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Infrastructure investment: The story so far

Modern infrastructure is essential to our future success – it supports the economy, helps to promote equality of opportunity for all and improves the public services we all depend on. Despite the challenging economic environment, progress is advancing in delivering infrastructure investment on the island.

Going forward infrastructure investment is facing a number of challenges:

- Tightening public finances on a scale not previously experienced;
- A complex and challenging financing environment;
- Increased emphasis on efficient, lean infrastructure – providing more for less;
- Sharper focus on investment to support economic recovery and growth;

In the south, although the recent budget has reduced the 2010 capital spend by €961 million, the total capital spend will still be significant with €8,113 million allocated for this year. Budget 2010 also recognised the changed procurement environment stating: “The significant drop in construction tender prices means that a very substantial output can be secured from a reduced allocation” (Budget 2010).

In Northern Ireland work is now underway in looking ahead to the next phase of the current Investment Strategy (2011-2014) and beyond in terms of preparation for 'ISNI 3' which is due for publication later in 2010.

On the island a number of key projects have either been completed or are well underway.

About the Infrastructure Investment Forum

The Infrastructure Investment Forum will include a programme of conferences and seminars throughout the year looking at key issues in the financing and development of infrastructure, across all sectors on the island. It will provide an opportunity for all those with a role or interest in the development of infrastructure in Ireland to come together for networking and discussion and will explore major themes such as project financing and delivery as well as providing sectoral updates on progress in the key infrastructure sectors.

The Forum is organised by bmf Business Services, publishers of leading public policy magazines agendaNi (Northern Ireland) and eolas (Republic of Ireland). bmf also organises the leading infrastructure investment conference on the island of Ireland each year which is attended by all the key players from across the infrastructure sector in Ireland.

Key components of the Forum will include:

- Conferences and seminars
- Networking
- Online resources



Forum programme 2010

In 2010 the Forum will convene around a programme of conferences and seminars, all centred on the key theme of delivering and financing investment in Ireland's infrastructure. Planned events include:

- 5th Annual All Island Infrastructure Investment Conference
- Stakeholder event: Informing ISNI 3
- Investing in education infrastructure seminar
- Making better places conference
- Investing in health infrastructure seminar



5th Annual All Island Infrastructure Investment Conference

FULL DAY CONFERENCE

Theme: Delivering and financing investment in Ireland's infrastructure

Date: Thursday 11th March 2010

Venue: Fairways Conference Centre, Dundalk

The first event in the 2010 programme is the 5th Annual All Island Infrastructure Investment Conference. This is the major annual all-island conference for the infrastructure sector. Now in its fifth year, previous conferences (which have been held alternately north and south) have been attended by 200 key players from across the infrastructure sector in Ireland and further afield. The conference, which is supported by the Strategic Investment Board and National Development Finance Agency, is attended by government ministers and provides attendees with an update on the key issues for infrastructure development on the island. The 2010 conference will take issues around infrastructure financing and delivery as its major themes.

Informing ISNI 3

Date: May 2010

HALF DAY SEMINAR

Venue: Belfast

This half day seminar will examine the key issues that will be important in developing ISNI 3, Northern Ireland's third Investment Strategy. Issues examined will include:

- Competitive infrastructure
- The impact of capital investment on the local economy
- Challenges in financing infrastructure
- Community regeneration / development of city regions.

It will provide an opportunity for stakeholders from across all infrastructure sectors to provide their input into how ISNI 3 should be focused and prioritised.



Investing in education infrastructure

Date: June 2010

HALF DAY SEMINAR

Venue: Dublin

In Northern Ireland education investment comes under the 'skills' pillar of the Investment Strategy with £891 million to be spent in that sector between 2008 and 2011. In the south a number of schools PPP bundles within the primary, post-primary and third level sectors are at various stages of procurement and project development.

This half day seminar will examine the key issues around the financing and development of education infrastructure across the island and will include:

- Department of Education & Science / Department of Education
- Other public sector education organisations
- Project developers
- Financiers and legal advisors
- Construction and procurement experts

Making better places

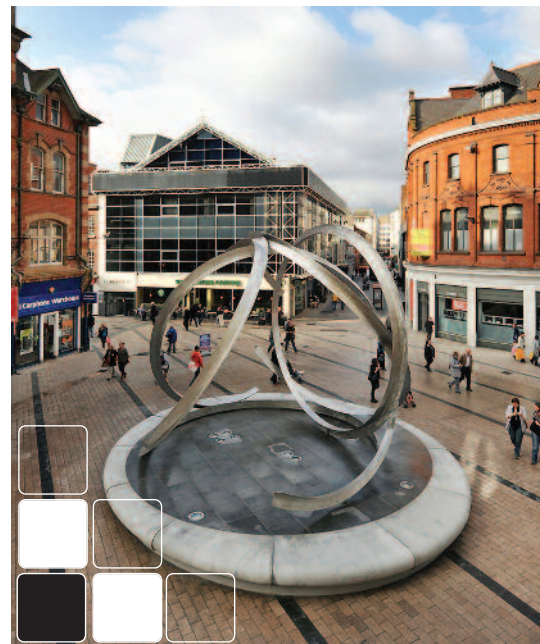
Date: September 2010

Venue: Belfast

FULL DAY CONFERENCE

Looking ahead to the development of ISNI 3, one of the key objectives will be to take an area-based focus on making better places. There will be a strong focus on city regions as engines of growth and opportunity and an emphasis on the importance of community regeneration as a catalyst for investment. This full day conference will examine issues around:

- Spatial planning
- Urban regeneration
- Economic development
- Developing city regions



Investing in health infrastructure

Date: November 2010

Venue: Dundalk

HALF DAY SEMINAR

The HSE in the south is progressing the delivery of the National Plan for Radiation Oncology, the bulk of which is intended to be provided through PPP arrangements to design, build, finance, maintain and partially operate radiation oncology facilities. The total investment for this project is estimated to be in excess of €0.5 billion. The Northern Ireland Investment Strategy sets out investment of £3,659 million in health infrastructure in the period to 2018 across the key areas of primary care, public safety and technology and hospitals modernisation. A number of projects are already underway and making progress - over the 2008-2011 period to date, almost half of the hospital modernisation money has been spent along with almost a third of the primary care amount. This half day seminar will examine the key issues surrounding investing in health infrastructure.

The Infrastructure Investment Forum is a networking platform and in particular focuses on ways of bringing the private sector, including project contractors, suppliers and consultants into contact with those public sector leaders with responsibility for taking forward major infrastructure projects.



Who is it for?

The Forum will be of interest to anyone with a stake in the future development of Ireland's infrastructure, across the public and private sectors, north and south, including:

- Chief Executives / senior management teams
- Government departments and agencies
- Policy-makers and decision-takers
- Project developers / planners
- Construction contractors
- The local government sector
- Elected representatives
- Procurement professionals
- Health / education / transport / water / waste / housing sectors
- Financial and legal advisors
- Consultants (environmental / technical / project management)
- Economists
- The voluntary / community sector (NGOs)

GETTING INVOLVED

Sponsorship opportunities

There will be opportunities for networking and business development through the Forum's seminar programme but for those organisations wishing to raise or enhance their profile within the infrastructure sector, there are opportunities to get further involved with each of the Forum events through **sponsorship**.

Benefits offered in return for sponsorship support include:

- Opportunity to provide speaker and / or chairperson for sponsored event;
- Organisation's logo / branding features on conference / seminar brochure;
- Complimentary delegate places at event;
- On-the-day branding opportunities;
- Profile on Forum website.

Sponsorship packages are available in association with each of the Forum events and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Further information

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