



Management Report to Council








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<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> CPG Mtg @ 10am
<u>11</u> TCC Plenary Mtg @ 11:00	<u>12</u> Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>18</u> Thurles MD Mtg @ 10:30	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Clonmel BD Mtg @ 16:30	<u>21</u> Nenagh MD Mtg @ 10:00	<u>22</u>
<u>25</u> Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Mtg @ 11am	<u>26</u> Housing SPC Meeting @11am	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Carrick on Suir MD Mtg @ 14:00	<u>29</u>
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Community and Economic Development Directorate
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues:</u>			
Policy Changes/Updates	Date Adopted	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
LECP Annual	January 2016	Review of annual workplan December 2020	Review Plan 2015-2020
CYPSC Plan	Approved	Launched January 2019	Implementation of the plan
Age Friendly Strategy	December 2018	Age Friendly EXPO held 5 th December	Implementation of the plan
Healthy Tipperary	Noted September 2018	2020 budget in place	Implementation of the Plan
Keep Well	November 2020	National Campaign Roll out. Content and platform www.tipperarycoco.ie	Delivery of objectives of Keep Well Campaign in Tipperary
<u>Directorate Priorities</u>			
Major Current Issues	Progress to date		Next Stage
Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities	In the final stages just wrapping up some the projects and arranging decommitments for reassignment to shovel ready projects.		Look at decommitted funds and do we roll them into the next scheme. Develop the next scheme.
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	<p>2017 All completed</p> <p>2018 Progressing well</p> <p>2 projects completed Aglish & Terryglass.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Puckane will be completed Early 2021 80% complete. 2. Thurles regeneration plan completed will be drawdown by mid feb 2021. 3. Nenagh Banba Square, has proved to be challenging project Services to be moved, discovered damaged main drains etc will be completed in Q1 2021. 4. Cloughjordan wood walk trail again in the completion and snagging stage expect to drawdown in Q1 of 2021. 5. Cashel lowergate Street expected to be completed by End of March 2021. 6. Carrick Heritage Centre almost complete just snagging and awaiting a heritage door. 90% of funding has been spent. <p>2019 Only early stages 5 Projects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lorrha Community Hall(community led) 2. Newcastle Community Hall(community led) 3. Cashel Public Realm Lowergate Square (MD Led) 4. Clogheen improvements to community Building and Chapel Lane.(MD Led) 5. Nenagh Ball Alley Lane(MD Led) <p>2020 No announcement on teh main scheme awaiting DRCD announcement. Accelerated measures 13 grants approved with a value of almost €400,000.</p>		Close out 2018 project and progress the 2019 projects in time facilitate the 2020 call.



CLÁR Measure 2 (Playgrounds/Multi-Use Games Areas)	2019 1. Ballingarry Playground	Works have started other than play equipment. Delay with supplier(from Northern Ireland) given Covid and restrictions. Department are facilitating. Expect to start end of January/Start of February 2021. Approximately 3 weeks work installing the equipment.
CLÁR Measure 3 (Sensory Gardens)	2019 1. Ballyporeen Sensory Garden 2. Ballysloe Sensory Garden	Works Completed funding drawdown.
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme	2018 Hoare Abbey just completed recently. Tipperary part of a larger plan (River Arra walkway) ABP for planning granted recently. Work cant start until end of Q2 2021 for all works close to river. DRCD have facilitated an extension to 31 st Oct 2021 2018 Blueway measure completed 2019 One measure 3 approved for Blueway & Suir Island works in Cahir, Carrick and Clonmel grant €500k One measure 2 garrykennedy replace footbridge and some enhancements to walkway 2020 DRCD have not announced successful projects at time of preparation of this report.	
Rural Development Programme (LEADER)	As one of the top 10 LAGS an additional €500,000 funding has been made available to support additional projects. Just over 90% (€7.2 million) of the local budget assigned to approved projects at 21 st Dec 2020. Extension until End of March 2021 to use remaining 10%. Additionally almost €950k in Cooperation and Food projects from a central national project.	This scheme covers 2014-2020 leader Programme. Announced in December 2020 there will be a transitional arrangement for 2021(April to December) and 2022 as the new programme is now rescheduled for January 2023. Project funding for 2021(April- December) is approxomately €690,000.
Healthy Tipperary 11 actions funded Round 2.	Round 2 completed with return completed to An Pobal	11 actions funded Round 2.
Healthy Tipperary 11 actions funded Round 2.	12 actions under consideration for Round 3 including a Community Mental Health Fund.	Commence delivery of actions
Community Enhancement Programme	Will be 100% Spent by year End	



Local Community Development Committee

The LCDC met 11 times in 2020. The committee responded well to the challenges posed by the Covid Pandemic with the majority of meetings being held online. Thus, enabling important funding through the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) and SICAP to flow into our communities. A subgroup of the LCDC was established to develop a submission to the pre-draft stage of the County Development Plan 2022-2017 with so that the priorities of the CDP would be aligned with the LCDP objectives.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)

SICAP is delivered by South Tipperary Development Company in the South of the County and North Tipperary Development for the Northern part of the county. This year the SICAP programmes were very active in supporting the community response to Covid. The Companies produce a case study each year on a key area of achievement for 2020, STDC focused on their Cooking through Covid Programme while NTDC focused on collaboration with regard to Covid responses. The 2021 Annual Plans have been submitted the Companies have targets to work with 80 Local Community groups across Co Tipperary (40 each)

Local Economic and Community Plan

2020 was the final year of the LECP 2015-2020. The 2020 actions of the plan were reviewed twice during the year with updated provided from the lead partners. While there has been no Departmental Guidelines issued from the Department of Rural and Community Development to date on the new LECP Planning process, a working group has been established. The LECP advisory group have agreed to carry out a review of the

LECP with a view to recognising key achievement and weaknesses.

Community Call

The Community and Enterprise section responded to the significant challenges and fears being faced by the older and vulnerable in the community by developing a community call service. The service provided a 12 hour per day (8am-8pm), 7 day a week service between April and June after which it was reduced to an 8 hour (9am-5-pm) a day service.

Local Development Strategy

The current LDS is coming to its final stages and the LAG (Local Action Group) has performed very well obtaining top 10 in both Projects approved and claims processed.

At this point we are not required to create a new LDS and will await guidance before we begin. It is expected that the next LDS and RDP (Rural Development Programme) will have a stronger focus on

- Environment
- Circular Economy
- Biodiversity

The Implementing partners are putting in place plans to assist animate projects in these areas given that they are specialist.

On the 16th of December a circular letter was received that made the following provisions:

1. Extended the timeframe for approvals under the current programme from 31st December 2020 until the 31st March 2021.
2. A transitional Leader Programme was announced bridging the gap between EU Leader programming periods, It is expected that the next Leader programme will begin in January 2023.
3. For the period from the 1st of April 2021 to the 31st December 2021 the



County Tipperary Local Action Group has a Budget of €688,871 for projects. The Budget for projects in 2022 has not been announced to date.

