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1.1 Introduction

In 2003, the Heritage Council prepared guidelines for the production of Local Heritage Plans. This heritage plan follows these guidelines, while being tailored to the particular heritage requirements for Galway City. This is the second Galway City Heritage Plan. It is one of twenty-eight prepared by Local Authorities throughout the state. The aim of the heritage plan is to identify, raise awareness of and promote the conservation of the built, natural and cultural heritage of the city.

The plan sets the overall framework for this work, which is to be carried out over the next five years. The plan outlines the heritage objectives expressed in themes and the associated actions, which it is intended to pursue and develop. The interpretation of Heritage is taken as that included for in the Heritage Act 1995 that is monuments, archaeology, heritage objects, architecture, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, seascapes wrecks, geology, heritage gardens, parks and inland waterways. A broadening of this interpretation to include elements of history and culture was considered appropriate by the Heritage Forum and also to reflect the current strategic vision for heritage in the city. The plan sets out how Galway City Council, in association with other stakeholders, will identify, manage and conserve heritage for the benefit of all citizens. The actions in the Heritage Plan will define the focus of work in areas of heritage and feed into the work projects on an annual basis. They will form the basis for the application for any available funding, in particular funding from the Heritage Council, other funding bodies and explore also the potential for private sector funding and partnerships with voluntary and state bodies. Galway City Council will also be a main contributor towards the implementation of actions through direct budget funding and allocation of resources. In this regard Galway City Council will endeavour to allocate both resources and funding on an annually basis.

1.2 The Achievements of Heritage Plan 2005-2011

This was the first heritage plan and was very ambitious with a range of 124 actions. These related to highlighting the broad areas and significance of heritage in the city. Since adoption in 2005, 38 of these actions have been completed or are ongoing. These achievements were wide ranging, the most significant ones have been listed in the tables included in Appendix 1. The implementation of actions was undertaken with the assistance of funding from the Heritage Council, direct support of Galway City Council, various stakeholders, and the community in general. The general thrust of the actions was research into the heritage of the city, natural and built to increase general awareness and understanding. Increased awareness of heritage was also a result of implementation of these actions which were brought about through continued regular publication of Heritage Magazines, a Museum Newsletter, and various information leaflets relating to both the natural and built heritage. In addition the City Council website has been used also to ensure accessibility to a broad audience. Actions completed also included joint projects with Galway County Council Heritage Office and also community projects where schools projects were a particular focus.

Management of heritage has been an important consideration and in this regard resources were dedicated to assisting the preparation of the Register of Protected Structures (RPS), "*Conservation Management and Interpretation Plan for Galway City Walls*" 2013, assisting in applications for conservation heritage grants and grants for "Buildings at risk".

In recent years funding from central government has diminished. It is hoped that either funding will be restored or other mechanisms will be invoked to incentivise conservation projects in the future.

The actions completed also included a series of heritage conference. Conferences were complemented by public exhibitions on associated heritage themes. It is anticipated that the objective to host future conferences will be continued where particular interests in heritage areas arise in the future.

The future emphasis for the plan will be on continuation of increasing awareness, collection and dissemination

of information. There is a desire to continue the participation of the public in heritage education, management and to work with voluntary heritage organisations and educational bodies in the city and in partnership with the private sector. There will also be linkage with heritage work that is carried out in the context of the City Development Plan, the Biodiversity Plan. The promotion of Galway as a Bilingual City and joint projects with the Heritage Section of Galway County Council are a continued objective.

The preparation of a second Heritage Plan allows for the re-incorporation of the relevant remaining actions of the first plan. To implement all of these actions will be challenging in the current economic environment but this may also offer an opportunity to develop creative ways to further promote and respond to the heritage needs of the city without requiring direct funding.

The Heritage Plan will also include for actions that contributes to making the bid for Galway City to be a European Capital of Culture 2020 a success. In addition, the plan will span other significant events such as actions to support local initiatives to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the *1916 Rising* and indeed the broad *Decade of Centenaries*. The rich literary and visual heritage in the city is also to be reflected noting the success of the recent designation of Galway as a permanent Unesco City of Film.

