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#### **Kevin “Boxer” Moran publishes Flood Risk Management Plans and announces €257 million for 50 New Flood Relief Schemes, as part of a Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures**

Speaking in Athlone today, launching a ten-year programme of €1 billion in investment in flood relief measures the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works & Flood Relief, Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran T.D., in the presence on An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D., announced a first tranche of €257 million in funding for 50 new flood relief schemes to proceed to detailed design and construction.

The Minister said, *“This Government has provided €1 billion for investment in flood risk management measures over the coming decade. The Flood Risk Management Plans published today allow the Government to build on significant investment on flood defence schemes, since 1995, which has delivered 42 major flood relief schemes around the country. These schemes successfully provide protection to 9,500 properties and the economic benefit to the State in damage and losses avoided are estimated at €1.9 billion. There are currently also 9 major schemes under construction and a further 24 at design/development which together will provide protection to a further 12,000 properties”.*

Through the Office of Public Works’ (OPW) Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme, detailed engineering analysis, assessment and extensive public consultation has been undertaken for those 300 identified communities, including 90 coastal areas, that in 2012 were, at that time, considered most likely to be impacted by future flooding. The CFRAM Programme studied 80% of properties at risk from our primary cause of flooding in communities that house almost two thirds of our population. While the Programme assessed flood risk in all our large urban areas, approximately one quarter of communities assessed had populations of less than 500 people and half had less than 2,000 people.

The Minister said *“Progressing these initial 50 new flood relief schemes, together with those 75 schemes already complete and underway, will protect 80% of the 34,500 properties assessed at having a 1% chance of experiencing a significant flood event in any year (1 in 100 year flood event). Evidence from the CFRAM Programme has pointed to the feasibility for Government to invest in a total of 118 flood relief schemes over the coming decade which will provide protection to 95% of those properties assessed to be at significant flood risk. While work on all of these has started through the CFRAM Programme, progressing 50 of these schemes from today to detailed design is being expedited by procurement frameworks that have been put in place and, overall, means we are tackling the greatest risk nationally”.*

As part of today's announcement, the Minister is making €14 million available to 19 local authorities to lead on delivery of 31 of these schemes, each estimated to cost less than €1 million. Minister Moran said, *"The OPW and local authorities will continue to work together and utilise their combined capacity to progress the schemes through detailed design and construction during this ten-year Programme"*.

The details of the flood risk and proposed feasible measures for each of the 300 studied communities is set out in 29 Flood Risk Management Plans, one for each river basin, that have been recently approved by Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe T.D.

Minister Moran also launched a new website, [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie) where people can view the community risk and measures in place, underway and now proposed to tackle flood risk in these 300 areas, and nationally. This map and plan viewer website is another important resource, to support planning, emergency response planning, and to empower people and communities to plan and respond to flood risk.

Speaking at the launch, An Taoiseach, Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD said, *"Flooding can have a devastating impact on families, communities and businesses. If your home or business is badly damaged or destroyed by flooding, the emotional and financial impact is immense. It also has a huge cost to the economy. For all of these reasons, the Government will spend €1 billion on flood relief and prevention over the next decade under Project Ireland 2040, our national development plan. Today we are announcing 118 new flood relief schemes, of which 50 will be advanced in the initial phase to detailed design and construction with investment of more than €250 million. I want to pay tribute to the OPW, local authorities, communities and all those organisations who worked together to develop these Flood Risk Management Plans. They are a testament to how this Government takes informed decisions on investment for major capital projects - by targeting investment against a strong evidence base. The Government is committed to the delivery of these Plans for the benefit of businesses and communities nationwide"*.

Minister Moran went on to say, *"Today's announcement for future investment builds on the €465m already spent by Government on 75 major flood relief schemes completed and underway. This investment has also supported completion of 500 localised flood relief schemes by local authorities under the Minor Works Scheme protecting 6,500 properties. Two-thirds of these are protecting properties outside of the CFRAM study areas. The Minor Works Scheme will continue to ensure that local flood problems continue to be identified and resolved, in tandem with addressing the flood risk in large urban areas. I can give my assurance that sufficient funding will be available within the 10 year capital envelope to meet all eligible applications from local authorities to progress with viable minor flood works"*.