The transitional programme prioritises

- Support rural businesses seeking to reach new markets or innovate to address the challenges of Brexit and/or COVID 19.
- Community based projects that seek to address the impact of COVID 9.
- Support new and innovative projects in the area of Environment, climate change and the green economy.
- Maximise the potential of broadband and the digital economy in communities promotion of skills, awareness and usage of available remote working facilities.
- Projects to develop the Smart Village Initiative or (REDZs) which may serve as proof of concept for more substantial proposals in the context of the next EU funded LEADER programme.

DRC D Grant Funded Programmes

Town and Village Renewal

The summary of projects is above, we await the 2020 Main Scheme announcement. The main change this year is the 10% of total project cost as match funding, ordinarily this is 20% but it recognises the impact of COVID and the reduced matched funding enables groups who struggled with fund raising to realise projects and also to invest money into the local economy (counter cyclical spending to reduce the economic impact).

Mullinahone was the last project from the 2017 scheme, the project failed to deliver through a community group. In negotiation with the DRC D they agreed to the Council delivering the project cost neutral to the council Carrick MD delivered the project.

The 2018 scheme is being completed and we expect to be wrapped up and drawn down by the end of Q1 2021.

The 2019 Approvals are in the early stages and some have had extensions approved already, I believe there are risks with these Community led projects as the scheme required 20% funding and their ability to fund raise is seriously affected by COVID 19.

The 2020 Accelerated Measures (3 Tranches) have been announced and are progressing with 10% matched funding.

The 2020 scheme has not been announced at time of creation of this report, this scheme again allows for 10% of total project cost matched funding.

ORIS

The 2018 projects are all complete save the River Ara Walkway in Tipperary Town. This required an application to An Bord Pleanála and one of the conditions of the planning consent was that works on, in or directly adjacent to the river could not be undertaken until the End of Q2 2020. The DRC D fortunately have granted an extension until the End of October 2021.

2019 projects we have a number of measure 1's approved approximately €20,000 each.

Measure 2 we have one measure 2 approved in Garrykennedy to replace a footbridge and other improvements to a walkway.

Measure 3 we had one measure 3 approved in 2019 with a grant value of €500,000. This involves work across 3 districts. Carrick, Clonmel and Tipperary work is progressing well and at this point we expect to meet the project completion deadline.



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The 2019 Scheme we had 3 Community group approvals.

2 Sensory Gardens Ballyporeen and Ballysloe. These have both been completed and funds drawn down and promoter paid.

1 playground this has been hampered by Covid 19 in that the successful supplier was based in Northern Ireland and restrictions prohibited travel. It is expected to be completed by February 2020. It is hoped that BREXIT will not adversely affect the delivery of the project but we will continue to discuss with DRCD.

In 2020 all approvals were given to roads led projects (Road Safety measures). There were no community led schemes approved.

Community Enhancement Programme.

Covid 19 Emergency fund €81,831 this scheme is currently being paid to successful applicants.

2020 round 1 funding is approximately €67,777 scheme closed on the 15th of July. 151 applications were received. Successful applicants were approved for €500.

In August Tipperary County Council received a second round of funding €188971. This scheme closed on the 4th of September. One hundred and ten groups applied. Groups received between 500 and €2500.

€10,000 from CEP Round 2 matched funded from Tipperary County Council is being used to establish Community Learning Hubs.

The fund will provide specific community centres with a table, screen and sanitizing station.

Creating a range of community learning spaces across the county to enable students

across the county attending third level to have a dedicated study space.

In December 2020 Tipperary LCDC where allocated €59,048 from the 2nd Covid 19 Emergency Fund

The funding is to enable groups to embrace the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign which focusses on the themes of staying connected, switching off and being creative, and minding your mood.

The funding will be used to assist local community and voluntary groups to adapt to COVID-19, for example:

- Allow for changes to premises to provide for social distancing;
- Funding for on-line activities;
- Provision of critical social supports.

The grants may also be provided to support groups (including those involved in the community call) with day to day running costs if needed.

Joint Policing Committee

The Annual Plan for 2019 was circulated to the JPC members at the start of the year, noted at the council meeting in March and uploaded to the policing authority website at the end of March.

The JPC meeting in March was cancelled due to Covid 19.

There where Zoom meeting held on July 3rd, where it was agreed to increase the number of members to include a member from the migrant community

A steering group was established to oversee the running of the meetings.

A working group was established to look into Text Alert solutions for the county. A second

zoom meeting on September the 25th was abandoned due to technical difficulties. A third zoom meeting was held on October the 16th where the JPC gave it support to Borrisokane for the introduction of a Community based CCTV system. The final zoom meeting of the year was on the 11th of December 2020.

Each meeting the Garda Chief Superintendent review levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county.

Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly held its first Older Peoples Council and Alliance meeting in February 2020.

Roscrea Age Friendly Town

The Roscrea Age Friendly Town Alliance also held its first meeting in February 2020 and are progressing developing an Action Plan and focus on Roscrea as Tipperary's first Age Friendly Town. Tipperary County Council Planning Section are leading the design of an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Gantly Road and



Figure 1 Anne Keevy Age Friendly Roscrea with Acorn Tablet Delivery

Roscrea are one of the pilot locations for Digital Engagement with Older Adults

Age Friendly online Content

Captured for Positive Ageing week in September is a series of Age focused supports in terms of our health and wellbeing and support services including housing options, fair deal scheme, safety and security. The 19 videos are available to www.tipperarycoco.ie

Digital Connections Pilot Sites

Tipperary Age Friendly are delighted to partner with FRC and Community Groups in 10 Pilot locations across the county in the provision of digital devices and supports to address digital poverty and support the older adult in becoming confident and competent in the use of technology.

This action was supported by Tipperary PPN, South Tipperary Development Company and North Tipperary Development Company for the initial pilot location purchase of the digital devices.

In addition, over the coming months a schedule of content related to the older people will be developed with regular opportunities for engagement.



Figure 2 Cllr Marie Murphy St Pauls Clogheen, Fiona Crotty Age Friendly Program Manager and Pat Slattery Chair Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance

LGBT+ All County Guide

Tipperary Age Friendly, North Tipperary Development Company, the HSE and Clonmel Community Resource Centre have prepared an all-county guide to showcase support services for adults in relation to LGBT in Tipperary. In addition, a recording has been undertaken and will be formally launched in 2021 and will be aligned to the Positive ageing week content.



Resilience Packs

In November Tipperary Age Friendly commenced assembly of resilience and information packs for distribution to the older adult groups in County Tipperary. The packs were assembled by Catherine Fogarty and Valerie Madden in Tipperary Library and were distributed with the cooperation of Tipperary Civil Defence, South Tipperary Development Company and staff from community section to the older adult groups in the county.

