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100,000 Passengers on Luas Free Weekend

The Railway Procurement Agency has confirmed that 100,000 passengers were carried over the weekend on the free Luas Green Line service which was laid on to mark the opening of the Cherrywood extension. A range of free activities proved highly popular with many thousands of people enjoying a range of free family focussed events ranging from samba bands to walking tours, farmers markets and a wide range of attractions for younger children.

An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen T.D. officially opened the new Luas Cherrywood (Line B1) extension on Saturday and the line has gone into commercial service today.

It is expected that the new 7.5 km line will add over 2 million passenger journeys a year to the Luas network and is a key component of the Government's Transport 21 investment programme. The cost of the Cherrywood extension is less than €300million and the project was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

There are 9 new Stops on the line at Central Park, Glencairn, The Gallops, Leopardstown Valley, Ballyogan Wood, Carrickmines, Laughanstown, Cherrywood and Brides Glen. There are also two future stops: Racecourse and Brennanstown. These two stops will open for passenger service in advance of development in their immediate catchment area.

Journey time from Brides Glen to Saint Stephen's Green is less than 40 minutes.

Ends.