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Ionadaí Áitiúil i nDún Garbhán

Municipal Swimming Pool Submission

Waterford City and County Development Plan

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There is significant demand for a municipal swimming pool in Dungarvan. There is no public swimming pool in Dungarvan or West Waterford at present. The Barracudas Swim Club has been severely impacted due to a lack of access to pool facilities. Over 150 local children train with the club, but the lack of facilities in the town has limited the club's ability to meet their member's needs. This club has qualified for National competitions and also has Paralympic swimmers, one of whom has represented Ireland in the world championships.

Other groups such as the Triathlon Club, the sailing community, and local schools also need access to a pool. Dungarvan is a coastal town and many people engage in water-based activities. Ensuring that all children in the town have the opportunity to learn how to swim, and learn to respect the water, is hugely important.

Specifically, I ask the Council to:

- Support the preparation of a feasibility study into the proposal to develop a municipal swimming pool in Dungarvan, taking into account the needs of the local community.
- Prioritise this project for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Rural Regeneration and Development Fund or other suitable funding opportunities.

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