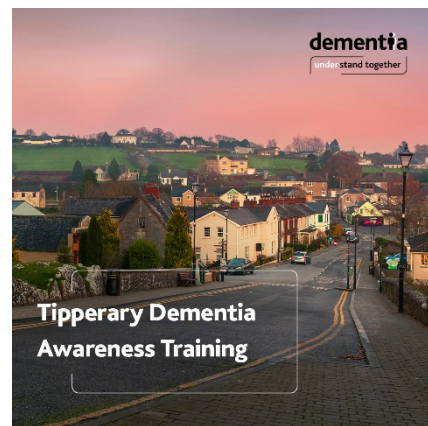


Figure 3 Catherine and Valerie Tipperary Library



Figure 4 Tipperary Civil Defence prepared for distribution

Dementia Awareness



Dementia: Understand Together in communities is led by the HSE and aims to raise awareness and increase people's understanding of dementia, to inspire the nation to stand together with those affected. We want to change the culture around dementia and help create an Ireland that embraces and includes people living with the condition. Partnering with the campaign, Tipperary County Council is embarking on the journey of making its towns inclusive. Dementia awareness training for businesses and community and sport groups as well as training on dementia inclusive design and walkability audits are part of the programme.

The outcome of this project is to ensure that people with dementia and their families are supported in our communities and to increase awareness across the county.

The project funded by Healthy Ireland and supporting the Healthy Tipperary Strategy, and Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy commenced with the Thurles MD in November and will be delivered across the other 4 MD's in Q1 2021.

Christmas Wishes to Nursing Homes



Figure 5 Anthea Conway, Tipperary County Council and Honora Kennedy Cottage Nursing Home Clonmel

Tipperary Age Friendly provided a small fruit gift basket to the nursing homes across the county to acknowledge the Christmas season 2020.

Disability Awareness

Tipperary County Council took part in Make Way Day held on September 25, 2020. This was by way of a zoom meeting hosted by

Cathaoirleach Michael Smith and was attended by Access Groups, PPN's and other interested parties where voices of people with disabilities can be heard and all groups work together on action plans to deal with local access problems in the county.



Cathaoirleach Michael Smith and Dan Downey, Disability Access Officer, Tipperary County Council on Make Way Day 2020

Comhairle Na Nóg

Thurles Templemore focussed on Mental Health for the year of 2020 they completed a survey on the effects of COVID 19 on the mental health of young people in Tipperary. This survey was then replicated nationally. They continued their support of Jigsaw and are delighted with recent progress with the set-up of Jigsaw.

The group provided assistance for North Tipperary Mental Health Week. Due to COVID 19 restrictions they adapted their plan and prepped care packs and promoted



Positive Mental Health Day online on Oct 10th. Their work was nominated for a Garda Award.

Clonmel group assisted with the Virtual Pride event in Clonmel and did promotion of the Black Lives Matter campaign.

Tipp / Cashel / Cahir worked with MTDI Drugs project on behalf of CYPSC on a project focussed on Be Safe Be Sober.

Nenagh group suffered with lack of access to internet to link in with groups.

The Carrick group focussed on Climate Action theme for the year, a lot of their work plans were delayed but they carried out surveys online to see awareness amongst young persons on climate issues.

Members of Comhairle completed a workshop with planners for the County Development plan and completed a submission for ore draft.

Members continued to engage with online Zoom meetings for local and national level.

A ICT grant was provided by the department in December that will deliver a tablet and connection to each subgroup in 2021 to improve contacting and also continue to increase social media presence for Comhairle na nÓg.

The AGM was organised by the Clonmel subgroup on Friday 4th of December a completely virtual event. 80 Young people from all around Tipperary zoomed in to the event, finding out about the work of the youth council over the past year and how they adapted and changed plans but continued to put youth issues and views forward which is part of their role. Special guests included MEP Grace O'Sullivan, Dublin footballer

Philly MacMahon, and Pat Slattery, who spoke about how important it is to have the youth voice heard at the level of decisions makers and how youth can be heard and resources can be found for those youth issues. He complemented their work to date and said he looks forward to working with them in 2021.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Tipperary PPN held it's plenary on the 26th of November and launched its Wellbeing Vision. This contains an overarching vision for county Tipperary and then a specific vision prepared by the residents in each MD.

Overarching Vision for Community Wellbeing in Tipperary "Tipperary is an attractive, inclusive, and welcoming county with community-minded people, diverse cultures and a rich heritage, where we respect and value one another. It is a positive and safe place to live. Our thriving and progressive economy is dynamic and enhanced by our strong local democracy and active community participation. Everyone enjoys a great quality of life with excellent local infrastructure, supports and services. We live sustainably and work together to protect, enhance and enjoy our beautiful environment."

Tipperary PPN continues to provide information to community groups, advice of training and grant opportunities and seek representation from the membership for structures within the county.

The PPN website contains a resource section "In this Together" which features resources for the community and for families aligned to the national In this Together campaign.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary PPN will partner to deliver training to support community groups develop their digital

capacity aligned to the Keep Well campaign in 2021 and also promote the fantastic community engagement and supports since March 2020.

Healthy Ireland

Tipperary LCDC and Tipperary CYPSC are currently administering a joint application for Round 3 Healthy Ireland funding which has 12 actions over two years with a particular emphasis on Community Mental Health. This round of funding has been extended until December 2021. Funding of €374,100 has been received. Within this there is an opportunity for local, community and voluntary groups to apply for funding up to €5,000 with €30,000 being available to administer in this fund. Application process was held in September with actions to be completed by May 2021.

Keep Well



The Government Plan for Living with COVID-19 - Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021 highlights the important role that individual and community resilience will play in contributing to our ongoing response to COVID-19.

The “Keep Well” campaign will show people of all ages how to mind their own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to their daily and weekly routines. The Healthy Ireland “Keep Well” campaign will provide guidelines,

information, and tips on things to help all to keep well through the coming months.

This Resilience and Wellbeing information is being added on www.gov.ie/healthyireland and placed under the following sections: Staying Active, Keeping Connected, Switching Off, Eating Well, and Minding Your Mood. Tipperary County Council has been allocated €67,225 and Tipperary CYPSC €18,519 for Community Resilience Programmes; these are being developed in December 2020 with activities to be completed by March 2021.

Further information in relation to the Keep Well Campaign can be found on www.tipperarycoco.ie

In this Together



Tipperary County Council and the HSE continue to publish a newsletter on a fortnightly basis focusing on positive news stories and topics of interest and supports aligned to national campaigns in the Tipperary context. The past issues can be found on www.tipperarycoco.ie and also on www.ppntipperary.ie

To provide content please email inthistgether@tipperarycoco.ie

Pride of Place

Terryglass Improvement Association were winners in their category (0-300 population) in the Pride of Place Awards. The judging of the awards as well as the presentation evening well held on digital platforms and live streamed. A presentation to the Community was made in Terryglass on December 17th by members of Nenagh Municipal District.

Pride of Place is an all-island competition that recognises improvements made by local communities to create civic pride in their area. The competition focus is about people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their area. In 2020, Tipperary County Council had 4 entries into the Pride of place Competition. The other participating Communities were Kilsheelan Tidy Towns Cloughjordan Circus Club and Age Friendly Roscrea-

Migrant Integration

Tipperary County Council have commenced work on a Migrant Integration strategy through analysis of 2016 data in relation to Migrants numbers on the country and per town. Funding of €40,500 has been granted through the National Integration Fund (Department of Justice) to progress work in the strategy and actions to promote integration of migrants in 2021.