1.3 Plan Preparation

The proposed plan includes a legacy of actions from the previous plan in addition to a number of new actions relevant to the next few years. These include the actions brought forward by the Community, the Heritage Forum, the City Council, critical stakeholders and the Heritage Council.

The Heritage Forum is a non-statutory advisory group established by the City Council to provide advice on the preparation and implementation of the Heritage Plan. The Forum which works in a voluntary capacity is a significant asset in the preparation of the Plan. The Heritage Plan has been subject to a broad consultation process which involved the general public, interested bodies and the Heritage Council. After consultation all submissions and observations received were brought back to the Heritage Forum and subsequently resulted in a number of further inclusions in the plan. It has also been presented to the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and to the Members of Galway City Council for discussion and adoption.

It is anticipated that the Heritage Forum will meet at least twice annually following adoption to review progress of the Plan and to contribute ideas on how actions can be delivered.

1.4 Implementation

The Heritage Office, the various stakeholders and partners, and relevant sections of Galway City Council will endeavour to implement the Plan over the five years with direct support in particular from the Heritage Council. As referenced the Heritage Forum will also be a mechanism to assist in the delivery of the associated actions.

1.5 Funding

Applications will be made to the Heritage Council each year for funding towards the implementation of the actions of the Plan under the annual grant scheme . A proportion of the funding for actions will also be allocated from the annual heritage budget of the City Council. Applications will also be made to all other possible streams of funding. Some actions will not require finance but rather require dedicated support, advice and partnership. Acknowledging the limitations of funding streams, efforts will be made to include for direct involvement and partnership from the private sector.

1.6 Monitoring and Evaluation

Actions of the Heritage Plan are funded annually. Those actions, which are funded by the Heritage Council, are evaluated and monitored on an annual basis through a system of interim and final reports to the Heritage Council before funding is drawn down. The Heritage Forum will also be an important mechanism for monitoring and evaluation and will be in a position to prioritise actions and respond, reflecting where opportunities arise.

2.1 Themes and Actions

The strategies of the Heritage Plan include delivery of actions under a range of themes. The general themes of the Heritage Plan are as follows and all listed actions are grouped accordingly. Some actions may relate to a number of themes but have been placed in the section where they are considered to have the most impact.

The themes are:

- Promotion of Heritage Awareness and Appreciation.
- Promotion of best practice in Heritage Conservation and Management.
- Collection and Dissemination of Heritage Information.
- Communicating Heritage to a wide audience and promotion of partnership.
- Caring for our Heritage while acknowledging the economic and tourism value to Galway City.

2.1.1 Promoting Heritage Awareness and Appreciation

- ❖ Increase awareness in schools through visual information and active participation on heritage buildings, geology, flora, and fauna, monuments, industrial archaeology, wildlife and the city waterways.
- ❖ Continue to support the protection of, and create an awareness of sites and centres of geological and importance.
- ❖ Promote the use of local stone in walls, boundaries, buildings and other features in new developments in the city.
- ❖ Organise Galway Heritage Conferences themed on topics of local heritage interest with links to the broader context.
- ❖ Research and publish heritage information, including museum catalogues.
- ❖ Raise awareness of the value of the natural heritage particularly in relation key areas in Galway City (e.g. Silver Strand, Barna Woods, Merlin Woods, Terryland Park) in accordance with the G.C.C. policy in the Recreation Amenity Study (2009)
- ❖ Promote the continued and re-use use of historical place names, which reflect the heritage of local areas.
- ❖ Promote the use of the Irish language and objective to establish Galway as the Bilingual Capital of Ireland.
- ❖ Continue to promote the use of the Irish language, particularly in the naming of new residential areas, and also in general usage in the Galway City.

