

Written Ministerial Statement

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Department of Finance

CITY AND GROWTH DEALS: FUNDING FOR A4 ENNISKILLEN BYPASS WHICH FORMS PART OF THE MID SOUTH WEST GROWTH DEAL

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Ms Archibald (The Minister of Finance): I wish to update the Assembly on the Executive's agreement to provide funding for the Enniskillen bypass which will provide a new transport link to the southern side of the town, improving the connection between the A4 Dublin Road and the A4 Sligo Road.

The Executive has agreed to provide £16.2 million of capital funding across 2024-25 and 2025-26. £15 million was previously committed to this project as part of New Deal funding. This funding was withdrawn by the British Government and now forms part of the financial package which accompanied the restoration of the Executive.

The Executive has also agreed £12.5 million to be funded from the Mid South West Growth Deal can be released early. Ordinarily, a City or Growth Deal would have "Heads of Terms" agreed and a deal signed before funding begins to flow. The Executive have agreed funding can be released in advance of this given the preparatory work already done and the desire to avoid increased costs which would result from further delays.

This immediate funding decision now enables this project to proceed to procurement.

This is a significant milestone in this important project which is of strategic importance to the town of Enniskillen and surrounding area.