A project to provide mental health supports for migrant groups through provision of short films in their own languages was organised in December 2020. The short videos are available in Romanian, Arabic, Polish and Portuguese (Brazilian) area available on the Tipperary County Council website under mental health

Play and Recreation & Playgrounds

Play Day was on July 4th and saw delivery of play packs to numerous Family Resource Centres, Intercultural groups & Traveller

groups. The theme was “Stay Safe, Stay home”.

Capital Play & Recreational refurbishment grant is awarded to Elm Park, Clonmel & Fairgreen Carrick on Suir.

Training was provided for General Operatives in all Districts so they can carry weekly inspections prior to lockdown.

All playgrounds reopened and remained so since June. Signage was erected in all playgrounds in relation to social distancing.



A designated hour is provided for children with additional needs and disabilities. Clogheen, Ballyporeen, Templetohy, Cappawhite & Cahir Duneske all are part of the Playground Maintenance Scheme. A complete ROSPA inspection were completed in July on all playground's community and LA owned in July.

Cap/Rapid

Littleton CAP has meets 4 times a year. It is chaired by Olive Carter from Barnardo's. There was one face to face meeting and 3 Zoom meetings this year. The current



strategy is coming to an end and in preparation for a new strategy the group is doing public consultation to gather information on what are the community requirements in Littleton.

Roscrea Community Action Partnership continued to meet in 2020- both online and physically. A subgroup on the Community Action Partnership were active in making an application to the Department of Justice for funding under the Community Based CCTV Scheme. The Youth Counselling service developed with funding provided under CAP continues to be led out in Roscrea by North Tipperary Development Company.

What's on in Tipp

<http://events.whatsonintipp.ie> is a website provided by Tipperary County Council to promote activities, events across the county. Community Groups, Local Business can promote activities and events across the county and this will become a tool for all across the county to increase awareness of the fantastic amenities and activities across the county.

Suicide Prevention & Mental Health

Mental Health Week was celebrated across the county to mark World Mental Health day on October 10th. A new group was formed in North Tipperary in 2020 to promote mental health and they organised a comprehensive programme of online events. Tipperary County Council participates and support South Tipperary Area Network (STAN). S.T.A.N. organised Dr Harry Barry to deliver two webinars in October and December, A recording of the most recent webinar can be found here

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/community-and-economic-development/recording-dr-harry-barry-webinar>.

'Minding your mood' is a theme in the keep well campaign and some excellent materials and online resources can be found under the Keep well section of the Tipperary County Council website.

Videos/short films were produced in 4 different languages (Portuguese, Arabic, Polish and Romanian) to promote mental health supports for our migrant community.

Children and Young People Services Committee

The main purpose of the Children and Young People's Services Committee is to improve inter-agency cooperation and collaboration for better outcomes for children and young people with working groups established and in operation for each of the 5 outcomes. Tipperary CYPSC will deliver on the Minding your Mood element of the Keep Well campaign targeting the 0 to 24 age cohort.

Jigsaw service has commenced their recruitment campaign and this will continue for the Tipperary service into the new year.

Tipperary CYPSC will launch its own website in Q1 2021 which will provide a signpost for service and supports in County Tipperary

Tipperary Strategic Projects Unit (Spu)

Implementation and progression of EU part-funded projects continued to progress in 2020 with partner meetings and knowledge exchange:

- SWARE (Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions) with final event held in October 2020;

- SUPER (Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets) with final event held in November 2020;
- RUR@L SMEs (Policies to develop entrepreneurship and the creation & internationalization of innovative SMEs in rural areas) will conclude in June 2021;
- CATALYST (capitalise on applied R&D expertise amongst project partners in areas of product & service design, communications technology and materials development); targeting the sectors of Food & Drink and Life Sciences) with final event held in December 2020.

Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership completed the implementation of its 2020 Operational Plan. TSP successfully secured over €720,000 for sports and physical activities in the County in 2020. It was a difficult year for the delivery of activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, TSP adapted many of its activities and its delivery methods with many programme now delivered online and virtually. Numerous campaigns were delivered to support and encourage participation in sport and physical activity throughout the year.

A number of programmes were postponed due to Covid-19 and protocols were developed by the Sports Partnership with Sport Ireland to enable activity to return. TSP also supported clubs to return to sport and sign posted clubs to the Sport Ireland e-learning programme.

TSP is working closely with Tipperary County Council on the 'In This Together' and 'Keep Well' campaigns.

TSP awarded 64 Sport Clubs funding under its annual Club Sport & Physical Activity

Development Fund, the fund included support for clubs to return to activity costs. €20,000 was allocated under the scheme. In addition, 74 Sports Clubs in Tipperary were allocated funding under a new Covid-19 Small Grants Scheme with Sport Ireland, €88,992.84 was allocated under this scheme.

The 2020 Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon took place as a virtual event on the 26th & 27th September, over 400 females registered for the Event.



Tipperary's Dorothy Wall launches Tipp Mini Marathon 2020

Bikeweek took place on the 19th to 27th September across the County with the support from TSP & TCC. 18 initiatives took place across Tipperary with over 600 participants.



Cycling Programme in Cahir as part of Bikeweek

The Blueway Inclusive project was launched as part of Bikeweek which saw 2 Tandems and 2 Hand Cycles been made available for people with disabilities to enjoy the Blueway.

TSP continues to link with TCC in the promotion and development of the Suir Blueway. Currently, working on the submission for Blueway Accreditation and supporting funding applications.

A safer cycling programme was completed with over 570 participants including participants with support from TSP, TCC & Cycling Ireland.

The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike programme was delivered with 144 preschool children taking part in 2020. A new video and visual resource to support children with special needs were developed to accompany the programme.



A reduced number of activities on the water were delivered in the Outdoor Sports Hub in Clonmel with included 4 Sit on Top Summer camps, An Adult Taster session and 3 Paddles Up School programmes and a Stand Up Paddle programme with Clonmel school completion programme. A Free Style Event was also supported in August.



SUP programme on Suir Blueway

TSP, TCC and the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre are currently commencing work on the development of a new Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town.

Orienteering was promoted including the promotion of the newly mapped areas in the County along with other outdoor activities such as walking and cycling. A new Walking

App is currently been promoted with Sport Ireland & Get Ireland Walking.

A number of programmes were planned for older adults which unfortunately had to be postponed due to Covid-19. In the absence of physical delivery, information and promotion of physical activity was promoted for older adults through varies formats including the development of a new activity resource to support physical activity was developed and distributed across the County.



A number of programmes for PWD are currently on hold until it is safe to commence them. A new activity resource was developed to support physical activity which was distributed.

TSP is working with the 3 special schools in Tipperary to support their activities through the provision of resources and information. Sports Leader training was also facilitated for one Secondary School.

In December, an Autism in Sport workshop took place via Zoom for volunteers and coaches, 20 participants. Also, a workshop on

Physical Literacy for coaches of children was also delivered via Zoom with 14 attendees.