- ❖ Continue to participate and support the aims of the *Walled Towns Friendship Circle* and in the *Irish Walled Towns Network*. Implement Conservation Management Plans for the Town Walls and their contextual setting based on the '*Conservation Management and Interpretation Plan for Galway Walled Town.*' (2013)
- ❖ Continue to promote and participate in the Open House Architectural Days and similar significant heritage projects that provide opportunities for the public to view and learn about buildings of interest both in public and private ownership.
- ❖ Organise photographic competitions on the distinctive built and natural heritage of the city.
- ❖ Highlight the value of biodiversity through promotion of the National Biodiversity Plan and the objectives of the Galway City Biodiversity Action Plan. (2014-2024)
- ❖ Maximise the potential to add to the value of the Galway bid for European City of Culture 2020 through promotion of the unique heritage of Galway and the heritage links to the broader EU community.
- ❖ Maximise the use of the Galway City Council's website and social media in dispersing information on heritage.
- ❖ Contribute to the development of a County programme of events to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1916 rising which will include for a significant level of local engagement and other events associated with the decade of commemoration.

2.1.2 Promotion of Best Practice in Heritage Conservation and Management.

- ❖ Liaise and co-operate with local and national archaeological and historical societies in promoting an interest in Galway's archaeological heritage.
- ❖ Liaise with NMS and professional archaeological bodies in the promotion of best practice in archaeological survey, excavation, monitoring and publication of results.
- ❖ Promote best conservation practice with regard to the built heritage in Galway.
- ❖ Implement the "*Conservation Management and Interpretation Plan for Galway City Walls*".2013
- ❖ Co-operate with the Recreational & Amenity Department and the Planning Department in promoting Biodiversity and formulating policies for future Local Area Plans.
- ❖ Continue to provide information on best practice in clean-ups and recording of all local, historic graveyards.
- ❖ Liaise with national heritage bodies including the Heritage Council and the local Galway Family History Society West, genealogical groups and the NMS in the provision of advice regarding the heritage aspects of cemeteries.
- ❖ Continue to promote through lectures, talks and Heritage events, an interest in flora, fauna and biodiversity and in conservation and environment sustainability.
- ❖ Promote best practice in the conservation of natural heritage features in proposed developments. This includes preservation of streams, natural outcrops of geological interest as well as hedgerows, traditional walls, and natural features.

- ❖ Prepare conservation and management plans and engage on restoration projects for Heritage Buildings in City Council ownership.
- ❖ Continue to promote use of, preservation and best practice in, the restoration, of local traditional boats.
- ❖ Continue to promote the use of traditional skills, materials & crafts, in particular in relation to thatching, hand painted of signs and lime rendering of walls.

2.1.3 Collection and Dissemination of Heritage Information

- ❖ Support ongoing recording of wildlife surveys and general awareness of habitats in conjunction with NPWS and local/ National Wildlife Organisations.
- ❖ Continue to encourage the publication of the results of Archaeological investigations and survey in the heritage magazine.
- ❖ Complement the recent Audit of Industrial Heritage in the City with a comprehensive survey of each site and feature.
- ❖ Conduct survey of the geological mushroom stone in the city and publish information on the findings
- ❖ Expand the remit of the Ecclesiastical Heritage Trail Booklet, previously published in conjunction with Heritage Section of Galway County Council.
- ❖ Assemble an archive and a photographic database of the archaeological monuments of Galway City for exhibition and record purposes.
- ❖ Promote the recording of place and field names using community input. Publish a placenames Atlas of Galway City.
- ❖ Continue to identify and promote the addition of structures of heritage value onto the Register of Protected Structures and examine the potential for expansion of Architectural Conservation Areas in the city.
- ❖ Continue to carry out surveys of cemeteries in the city, publish information leaflets and upload survey data to the historic graveyard information website –historicgraves.com.
- ❖ Continue to support promotional guides to Galway’s entire natural heritage, such as those produced to date for the main woodlands.
- ❖ In co-operation with the Recreational and Amenity Section of Galway City Council promote biodiversity and environment friendly policies on both private and publically owned amenity lands.
- ❖ Undertake awareness campaigns regarding Alien Species and the negative impact they can have on existing habitats.
- ❖ Promote Galway litter free campaigns and promote a ‘Golden Mile’ competition for Galway City.
- ❖ Report and make publicly available information on elements of wrecks and maritime artefact finds.
- ❖ Publish an audit of Thatched Buildings in Galway City.

