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INTRODUCTION

One of the key objectives of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (C.A.S.P.) which has been endorsed by the National Spatial Strategy (NSS), is the Docklands Project. This project is perhaps the most ambitious renewal plan ever conceived for Cork.

The City Council commissioned the Docklands Strategy to guide and drive this renewal process and the Docklands Directorate was established to promote, facilitate and drive the project.

Our role is to ensure that the correct policy framework is in place to facilitate quality development and to ensure that any infrastructural deficits are addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

Collaboration with stakeholders, investors, landowners etc as well as promotional activities will continue to play a key role in our efforts to drive development.

We also have a role in dealing with other projects as assigned by the City Manager.



CORPORATE GOAL 1 DEVELOPING THE CITY

Cork City Council will ensure the economic, social, cultural and environmental development of Cork in a sustainable manner together with local businesses and communities.

Our objectives under this goal are:

- To actively encourage, influence and facilitate the development of the Docklands into a new high quality mixed use urban quarter, where people, commerce, knowledge and innovation will flourish, with the Docklands acting as a key driver, supporting Cork's ambition as a confident competitive friendly city of the 21st Century.
 - To promote and facilitate the development of Cork Docklands and secure opportunities for investment.
 - To put in place, maintain, and implement a robust planning framework to ensure quality, orderly, sustainable, socially inclusive development, to provide guidance and certainty to investors and landowners and which can react to market changes
 - To ensure that infrastructure required to facilitate the development of the Docklands is provided in a timely and cost effective manner.
 - To work actively on key projects (as assigned to the directorate) which will help deliver the Corporate Goals of the City Council.
- Building relationships with social artistic and cultural organisations/groups to identify opportunities for investment, establish docklands on their agenda and to facilitate relevant actions by such groups.
 - Participation in seminars, conferences, presentations to key stakeholders, and public at large generation of positive publicity and advertising.
 - Preparing a Local Area Plan for South Docks to further develop the existing policy framework, address barriers to development and provide a greater degree of clarity and certainty.
 - Working with the Planning Directorate in the preparation of North Docks Local Area Plan.
 - Working with the Planning Directorate on commencement of preparation of the next City Development Plan.
 - Reviewing constantly the market, investor and user demands, best practice etc to ensure the policy framework's suitability for achieving the Directorates goal.
 - Identifying and prioritising the needs, seeking to secure funding and through cross-functional teams, working with the various Local Authority Directorates and Government Departments with direct responsibility for their provision, to secure implementation.

We will achieve these objectives by the following actions:

- Identifying a basket of activities that are critical to the development of Docklands. The Directorate will lead and actively manage and drive these to deliver the aims of the Corporate Plan.
 - Formalising a framework to engage key stakeholders, scanning our environment to identify the key conditions, which will attract investment and work with stakeholders external and internal to create these in Docklands.
 - Acting as a link for users/investors to buildings, land and landowners by actively building relationships with existing landowners and seeking out suitable users/investors.
 - Building strong working relationships
- with Government Departments, Agencies such as I.D.A. and Enterprise Ireland, and the 3rd level educational institutions in order to source investment, establish docklands on their agenda, promote Docklands as a location and identify cutting edge opportunities.
- Level of activity by Directorate Staff.
 - Publication and dissemination of promotional material.
 - Level of planning applications in docklands area.
 - Level of development in Docklands area.
 - Preparation and publication of Plans.
 - Participation in pre-planning discussions.
 - Meetings with other Directorates and Stakeholders.
 - Schemes implemented
 - Reports completed