TSP delivered Virtual exercise programmes for marginalised groups in Clonmel and Roscrea. Horse Riding and stable management programmes were delivered with Clonmel School Completion programme and YWIT.

To date, 113 participants from Sports Clubs have attended Safeguarding Training. This course is now been delivered via Zoom.

TSP in partnership with LIT is currently delivering its Special Purpose Award in Club Administration 'Running Sport Clubs'. The course is been delivered online and will finish in March 2021.

Work has commenced on the development of the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with LIT, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Cub to develop a canoeing Virtual Experience on the Suir Blueway.

3 Newsletter were distributed across Tipperary promoting TSP and its activities.

FAI

Club Development

The **FAI Club Mark** is an award based on best practice in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. Clubs start their journey at Entry Level and can progress on to become a 1-star club. Each step challenges the club to implement policies and procedures in line with best practice.

The aim of the FAI Club Mark:

- Establish minimum operating criteria for football clubs



- Provide clubs with a road map to good governance, management, and administration
- Support clubs on their Journey
- Reward clubs for achieving and maintaining high standards
- Provide recognition to clubs for their commitment and achievements
- Increase club's capacity to operate effectively and grow football in communities throughout Ireland.

Lough Derg FC, Cahir Park, Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's and Carrick United have all received the FAI Club Mark.

After consultation with clubs through emails & calls the following clubs have all applied Newport Town AFC, Peake Villa, Moneygall FC, Killavilla United AFC, Tipperary Town FC, Galbally United, Killenaule/Moyglass.

Zoom calls were also arranged with clubs to give some more information around the advantages of the Club Mark and outline the steps in the process and how we as Development Officers can assist.

Clubs currently in the process of applying

- Holycross FC
- Birdhill FC
- Cloughjordan FC
- Ballymackey FC
- Shinrone Ladies

Throughout the process we are in constant communication with clubs via calls/emails & video calls

Women's/Girls Football

Girls Football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county having girl's football within their club structures.

Coach Education

Due to Covid 19 and the restrictions we have been delivering courses online through Zoom.

PDP1

Presentation Thurles Transition Year (72 participants)
Borrisokane Transition Year (20 participants)
3 x Public Courses for Coaches in Tipperary (64 participants)

Safeguarding

4 x Safeguarding 1 (73 participants)

1 x Safeguarding 2 Children's Officer (20 participants)

1 x Safeguarding 3 Designated Liaison Person (20 participants)

Summer Soccer Schools

18 Summer camps took place in Tipperary.

Camps took place in the following clubs:

Arra Rovers FC, BT Harps, Clonmel Town FC x 2, Lough Derg FC x 2, Killenaule FC, Clodiagh Rangers, St Michaels FC, Shinrone Ladies FC, Killavilla United AFC, Cahir Park AFC, Ballymackey FC, Nenagh AFC, Newport Town AFC, Rearcross FC, Holycross FC, Peake Villa FC.

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Policy Changes & Updates

The Strategic Policy Committee met in October and December. Staff presented updates on the Climate Adaptation Strategy, Air Pollution monitoring & Enforcement and bio-diversity

Public Awareness

SME's tell their story about sustaining the Environment



Donie Comerford



Brookfield Farm



Hanna Van Aelst



Green Sheep



Relish Cafe



Zero Waste



Chous Cottage



Clogheen Mens Sheds



Revived and Retro



Galtee Honey Farm



The Apple Farm

A campaign to highlight SME's contribution to sustaining the environment and supporting climate change was held in October in association with Tipp Fm. The eleven enterprises told their story about how their businesses are evolving to meet the challenges/opportunities of climate change by reducing waste, minimising energy consumption, supporting biodiversity and contributing to the circular economy.

Examples included SMEs transforming native species, such as apple trees, the honey bee and willow trees into beautiful everyday products. Other SMEs are focusing on recycling by restoring old furniture and sourcing discarded cardboard for packaging purposes. Retailers and cafes are generating efficiencies through circular economy activities. All the businesses are profiled on the Tipperarycoco.ie website.

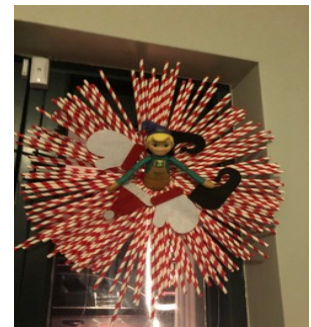
Reduce Reuse Month



Clogheen Mens Sheds once again participated in the Reduce/Re-use month by making garden furniture and flower boxes from unwanted pallets for Tidy Town Committees and schools.

Christmas Wreath Making Competition from recyclables

The Section with the support of Tipperary Museum and Workplace Partnership organised a Christmas wreath making competition for staff/elected members and their families. The brief was that the wreaths should be made from recycled materials. 27 entries were received and prizes were awarded under different age/family categories.



Waste Awareness Week



The focus of the waste awareness week was to highlight the services provided at the county's five Civic Amenity Centres, along with providing information on food waste prevention, textile recycling and greener cleaning. The Southern Regional Waste Office commissioned a series of video clips to inform households about disposing of their waste, and providing up-to-date information on reusing, reducing and recycling. The week long event ran from 30th November to the 4th December with radio interviews, website news items and social media campaigns.

Christmas tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling from the 4th January to the 16th January at the following locations



Clonmel Recycling Centre Carrigeen, Clonmel
Waller's-Lot Recycling Centre Cashel
Donohill Recycling Centre, Tipperary
Fair Green Car Park Carrick- on- Suir
Nenagh Recycling Centre, Nenagh
Roscrea Recycling Centre, Roscrea
Templemore Town Park, Templemore
Parnell Street Car Park, Thurles
Co. Council Depot Cahir Business Park, Cahir

Community Services

Bikes for Africa

A total of 45 unwanted adult bikes were collected and delivered to the Carrigeen Recycling Centre as part of the Bikes for Africa project. The initiative was run in association with Clonmel Rotary Club. The bicycles will be repaired and shipped by container to Africa and are distributed to schools in various areas. This initiative is an example of finding another use for unwanted items.

Tidy Towns and Burial Ground Maintenance Grants for 2021

Both grants will be advertised in all local papers in mid January. Pre-printed application forms will issue to all 2020 applicants on the 3rd February, 2021. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 10th March, 2021. Processing and payment of successful applications will be carried out by the relevant MD.

Dogs

A total of 292 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens in 2020. Of this number, 284 were re-homed and 6 were put to sleep. The number of dogs licensed in the county was 8,684. The section continues to work with a number of animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs and is supported by two dog shelters in Clonmel & Knockalton.

Horses

The number of horse queries processed was 80, which resulted in the seizure of 71 horses.

Abattoirs

Activities at abattoirs increased during the year due to increased local demand for meat products.