- ❖ Promote the recording, preservation and publication of modern folklore/folk life studies of Galway City.
- ❖ Continue to host joint projects with the local libraries and other institutes such as the Museum of Country Life (Mayo)
- ❖ Initiate a Traveller's Folklore Project to include for the recording of folklore, customs and traditions.
- ❖ Host a folklore-collecting workshop for the general public.
- ❖ Digitise folklore tales as recorded in 1985 and make available as podcasts in co-operation with the local radio station and other media companies.
- ❖ **Prepare an audit of the built heritage elements in the docks area and a report on the associated maritime heritage.**
- ❖ **Prepare a Conservation and Management Plan for the Waterways of the city.**
- ❖ Promote the recognition of "Intangible Heritage" in The Cultural, Social and Economic Realms.
 - ❖ Foster Heritage Links and exchanges with Twin Cities and participate in joint cultural events.
 - ❖ Promote the use of the Irish language in heritage exhibitions and at social events associated with the Heritage Office.
 - ❖ Support the vision of Gaillimhe le Gaeilge to make Galway the recognised as the "Bilingual Capital of Ireland".
 - ❖ Promote cultural and social diversity and have regard to '*Towards a City of Equals Galway City Anti-Racism Strategy (Galway City Partnership)*'
 - ❖ Continue bilingual publication of guide series to the artefacts in the Museum and other similarly produced information documents.

2.1.4 Communicating Heritage to a wider Audience and Promoting Partnership

- ❖ Support and contribute to the Calendar of Events at the Galway City Museum most particularly during the annual Heritage Week.
- ❖ Promote the use of a fully functioning and publicly accessible Archival Service within Galway City Council.
- ❖ Archive and digitise historical photographic records of Structures and Streetscapes of Galway City. Digitise and upload to the City Council website.
- ❖ Prepare a record the Galway City Civic Regalia, Archives and Civic Records in both hard copy and digital format making the information available to the general public.
- ❖ Engage with ICT in the City Council to ensure the best presentation and access to heritage information on the City Council website and appropriate direction to other relevant links.
- ❖ Promote, through events and publications, the knowledge of the Town Walls and other fortifications and features.
- ❖ Produce a Calendar reflecting the heritage of Galway City.
- ❖ Promote the recording of folk life customs through Heritage Council's 'Heritage in Schools Scheme'.

- ❖ Establish a series of museum talks and workshops in conjunction with the Galway City Museum and the National Museum of Ireland.
- ❖ Establish a community heritage grant scheme specifically to promote the unique heritage of the city.
- ❖ Encourage local engagement in significant city events of heritage value including the 1916 centenary commemoration.
- ❖ Continue to support the ongoing consultation process in the preparation of Galway's bid for European Capital of Culture 2020

2.1.5 Caring for Heritage while acknowledging the Economic and Tourism Value

- ❖ Formulate an integrated plan with tourism and commercial interests to promote Galway City as a Heritage Tourism destination.
- ❖ Encourage local business and tourism bodies to promote and participate in Heritage Week Events.
- ❖ Seek sponsorship from businesses and individuals for heritage projects, publications and events.
- ❖ Organise a series of seminars for businesses and tourism bodies on 'Making the Most of Galway's Heritage'.
- ❖ Provide information on the City Council website on national and international legislation relating to natural and built heritage.
- ❖ Seek sponsorship for the continued publication of Galway's Heritage magazine - Oidhreacht na Gaillimhe.
- ❖ Prepare a summary review on the Galway City Heritage survey of 1983-1984 and update with archaeological survey carried out in 1984.