The Minister concluded, *"The Government is committed to ensuring that the planning and delivery of flood relief solutions is achieved in the shortest possible timeframe. We are seeing major progress being achieved and, in partnership with our local authority colleagues, we will continue with our endeavours to progress flood risk management schemes nationally over the next ten years of this significant flood risk management investment programme"*.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

Infographic attached summarising Government's investment in flood risk management.

Photography will be available from Fennell Photography after the event at [www.fennell-photography.ie](http://www.fennell-photography.ie).

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - List of 42 Flood Relief Schemes completed at end of 2017.

Appendix 2 - List of 33 Flood Relief Schemes at Construction/Design/Development at end of 2017.

Appendix 3 - List of 118 Flood Relief Schemes in the Flood Risk Management Plans to be implemented under the ten-year €1 billion investment programme.

Appendix 4 - List of 50 new Flood Relief Schemes to be advanced in initial phase to detailed design and construction.

## Appendix 1

### List of 42 Flood Relief Schemes completed to end of 2017.

This table sets out the main schemes completed under the Office of Public Works' flood relief capital works programme up to the end of 2017. It does not include projects completed by Local Authorities under the Minor Works Scheme or certain other works undertaken directly by Local Authorities within their own works programmes.

Bray, Co Wicklow	Mornington, Co. Meath
Carlow Co. Carlow	Morrell River, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
(i) Phase A	Mulkear River, Cappamore, Co. Limerick
(ii) Phase B	Mulkear River, Newport, Co. Tipperary
Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary	New Ross, Co. Wexford
Clancy Strand, Limerick City, Co. Limerick	Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	Northlands, Co Meath
(i) Clonmel West	River Dodder (Tidal), Co. Dublin
(ii) Clonmel North & East	River Nore, Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick	River Tolka (Mulhuddart), Co. Fingal
Duleek, Co. Meath	River Tolka, (Clonee and Dunboyne) Co. Meath
Dunmanway, Co. Cork	River Tolka, Dublin City
Ennis Upper, Co. Clare	River Wad (Clanmoyle), Co. Dublin
Fermoy, Co Cork.	Rye Water, Leixlip, Co. Kildare
(i) Fermoy North	Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare
(ii) Fermoy South	Skinkeen Stream, Hazelhatch, Co. Kildare
Foynes, Co Limerick	South Campshires, Dublin
Gort Town, Co. Galway	Spencer Dock, Dublin City, Co. Dublin
Harry's Mall, Co. Limerick	Tullamore, Co. Offaly
Johnstown, Co. Kildare	Waterford City
Lackan/Ardrahan, Co Galway	(i) Phase 1
Maam Valley, Co. Galway	(ii) Phases 2,3,4
Mallow, Co. Cork	
(i) Mallow North	
(ii) Mallow South & West	

## Appendix 2

### List of 33 Flood Relief Schemes at Construction/Design/Development at end of 2017.

This table sets out the main schemes underway under the Office of Public Works' flood relief capital works programme up to the end of 2017. It does not include projects by Local Authorities under the Minor Works Scheme or certain other works undertaken directly by Local Authorities within their own works programmes.

Schemes at Construction	Schemes at design/development
Athlone, Co. Westmeath	Arklow, Co. Wicklow
Bandon, Co. Cork	Ballymakeera, Co. Cork
Claregalway, Co. Galway	Bellurgan, Co. Louth
River Dodder (Fluvial), Dublin	Blackpool, Co. Cork
Dunkellin River, Co. Galway	Camac River, Dublin
Ennis Lower, Co. Clare	Carrigaline, Co. Cork
Skibbereen, Co. Cork	Clonakilty, Co. Cork
Templemore, Co. Tipperary	Clontarf, Dublin
	Crossmolina, Co. Mayo
	Douglas /Togher, Co. Cork
	Ennis South, Co. Clare
	Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
	Glanmire/Glashaboy, Co. Cork
	Gort Lowlands, Co. Galway
	King's Island, Limerick
	Lower Lee (Cork City)
	Lower Morrell, Co. Kildare
	Macroom, Co. Cork
	Midleton, Co. Cork
	Poddle River, Dublin
	Portmarnock, (Strand Rd.)
	Raphoe, Co. Donegal
	Sandymount, Dublin
	Skerries, Co. Dublin
	Whitechurch Stream, Dublin

