Three access bridges into the SDZ site
- Greenway connection
- Substantial completion July 2025



Harcourt Developments – Commercial Development

- Phase 1
 - 350 residential units (c. 60,000 sq m),
 - Office (c. 7,400 sq m)
 - Hotel accommodation (c. 13,700 sq m),
 - Retail & other (c. 4,610 sq m)
 - High-quality public realm spaces
- Planning Decision April 2025
- Commence construction Q4 2025
- Complete Residential Blocks – Q1 2028
- Complete Hotel & Conference Centre – Q3 2029



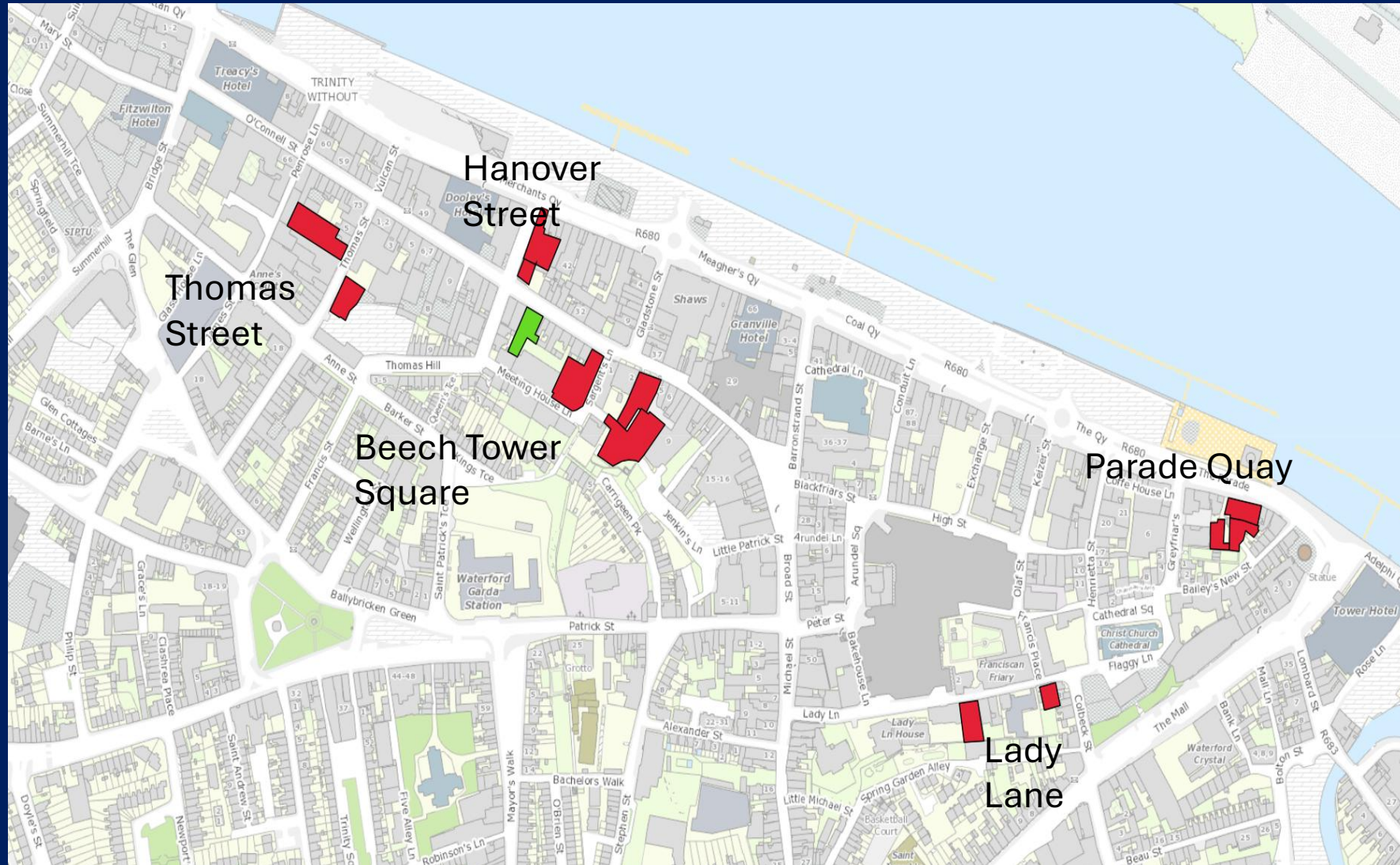




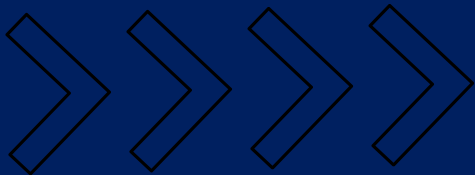
Other Regeneration Projects

Waterford City Centre Regeneration Project

- €50m-€70m investment
- 10 historic buildings
- Repropose into
 - 13 Residential units
 - 3 Commercial units
 - 3 Office blocks
 - Cultural space
 - Visitor attraction
- Currently at design stage



Economic Incentive Schemes



Waterford Airport





Waterford Airport Extension



Investment

€30m Private Investment
Sale of Airport land approved
Construction to start Q2 2026



Development

Lengthening of runway
Widening of runway
Improve facilities

Impact

Positive contribution to inbound tourism
Commercial focus of the regional airport
Easy access for FDI Companies



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#MakingItHappen

Pre-Start

- **Feasibility Study Grant**
- Start Your Own Business Training

Start

- **Priming Grant**
- Business Advice Clinics

Grow

- **Business Expansion Grant**
- Market Explorer Grant
- Get Exporting Programme
- Productivity and Competitiveness Supports
- Research, Development and Innovation Supports

Training

Mentoring

Networking

Pre-Start

Start

Grow



Rural Regeneration

Priorities – Towns and Villages

Town Centre First Policy

- Town Teams and Town Centre First Plan
- Town & Village Funding
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme funding
- Rural Regeneration Development Fund



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#OurRuralFuture

Thank you!



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