3 Appendices

3.1 Appendix 1 Heritage Plan 2005-11 Actions delivered

Action No.	Action Description	Year delivered	Partners
Archaeology & Monuments			
1, 2	Industrial Heritage Audit	2012-2013	Architectural Advisory Service, Heritage Council, Consultants, Local Sources.
7	Ecclesiastical/Heritage Trail established and Booklet published.	2006-2007	Galway County Council Heritage Office, Archaeological Services, Local Historians,
	Exhibition on N6 Road NRA Excavations, hosted in City Hall	2011	NRA
11	Information Plaques on Town Walls	2007-2012	IWTN, Heritage Council
12/5	Identify Industrial Archaeological Sites for Protection. Heritage Audit Publication		
	And Uploaded to city council website	2013	Heritage Council, Local Historians
8	Excavations at Terryland Castle in advance of conservation work to endangered monument under Ministerial consent	2009-2010	NMI, NMS, Archaeological Services
Architecture and Built Heritage			
1	Support setting up of Register of Protected Structures, Identification and Record Management.	2005-2009+	GCC Planning & Cross Directorate
1	Support publication of ACA's, leaflet	2008	GCC Planning & Cross Directorate
4	Produced "Posters for Schools" on Galway's built and natural heritage	2012-2013	Schools, Heritage Council, NUI Galway, Public photography donations.
6, 8	<i>Galway City Town Walls Conservation Management and Interpretation Plan</i> published And uploaded to City Council Website	2012-2013	IWTN, Heritage Council, Public Stakeholders and landowners, NMS.
Cemeteries			
1	Survey Cities Cemeteries; Bushypark,	2012	Community Council /Church Committee
	Rahoon historical Cemetery survey	2013	Heritage Council, GCC Parks Section
2, 3	Conference Series - Cemeteries & Monuments	2011	Heritage Council, Conference Speakers, GCC

Action No.	Action Description	Year delivered	Partners
			Planning.
5	Booklet published on proceedings 'Place of their Resurrection'.	2011	Heritage Council, Conference speakers.
Museums			
2	Stone Heritage Series - Publication of Guide Catalogues, 'Galway Heritage in Stone' (4 no.)	2003, 2004, 2006, 2011	GCM, NMI, Heritage Council
11	Galway City Museum Newsletters published (6 no.)	2002 - 2006	GCM, NMI, Heritage Council
10, 11	Exhibition - Inaugural museum exhibition - 'Fragments of a City'	2006	GCM, NMI, General Public
10, 11	Exhibition - 'Uisce agus Beatha/Water and Life' Maritime theme. Booklet published on proceedings	2012-2013	NCI, NMI, General public, donation of photographs, memories recorded, voluntary work
Landscapes and Seascapes			
1, 2	Environmental Publications - leaflets on natural heritage	2007-2010	
	Bird habitats guide (Birds of Galway); Merlin Woods ; Barna Woods; Coastal Marine Heritage	2007-2010, 2008,2012	Galway County Council, Heritage Council, GCC Parks & Cross Directorate Consultant Ecologists
2, 3, 4	Conference Series -Maritime Heritage Awareness; Booklet to be published on proceedings.	2013	Heritage Council, Conference speakers and NUI Galway.
Waterways, Maritime Heritage and Wrecks			
3	Contributed to -National Inventory of Wrecks Located and Photographed ships timbers. Informed national inventory	2006-12	Local divers and community, DEHLG Underwater Archaeological Unit. National Inventory of Wrecks, WRFB Galway County Council, NMI
3, 4	Publication of articles on Waterways in Galway Heritage	2010-2013	Local diving community, Underwater archaeological unit. DEHLG
	Corrib Research Project-, new dugout canoes found and report, bibliography of the Corrib. Survey inventory of new sites and wrecks.	2011-2012	NUIG, Irish Underwater Archaeological Unit
	Information - Published article on Zebra mussels and other alien species in Heritage Magazine. Warning signs erected on Zebra mussels.	2006-2012	Local Fishermen, Galway County Council, Heritage Council. Fisheries Authorities
5	Condition Survey of traditional Hooker Boats in Galway Prepared	2007-2010	Heritage Council, Claddagh boat owners, Local