	<u>Bovine</u>	<u>Ovine</u>	<u>Porcine</u>	<u>Caprine</u>	<u>Deer</u>	<u>Abattoir Visits</u>
Total	1784	6861	77	14	2121	651

Infrastructure

Burial Grounds



Quaker Burial Ground Wall

- **Boher/Ballina:** The Part 8 Grant of Decision for new Burial Ground was approved
- **Shanrahan:** Landscaping works at new Burial Ground are completed.
- **Kilcommon:** A new boundary fence was erected & hedging planted.
- **Kilmore:** Additional lands were secured for future expansion
- **Clonmel:** The Quakers Burial Ground wall was completed
- **Rathcabbin:** Pallas/Dorrha Burial Ground refurbishments works were completed
- **Clonmel:** Construction and installation of footpaths at St Patricks Burial Ground is ongoing
- **Thurles:** The resurfacing of the access road at St Patricks Burial Ground, Thurles is progressing

Civic Amenity Sites

The number of customers visiting the civic amenity will exceed 125,000 by the end of the year, which is a 22% increase in footfall over 2019. A tender was awarded for the installation of 21 skips and compactors in the Nenagh and Roscrea Civic Amenity sites, which will improve capacity. A tender is currently being prepared for the disposal of MSW from all Civic amenity sites.

Derelict Sites

There are 39 properties on the derelict site register currently, three properties were added and five were removed during this year. The section continues to engage with property owners to render their sites non derelict, ideally with works being completed without the need to be entered on the Derelict Site Register.

Landfills

Site	Update	Next Stage
Tipperary Town	Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys are ongoing in preparation of an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.	Progress surveys and remediation design and then make application to EPA.
Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir	Preparation of Tier 2 & Tier 3 Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at four historic closed landfill sites at Dundrum and Knocklofty are ongoing.	Complete Tier 2 & Tier 3 ERA and where appropriate submit an NIS.
Thurles – Templemore	Preparation of Tier 2 & Tier 3 Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at four historic closed landfill sites at Brittas road and Monanearla are ongoing.	Complete Tier 2 & Tier 3 ERA and where appropriate submit an NIS.
Ballaghveny	The intensive groundwater monitoring programme commenced in September 2019 and is continuing. The monitoring of landfill activities to ensure compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.	Continue Regular water / groundwater sampling Ongoing operation
	Ballaghveny landfill enabling works are continuing and are expected to be complete by May 2021.	Ongoing works.
Carrick-On-Suir	Consultant appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys which will form part of the application to the Environmental Protection Agency for Certificate of Authorisation.	Progress Surveys and remediation design and then make application to EPA.

Waste Management and Enforcement

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling



reminder to the public not to discard rubbish at the sites.

Textile receptacles are now installed at 80 locations, with this number increasing to 100 in 2021. To date, 215 tonnes of textiles was collected since April. Ten illegal clothes banks were removed from sites around the county.

The contractor reported a significant increase in glass tonnages collected at the bring banks in November, amounting to 646 tonnes. This brings the total collected to date to 3585 tonnes of glass and 133 tonnes of cans. In an effort to reduce illegal dumping at bring banks, red sticker signs were placed on all receptacles as a



Waste Authorizations

Certificates of Registration:	1 Received - invalid
Waste Facility Permits:	1 Technical Amendment received - Granted
	1 New application received – pending decision
	3 Site visits carried out as part of pre application for 2021

Annual Environmental Returns 2019

	Authorized	Submitted a return	Validated	In Progress Refused/ Nil return	Outstanding
Waste Facilities	38	33	32	2	2
Private Collectors	67	62	57	6	3

Household Waste Inspections

A total of 279 households were contacted to provide confirmation of a Waste Refuse Service, the breakdown is as follows:

	Nenagh MD	Thurles MD	Tipperary Cashel Cahir MD	Clonmel BD
Households Surveyed	15	146	71	47
Compliant No	9	120	50	37
Compliant %	60%	82%	70%	79%

Litter Fines

Litter Fines 2020	Fines Issued	Cancelled	Paid	Outstanding	Legal Proceedings
Tipperary MD	5	1	2	2	
Tipperary	131	38	78	13	2
Nenagh MD	1	0	1	0	
Nenagh	21	3	16	2	
Carrick MD	0	0	0	0	
Carrick on Suir	37	1	34	2	
Thurles MD	3	0	1	2	
Thurles	6	2	4	0	
Clonmel	9	5	2	2	
Total	213	50	138	23	2

Enforcement Actions

28 Waste Enforcement Notices were issued, 21 are compliant, and 7 are progressing with 3 proceeding to Court in 2021. 3 Prosecutions were undertaken in 2020, one for non-payment of a litter fine and two for contraventions under the Waste Management Act.

Climate & Energy Update

Climate Adaptation Strategy

A progress report of the actions listed in the Climate Adaptation Strategy was completed. Of the 51 actions identified, 37 are progressing, two were completed and the remaining 12 relate to national initiatives. The projects include the upgrade of the public lighting to LED, the completion of road works related to climate actions, the retrofitting of 6 houses to superhome standards, a business continuity plan in the event of disruptions to critical services and securing additional funding from National & EU funding streams. The Eastern & Midland CARO will commence the training programme for staff and elected members in January. A five year Climate Action Plan to include both adaptation and mitigation measures must be prepared by each local authority, as directed in the Climate Action & Low Carbon Bill.

Sustainable Tipp

A review of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan 2017-2020 has commenced and will include a report and infographics of achievements delivered to date. In maintaining a level of continuity with the various agencies that are part of Sustainable Tipp, it was agreed to extend the SEAP for a further 18 months until such time as the New Climate Action Plan is prepared and adopted.

Environment Management Information System

A contract was awarded following a tendering exercise to install an Environment Management Information system to monitor the hourly energy usage across the 15 Local Authority buildings with the highest energy costs, with the aim of reducing energy costs and consumption. Tipperary Energy Agency will review and track usage from a series of dashboards and reports and recommend changes to practices

EV Charging Infrastructure

The tender for the installation of the EV charging infrastructure will be awarded and installed in January.

Community Virtual Power Plant



The installation of the 250kW of PV arrays at the four sites, Roscrea and Thurles Leisure Centers Thurles MD and Ballaghveny is now completed. As a result Tipperary County Council has doubled its solar panel capacity to 442kW which also increases the energy units

sourced from renewables. Any excess electricity generated at the sites will be sold to Community Power, a community-owned renewable energy supplier. A further dimension to this project is the installation of a battery storage and energy management system at the Roscrea Leisure centre which will increase the electricity generated for export to the grid.

Environment Protection

Air Pollution

The Environment section ran a public awareness campaign including radio interviews, newspaper adverts and a social media campaign to improve awareness of air quality issues and to encourage greater use of approved and low smoke fuel. Given the significant public health benefits of good local air quality in our towns and cities, increased awareness in this area is a key factor in the strategy required to protect public health.



Air Quality Campaign

The inspection plan for solid fuel regulations was completed in December with very encouraging feedback from fuel merchants that the public were choosing low smoke fuels which helps improve air quality.

