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Waterford Greenway shortlisted for the Innovation in Politics Awards 2018

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Waterford Greenway has been nominated for another prestigious award which recognises the supporting and enabling role played by the Councillors as Elected Representatives of Local Government. The Innovation in Politics award recognises that local politics can and does work and most importantly delivers projects of the calibre of Waterford Greenway.

The Mayor of the City and County of Waterford said “The members of Waterford City and County Council, and in particular former Councillor Ger Barron and Councillor Damien Geoghegan, are to be commended for their role in driving the delivery of Waterford Greenway.”

The Waterford Greenway is a spectacular 46 km off-road cycling and walking coastal trail from Waterford to Dungarvan. It opened in March 2017. It has become an important national tourism asset, creating employment and benefiting local communities and the economy in a rural area that was struggling with the effects of the economic downturn.

Between its opening in March and December 2017, the project has been a spectacular success with almost 250,000 walking or cycling Waterford Greenway in its first year. Many local people see the Greenway as a great opportunity to pursue enterprises which became a reality with the opportunities which were opened up by the activity surrounding Waterford Greenway. Economic renewal and growth; tourism and recreation-related spending on items such as bicycle hire, food and lodging are just a few of the ways it has positively impacted on the local economy and Waterford more generally.

Waterford Greenway is contributing in many ways to the economy and community vibrancy of the City and County of Waterford and in many aspects. The recent success at the Entente Florale competition in winning the Jury Chairman's Prize for Mitigation of Climate Change was another endorsement of the Greenway once more delivering its benefits.



The award ceremony will take place in Vienna in November 2018 and Waterford Greenway is among 9 Irish finalists which includes 4 other Local Authorities; South Dublin County Council, Monaghan County Council, Cork County Council, and Dublin City Council.

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