Action No.	Action Description	Year delivered	Partners
			Archaeologists
7	Historical advice on wording on plaques on canals	2006-2011	Civic Trust; OPW; Navigation Trust; Western Regional Fisheries Board
5	Ongoing support/advice on restoration of the traditional boat 'Fiona' and other traditional boats	2007-2013	Bádoirí an Chladaigh, Heritage Council; GCC
Geology			
3	Exhibition - Geological specimens. Associated poster produced on the geology of Galway City..	2012 2004	Partners, Heritage Council, Schools, Local Communities, NUI Galway.
Archives			
6	Conference Series: Archive Conference held and Proceedings published	2011	Museum, Heritage Council, Conference Speakers and Contributors
Cultural Heritage			
6	Established annual heritage conference series	2010-2013	Partners, speakers, museum, NMI, NCI, Heritage Council
1	Hosted exhibitions, workshops, seminars. Produce museum catalogue and other publications. (previously referenced)	2000 to present and ongoing	As above and contributions from general public and local heritage organisations
General Heritage Protection, Promotion and Advice			
3	Blacksmiths Folklore Project. – Collected material on the specific folklore on Blacksmiths	2009-2013	Local community folklorists, blacksmiths, NMI, Museum of Country Life.
3, 7	Publication of booklet on bird habitats of Galway. (see previous reference)	2007, reprint 2009	Galway County Council, Heritage Council
8	Contributed to the <i>Corrib Research Project</i> ongoing. See under Wrecks	2011-2012	NUIG, CRP and Industrial Archaeological Researchers
Promoting Biodiversity			
1, 2, 5	Involved in preparation on Draft Biodiversity Plan for Galway City	2009-2012	GCC – cross directorates, Heritage Council, NPWS DEHLG
	Promotional material for schools	2012	Heritage Council, NPWS, Local Photographers
Heritage Awareness and Education			

Action No.	Action Description	Year delivered	Partners
1	Regular publication of Galway City Council Heritage Magazine, Galway's Heritage/Oidhreach na Gaillimhe and publication of research and survey of Heritage elements of Galway City Town Walls	2006 and ongoing	GCC , IT Section , Irish Walled Towns Network, Heritage Council
12	Illustrative material on local natural and built heritage Posters on birds, geology and built heritage produced and distributed.(see previous reference)	2013	Heritage Council

3.2 Associated Glossary and list of Abbreviations

Alien Species - An alien species is a species introduced outside its normal distribution. **Invasive alien species** are alien species whose establishment and spread modify ecosystems, habitats, or species.

Archive – a public place where records are kept.

Biodiversity – A measure of diversity of species of plants and animals.

Conservation - Conservation embraces preventive conservation, remedial conservation and all the processes of looking after a place so as to retain its cultural significance.

Database – A structured set of data, especially one that is accessible in various ways more usually held in a computer

Ecclesiastical - Of or relating to the Christian Church or its clergy

Ecological sites - Sites of wildlife value.

Green Network - of A linked network of green areas, parks and open spaces ensuring a strategic integrated policy approach to the sustainable use and management these areas.

Habitats Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) - An ecological assessment of the likely impact of any plan, programme, or project on the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites, (Special Protection Areas and candidate Special Areas of Conservation). This is a requirement of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

Inventory – A complete list of items such as property, goods artefacts or contents of a building.

Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) - These designated areas form a network of sites of national importance by reason of their flora, fauna, habitat type and/or geomorphologic interest. Most NHA areas in the city are incorporated into the two cSAC designations. The Wildlife Act 2000 provides the legal basis for designation and for a level of protection broadly comparable to that provided for cSACs in the 1997 Habitats Regulations.