Air Pollution Act – Licensing – Enforcement

Sector	No. Inspections
Dry Cleaners & Pharmaceutical Sector (small scale use)	5
Vehicle Refinishers	13
Solid Fuel regulation	10
Petroleum Vapour Regulations	17
Quarry	1 Licence Application processed

No Enforcement Actions were taken in this category in 2020

Water Pollution /Agriculture

Sector	No. Inspections
Agriculture	108
Section 4 Facilities	141
WFD Sampling	800
Catchment Assessments	3
Nutrient Management Plans	23
Drinking Water Source Protection	8

13 Section 12 Notices & 1 Warning letter & 1 Section 34 were issued.

2 Legal Actions (S12 WPA & S34 WMA) were deferred by the courts to 2021

Source Protection

A Drinking Water Source Protection plan was drafted for review

Water Quality

There are 210 surface water bodies in Tipperary, of which 112 are classified as being at risk, 62 not at risk and 36 are under review. LAWPRO and the Environment & Climate Section will implement restoration and protection measures in the rivers listed below under the 3rd Cycle of the Water Framework Directive.

River/Catchment	Lead Authority Area for Action 2021	Function
Suir - Multeen	Tipperary Co.Co	Protect
Kings	Tipperary Co.Co	Protect
Upper Nenagh	Tipperary Co.Co	Protect
Suir Lower	Tipperary Co.Co	Protect / Restore
Ara	LaWPRO	Restore
Aherlow	LaWPRO	Protect/Restore
Lingaun	LaWPRO	Protect
Suir	LaWPRO	Protect
Cauteen	LaWPRO	Protect/Restore
Lower Nenagh & Clare	LaWPRO	Protect/Restore
Lorra	LaWPRO	Protect/Restore
Bilboa	LaWPRO	Protect/Restore

The aim is to protect the water quality in these catchments and prevent further deterioration. Planned activities include the targeted annual monitoring programme which is part of the annual RMCEI Plan and periodic review of water quality trends (chemical and biological analysis).



Septic Tank Inspections

Septic Tank inspections were deferred due to COVID, with 61 planned for 2021. The team will also assess grant applications under the Departments new grant criteria which includes septic tank systems identified by LAWPRO within Prioritised Areas for Action and those located within a High Status objective area.

Planning Referrals

92 Planning applications were reviewed to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

Projects

A Mapping project was undertaken to assist in the delivery of our overall objectives in the following areas

- Nutrient Management Plans Mapping
- Mapping of IPCC Licensed Piggeries and associated Piggery Spread lands
- The delineation zones for drinking water source protection and catchment assessments

Open/Closed Complaints 1st January – 31st December 2020

Complaint Description	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel		Thurles		Nenagh		Clonmel		Carrick-on Suir	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	11	59	4	23	2	14	4	39	1	11
Burial Grounds	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derelict Sites	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
Dog Control	6	126	4	121	11	118	1	70		44
Litter	13	342	17	213	11	272	12	223	10	149
Noise	6	2	5	11	7	3	3	3	3	4
Veterinary	2	18	0	7	1	6	0	9	0	2
Waste Enforcement	3	16	5	12	7	18	4	6	0	11
Water	7	15	3	14	4	24	2	9	3	4
Complaints Open	51		39		43		28		17	
Complaints Closed		579		402		456		359		225
Total Received		630		441		499		387		242



WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2024:

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3) to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This incorporates Irish Water's Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. The CRU's determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled *Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024)*.

This Decision Paper was issued against the backdrop of the new funding model for Irish Water brought about by:

- the Water Services Act 2017;
- the publication by Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, of the Water Services Policy Statement on 21 May 2018, and
- his approval of Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan 2019-2024 on 08 November 2018.

The Decision Paper was accompanied by Irish Water's Updated Investment Plan 2020-2024, entitled *Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 to 2024 Updated Investment Plan for CRU Review*, submitted by Irish Water in November 2019 to the CRU for review.

In April 2020 Irish Water submitted a further capital funding request to the CRU, which was reviewed in its entirety by the CRU. Having considered this request, the CRU, on 04 August 2020, published its Decision Paper entitled *Update to Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3.5) - Irish Water's Updated Capital Investment Plan*. This Decision Paper took into account evidence related to commitment dates for projects that Irish Water plans to deliver in the period and information provided by a review of Irish Water's capital planning processes by Scottish Water International.

The Update sets out the total revenue that Irish Water can receive, through government subvention and from customers, to cover its efficiently covered costs during the period 2020-2024. This Decision Paper should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned Decision Paper published on 05 December 2019.

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, www.cru.ie.

Investment is prioritised where it can deliver the most urgently needed improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, water availability, wastewater compliance, efficiencies and customer service.

The table hereunder provides an update of the current status of capital projects in County Tipperary.



Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary:

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Consultant	Contractor	Current Scheme Status
Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 (Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines) (Contract Cost €9.5M)	Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 Design Build Operate (DBO) Water Treatment Plant at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	Glan Agua Limited	Completed.
Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme (Contract Cost €2.27M)	Mechanical and Electrical Works at Ballylooby Springs at Scart East, Ballylooby, including Reservoir at Kilroe, Ballylooby	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	Response Engineering (part of Ward and Burke Limited)	Completed.

B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design	Contract Name	Current Scheme Status
Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Water Abstraction, Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines)	Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme – Water Intake Works, Water Treatment Plant, Reservoirs and Pipelines (Design Build Operate (DBO) Contract)	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited Engineering Consultant. The main scheme is currently delayed due to issues with awaited abstraction licence legislation. Irish Water is to progress an alternative project involving increasing the supply from the Monroe wellfield into Clonmel. Irish Water to issue full details shortly.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water reviewing Draft Drainage Area Plan.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water reviewing Draft Drainage Area Plan.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year	Wastewater Treatment Plant and	Irish Water appointed EPS Contractor/Consultant. Planning



operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Network Upgrade	application documents and EIS estimated to be submitted in Q3/4 2021.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants to prepare Drainage Area Plan for Irish Water. Model due for completion in Q1 2021.
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant to progress with full design, EIA and planning documentation. Preliminary surveys ongoing. Planning Application estimated to be submitted in Q1 2021.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Irish Water submitted Planning Application to Tipperary County Council for proposed plant upgrade on 18 December 2020.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing.

In 2020, Irish Water restructured the delivery of the Investment Plan into three streams, as follows:

- (1) Water Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to water treatment plants, water quality, trunk watermains, reservoirs, energy efficiency and dam safety;
- (2) Wastewater Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to wastewater treatment, sludge management, trunk networks and drainage area plans; and
- (3) Networks Portfolio includes leakage reduction programme, water networks regional contracts, growth and development programmes and sewer rehabilitation.

The above table lists those projects in County Tipperary which form part of the water and wastewater portfolios.

In respect of the Capital Delivery element of the Investment Plan, these ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, by identifying where funding is most needed through a focus on specific asset condition and performance, identifying root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programme addresses issues such as:



- water quality;
- water availability;
- health and safety;
- environmental regulatory compliance (per the Environmental Protection Agency);
- public health and environmental risk;
- energy efficiency; and
- maintaining levels of service through addressing underperforming assets.

All projects put forward by Tipperary County Council are reviewed by Irish Water before approval.

As part of Capital Delivery, projects are underway in County Tipperary under a number of headings. The following update describes the current position on a number of these projects in relation to water and wastewater.