### Appendix 3

List of 118 Flood Relief Schemes in the Flood Risk Management Plans to be implemented under the ten-year €1 billion investment programme.

County	Measure
Carlow	Carlow Scheme
Carlow	Leighlinbridge Scheme
Cavan	Cavan Scheme
Clare	Bunratty Scheme
Clare	Kilkee Scheme
Clare	Killaloe Scheme
Clare	Kilrush Scheme
Clare	Shannon Scheme
Clare	Springfield Scheme
Cork	Ballingeary Scheme
Cork	Bantry Scheme
Cork	Castlemartyr Scheme
Cork	Castletown Bearhaven Scheme
Cork	Inchigeelagh Scheme
Cork	Inishannon Scheme
Cork	Kanturk Scheme
Cork	Rathcormack Scheme
Cork	Schull Scheme
Cork	Youghal Scheme
Donegal	Ballybofey / Stranorlar Scheme
Donegal	Buncrana & Luddan Scheme
Donegal	Carndonagh Scheme
Donegal	Carrowkeel Scheme
Donegal	Castlefinn Scheme
Donegal	Donegal Scheme
Donegal	Downies Scheme

<b>County</b>	<b>Measure</b>
Donegal	Dunfanaghy Scheme
Donegal	Glenties Scheme
Donegal	Killybegs Scheme
Donegal	Letterkenny Scheme
Donegal	Lifford Scheme
Donegal	Rathmelton Scheme
Donegal	Rathmullan Scheme
Dublin	Dublin City (Carysfort - Maretimo) Scheme
Dublin	Loughlinstown Scheme
Dublin	Lucan to Chapelizod Scheme
Dublin	Old Connaught / Wilford Scheme
Dublin	Santry Scheme
Dublin	Sutton & Howth North Scheme
Galway	Ballinasloe Scheme
Galway	Clifden Scheme
Galway	Galway City Scheme
Galway	Portumna Scheme
Kerry	Abbeydorney Scheme
Kerry	Ballylongford Scheme
Kerry	Banna Scheme
Kerry	Castleisland and Tullig Scheme
Kerry	Dingle Scheme
Kerry	Kenmare Scheme
Kerry	Killarney Scheme
Kerry	Listowel Scheme
Kerry	Tralee Scheme
Kildare	Athy Scheme
Kildare	Clane Scheme
Kildare	Leixlip Scheme
Kildare	Maynooth Scheme
Kildare	Naas Scheme
Kildare	Newbridge Scheme

<b>County</b>	<b>Measure</b>
Kildare	Newbridge Scheme
Kilkenny	Ballyhale Scheme
Kilkenny	Freshford Scheme
Kilkenny	Graiguenamanagh Scheme
Kilkenny	Inistioge Scheme
Kilkenny	Piltown Scheme
Kilkenny	Thomastown Scheme
Laois	Clonaslee Scheme
Laois	Mountmellick Scheme
Laois	Portarlinton Scheme
Laois	Rathdowney Scheme
Leitrim	Carrick on Shannon Scheme
Leitrim	Dromod Scheme
Leitrim	Leitrim Scheme
Leitrim	Mohill Scheme
Limerick	Adare Scheme
Limerick	Askeaton Scheme
Limerick	Athea Scheme
Limerick	Castleconnell Scheme
Limerick	Foynes Scheme
Limerick	Limerick City & Environs Scheme
Limerick	Newcastle West Scheme
Limerick	Rathkeale Scheme
Longford	Longford Scheme
Louth	Ardee Scheme
Louth	Baltray Scheme
Louth	Carlingford & Greenore Scheme
Louth	Dundalk and Blackrock South Scheme
Louth & Meath	Drogheda Scheme
Mayo	Ballina & Environs Scheme
Mayo	Cois Aibhainn Flood Cell in Westport Scheme
Meath	Mornington Scheme



