

CARRICKFERGUS CITY DEAL REGENERATION PROJECT

The Carrickfergus City Deal project has secured circa **£42m Capital Funding**, which is to be used exclusively for **Tourism & Regeneration** purposes. The budget is calculated based on a funding split with the **Department for Communities (DfC)** providing **£27.7m** and **Mid & East Antrim Borough Council** supplying **£14.5m**.

Journey So Far

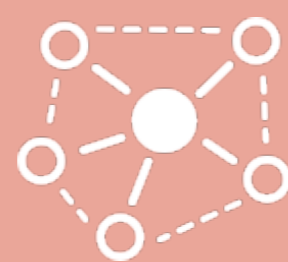
- Initial concept design and public engagement process completed by Mid & East Antrim Borough Council and Department for Communities.



- Submission of application for funding under the Belfast City Region Deal.

- £42M Belfast City Region Deal Capital Funding investment secured.

BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL



- McAdam led Integrated Design Team appointed to redesign concept proposals for feedback received



- Currently proposals are being developed for:
 - Improved DDA access and vertical circulation through the castle
 - Improved visitor experience throughout the castle with interpretative displays and digital innovation
 - Creation of a town walls walking route with wayfinding and interpretative displays
 - Improved safe crossing at the Marine Highway
 - Provision of a new visitor centre
 - Refurbishment of the town hall, civic centre & courtyard as an arts centre, music venue, outdoor events and exhibition space
 - Public realm works including a lighting scheme, outdoor furniture, signage & wayfinding and re-branding Carrickfergus as a destination
 - Refurbishment works around the Railway Station to improve wayfinding throughout the town

What is it?

The Project is a **tourism led** regeneration of Carrickfergus which aims to:

- **Increase visitor numbers** to Carrickfergus
- Improve town centre **economy**
- Increase **employment** opportunities
- Support residents with **job training**
- Improve **community wellbeing**
- Maximise **community value** from the town's assets
- Improve **civic pride**

How will Social Value benefit you and your community?

- Create **job opportunities** for people who face barriers to work
- Invest in skills
- Support **Social Enterprises** and new businesses
- Support Voluntary and Community organisations
- Reduce poverty
- Promote **equality and diversity**
- Reduce our **carbon footprint**
- Improve **mental health and wellbeing**

How will Social Value be included in the project?

Consultants and Contractors on the project will be required to provide:

- **Paid employment for people who face barriers** to employment
- Paid employment for **Apprentices**
- Student placement / **professional trainee opportunities**
- **Work experience** opportunities
- Skills & development **training**
- **Financial donations**
- **Donation of time** to educational establishments or other organisations working with people who are at risk of social exclusion or who are disadvantaged in the labour market
- Donation of **construction supplies or tools**
- **Business development & knowledge sharing** with a Voluntary or Community organisation or Micro Enterprise in Northern Ireland
- **Initiatives to improve good relations** between people from different religious, political, racial and ethnic background.
- **An Environmental Strategy** (Including carbon reduction)

Feedback from Funding Application

'Do not reduce the Marine Highway to 2 lanes'

Department for Infrastructure agree and have confirmed 4 lanes must remain
Pedestrian bridge solution proposed to enable safe crossing and drive footfall back into the high street



'Do not build the visitor centre on the castle side of the Marine Highway'

The project team are investigating various locations in the town centre instead of the castle side
The visitor centre in the high street will be linked to walking trails to encourage foot traffic throughout the town



'Do not take away the Harbour Car Park'

The harbour car park will remain for public parking use
The proposed works include softening with landscaping, outdoor furniture and designated coach parking