

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Item No: 4**

**St Canice's Graveyard Update**

Conservation Works 2023

A grant offer of €100,000 was awarded to the project for specific conservation works, by the Community Monuments Fund 2023 (Stream 1). Notification of success was received on 6th April 2023. This grant will fund priority repair works (second phase) to the medieval church ruins, which are at risk.

A consultant IDT; comprising a Conservation Architect and Consultant Archaeologist have been appointed by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services to design and oversee the works. The specialist team are in the process of preparing a conservation works tender package in order to appoint a conservation contractor. The timing of conservation works will be dependent on the conservation contractor's programming.

Access protocols for those working in the graveyard will continue to be communicated to all City Council agents and to local stakeholders by the Local Area Office and should be followed by all concerned for health and safety reasons.

Live Project Updates

- The priority gravemarker (20 no.+) repairs are almost completed
- The Project Team propose to host an engagement meeting/workshop on the best practice maintenance of historical burial places, to assist the community in safeguarding of the site. The workshop details are being scoped and the proposed date is 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- The heritage photographer completed the second site visit to record the recent conservation works

Next Steps

Appointment of specialist contractor to undertake conservation works over the summer of 2023 for drawdown of grant funding in November.

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