Strategic Environmental Assessment - The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EC) requires that an environmental assessment is carried out on certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. A SEA is a systematic process of predicting and evaluating the likely environmental effects of implementing a proposed plan in order to ensure that these effects are appropriately addressed at the earliest appropriate stage of decision-making.

Special Areas of Conservation (Candidate) (cSAC) – The Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) was transposed into Irish law by S.I. 94 of 1997, the EC (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997. cSACs are marine and terrestrial areas of international importance that have been designated for the protection of wildlife habitats and species (other than birds), which form part of EU Natura 2000 network of ecologically significant sites throughout Europe. Special protection measures should be applied regarding these habitats of specified wildlife species. Two significant cSACs exist in the city, the Galway Bay Complex and Lough Corrib Complex. The boundaries of cSACs can overlap with Special Protection Areas for protection of birds or they can contain pNHAs.

Special Protection Areas (SPAs) - SPAs are sites designated to protect internationally important and rare bird species and their associated habitats. The Inner Galway Bay SPA encircles the coastal and offshore area including the bay and islands. The designated protection area provides for a wide range of seabirds and waterfowl and their associated breeding colonies and habitats including Annex 1 bird species. Annex 1 is a catalogue of species and subspecies that, in the EU, are threatened with extinction, or vulnerable in certain changes of their habitats, or scarce due to small populations or restricted regional distribution, or demand special caution due to the special nature of their habitats.

Preservation – Is defined as the act or process of applying measures to sustain the existing form, integrity, and material of a building or structure, and the existing form and vegetative cover of a site. It may include initial stabilization work, where

necessary, as well as ongoing maintenance of the historic building materials.

Walled Town – A fortified place, especially a large, permanent military stronghold that includes a town.

Intangible Heritage: The intangible cultural heritage is transmitted from generation to generation, and is constantly recreated by communities and groups, in response to their environment, their interaction with nature, and their history. It provides people with a sense of identity and continuity, and promotes respect for cultural diversity and human creativity.

Abbreviations

ACA – Architectural Conservation Area

EU – European Union

HDA – Habitat Directive Assessment

NHA – Natural Heritage Area

NPWS – National Parks and Wildlife Service

RPS - Record of Protected Structures

SAC – Special Area of Conservation

SPA - Special Protection Area

ZAP – Zone of Archaeological Importance

NMI – National Museum of Ireland

IWTN – Irish Walled Town Network

NMS – National Monument Service

3.3 Relevant National and EU Legislation

Heritage and Planning

- Planning and Development Acts 2000- As amended
- Heritage Act 1995
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Council Directive 85/337/EEC) 1985
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Archaeological Heritage

- National Monuments Acts 1930-2004
- National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
- Architectural Heritage
- Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010
- Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monument(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999
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Landscapes

- Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010
- Museums and Archives

- National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
- Local Government Act 2001
- National Archives Act 1986
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Natural Heritage

- Wildlife Act 1976
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000
- Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959
- Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1999
- Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC) 1979
- Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) 1992
- Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC) 2000
- Freshwater Fish Directive (Council Directive 78/659/EC) 1978
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International Conventions and Agreements which Ireland has signed and ratified.

- Archaeology - European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological
- Heritage- (Valletta Convention) 1997
- Architecture -European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention) 1997
- Cultural and Natural Heritage -UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and
- Natural Heritage (ratified, 1992)
 - Convention on Biological Diversity 1992 (ratified, 1996)
 - European Landscape Convention 2000
 - Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural
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- Habitats
 - (Berne- Convention) 1979 (ratified, 1982)
 - Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
 - (Bonn Convention) 1979 (ratified, 1983)
- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) 1971 (ratified, 1984)
 - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
 - Landscape -European Landscape Convention, 2000 (ratified, 2002)

3.4 Forum Members

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Position Vacant National Parks & Wildlife Service-