<b>County</b>	<b>Measure</b>
Meath	Mornington Scheme
Monaghan	Ballybay Scheme
Monaghan	Inishkeen Scheme
Monaghan	Monaghan Scheme
Offaly	Birr Scheme
Offaly	Rahan Scheme
Roscommon	Athleague Scheme
Roscommon	Boyle Scheme
Roscommon	Roscommon Scheme
Sligo	Rathbraghan Scheme
Tipperary	Ardfinnan Scheme
Tipperary	Borrisoleigh Scheme
Tipperary	Cahir Scheme
Tipperary	Fethard Scheme
Tipperary	Golden Scheme
Tipperary	Holycross Scheme
Tipperary	Knocklofty Scheme
Tipperary	Nenagh Scheme
Tipperary	Newcastle Scheme
Tipperary	Roscrea Scheme
Tipperary	Thurles Scheme
Waterford	Aglish Scheme
Waterford	Ballyduff Scheme
Waterford	Dungarvan & Environs Scheme
Wexford	Wexford Scheme
Wicklow	Avoca Scheme
Wicklow	Baltinglass Scheme
Wicklow	Blessington Scheme
Wicklow	Greystones & Environs Scheme
Wicklow	Wicklow & Ashford Scheme

## Appendix 4

List of 50 new Flood Relief Schemes to be advanced in initial phase to detailed design and construction.

### Schemes with estimated cost greater than €15m

County	Measure
Kerry	Tralee Scheme
Limerick	Limerick City & Environs Scheme
Louth	Carlingford & Greenore Scheme
Louth	Dundalk and Blackrock South Scheme
Louth & Meath	Drogheda Scheme

### Schemes with estimated cost between €1m and €15m

County	Measure
Cavan	Cavan Scheme
Clare	Kilkee Scheme
Clare	Springfield Scheme
Cork	Bantry Scheme
Donegal	Lifford Scheme
Dublin	Loughlinstown Scheme
Galway	Ballinasloe Scheme
Galway	Galway City Scheme
Kerry	Kenmare Scheme
Kildare	Naas Scheme
Laois	Mountmellick Scheme
Laois	Portarlinton Scheme
Mayo	Ballina & Environs Scheme
Wexford	Wexford Scheme

## Schemes with estimated cost below €1m

County	Measure
Carlow	Carlow Scheme
Clare	Bunratty Scheme
Clare	Killaloe Scheme
Clare	Kilrush Scheme
Donegal	Carrowkeel Scheme
Donegal	Downies Scheme
Donegal	Glenties Scheme
Galway	Clifden Scheme
Kerry	Abbeydorney Scheme
Kerry	Banna Scheme
Kildare	Leixlip Scheme
Kilkenny	Ballyhale Scheme
Laois	Clonaslee Scheme
Leitrim	Leitrim Scheme
Leitrim	Mohill Scheme
Limerick	Athea Scheme
Limerick	Castleconnell Scheme
Limerick	Rathkeale Scheme
Longford	Longford Scheme
Louth	Ardee Scheme
Mayo	Westport (Cois Aibhainn Flood Cell) Scheme
Meath	Mornington Scheme
Offaly	Rahan Scheme
Sligo	Sligo Town (Rathbraghan) Scheme
Tipperary	Golden Scheme
Tipperary	Holycross Scheme
Tipperary	Knocklofty Scheme
Tipperary	Nenagh Scheme
Waterford	Aglish Scheme
Waterford	Ballyduff Scheme
Wicklow	Avoca Scheme