(A) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WATER):

Irish Water has established a new contractor framework to replace the existing frameworks and has appointed Shareridge Limited to the Mid-West Region which covers Counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare.

The scope of services covered by this framework includes the following:

- new watermains and service laying;
- below ground network rehabilitation work;
- backyard lead replacement;
- District Metering Areas (DMA) establishment;
- pressure reducing valves (PRV) works; and
- minor works to include leak repair, public side lead works and metering.

(1) Watermains Rehabilitation Works:

- 1) 2020 works: Ballinard Bridge, Fethard (0.163km); Abbey Road/Marlfield Road, Clonmel (1.68km), Davis Road, Clonmel (0.48km); and Templetuohy (0.51km).

Construction completed at Ballinard Bridge, Fethard and at Abbey Road, Clonmel.

- 2) Back Yard Services replacement ongoing at Tipperary:

The project began with Phase 1 works to replace 220 number lead shared services in the following locations: Marian Terrace, Saint Michael's Avenue, Cashel Road, O'Connell Road, Dillon Street, Saint Patrick's Avenue and Dawson Villas. This phase of works is the first to be approved of the planned 3 phases which, subject to Irish Water approval, aim to progress the removal of almost 1,000 back yard lead services from Tipperary Town Water Supply.

The process of transferring the water supply from the rear to the front of each dwelling is a slow procedure which will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected. It is planned that the removal of all the back yard services will add to the quality and sustainability of the water supply to Tipperary and reduce leakage, in a major way, in the old lead and cast iron pipes.

- 3) Back yard services replacement in Thurles completed.



- 4) 1km of new watermains completed from Tully's Cross to Birdhill.
- 5) First Fix programme is ongoing.

(2) National Disinfection Programme:

Irish Water is undertaking a National Disinfection Programme. This Programme will:

- improve drinking water quality;
- ensure compliance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended;
- remove supplies from the Remedial Action List (RAL) as maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency;
- reduce the risk of the issue of Boil Water Notices or the formation of trihalomethanes (THM); and
- provide improved control of the disinfection systems.

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:

This stage involves the assessment of the condition and performance of the existing disinfection systems at water treatment plants across the country. This will determine the works required to ensure that the treatment plant disinfection process meets the specified requirements.

Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:

Some of these works may include upgrade of chemical storage and dosing infrastructure, upgrade of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems, upgrade of monitoring systems and generation of Critical Process Alarms.

The following update describes current progress on the National Disinfection Programme in County Tipperary in respect of Phase 2 Necessary Upgrade Works at various locations throughout the county:

- (i) Works ongoing at Lingaun Coalbrook, Cordangan, Crotty's Lake and Stooke.

(B) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WASTEWATER):

Irish Water has appointed AECOM (Project Management) and Terra Solutions contractor to carry out sewer network rehabilitation works as part of regional sewer rehabilitation projects. The scope of works within each regional contract will be defined gradually through inputs from Water Services engineers, closed circuit television (CCTV) surveys, etc., to identify and prioritise asset upgrade requirements.

No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

Foul sewer rehabilitation works have taken place at Father Sheehy Terrace, Clogheen and at Market Place, Clonmel during November to December 2020.

(1) Wastewater Inlet Works, Storm Tank and Sludge Programme:

Irish Water has procured J.B. Barry and Partners Limited as Engineering Consultants to assess a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to assess if the provision of new inlet works, storm tank, sludge treatment (or combination of these) would be worth progressing to improve plant operation. The sites identified are Borrisokane, Kilsheelan, Holycross and Limerick Junction. A preliminary design review is ongoing. The provision of any identified works will require a prior grant of permission from Tipperary County Council as planning authority.



(2) Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme:

A Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme is underway at a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county.

(3) Provision of Chemical Bulk Storage Tanks:

The provision of chemical (ferric sulphate/chloride) bulk storage tanks is planned for a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county.

(4) Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme:

Under the Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme, the wastewater treatment plant at Carrick Street, Mullinahone was identified for improvement works. A grant of permission issued to Irish Water by Tipperary County Council, as planning authority, on 25 September 2018 to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, to include construction of inlet works, new process units and below ground storage tanks, landscaping and associated ancillary works including new below ground pump chambers and pipework.

The documentation submitted by Irish Water with the planning application indicated that the population equivalent of the agglomeration of Mullinahone is 608. Consequently, it is in receipt of a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The above works are substantially complete; however, redesign of the settlement tanks is ongoing and it is expected to be constructed in Q1 2021.

(5) National Certificate of Authorisation Programme:

Wastewater treatment plants which serve an agglomeration where the population equivalent is less than 500 are in receipt of a Certificate of Authorisation from the Environmental Protection Agency as the environmental regulator. Those plants serving a population equivalent in excess of this threshold are in receipt of a licence from the environmental regulator.

Irish Water has a National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). Pursuant to this programme, feasibility studies and site investigations are underway in relation to a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county which are in receipt of the said certificate of authorisation.

IRISH WATER NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES PLAN:

The Irish Water National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Ireland's first 25-year strategic plan enabling us to move towards safe, secure, reliable and sustainable water supplies for all of Irish Water's customers and communities, whilst safeguarding public health and the environment.

Irish Water has published its Draft Framework Plan, the first phase of its National Water Resources Plan, for public consultation.

The NWRP aims to safeguard public health, facilitate growth and meet the challenges of climate change over the next 25 years.

For the first time, the NWRP will provide a country-wide analysis to identify the water we have, the water we use, the water we need and any potential risk to water quality. It sets out the methods and options to meet these shortfalls in a resilient and environmentally sustainable way and is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and a Natura Impact Statement, which looks at how the Plan considers its impact on the environment.



The NWRP will:

- calculate the demand for water from homes, businesses and industry now and into the future;
- assess the amount of water available in existing supplies;
- assess the impact of weather events such as drought on our water supplies; and
- identify areas where there is not enough water supply to meet demand, or where there is a risk to water quality.

A 10-week public consultation seeks feedback on the Irish Water NWRP Draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports from 08 December 2020 until 16 February 2021. Following this consultation period Irish Water will finalise and adopt the Framework Plan and commence the Phase 2 development of four Regional Water Resources Plans which will set out the options to address identified needs across all of Irish Water's supplies. Irish Water will be again seeking the public's views as each of the Regional Plans will be subject to public consultation.

The reports can be viewed at the Planning Office, Civic Offices, Nenagh during normal working hours. They can also be viewed online and downloaded at www.water.ie/nwrp.

Comments and feedback may be sent to Irish Water as follows:

Email: nwrp@water.ie

Post: National Water Resources Plan, Irish Water, PO Box 13216, Glenageary, Co. Dublin.

For more information please visit www.water.ie/nwrp.

IRISH WATER SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES PROGRAMME:

Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3) Investment Plan 2020-2024 includes the Small Towns and Villages Programme (STVGP). This programme is primarily intended to provide capacity in wastewater treatment plants to cater for growth in smaller settlements which would not otherwise be provided for in the current Investment Plan. The STVGP is limited to supporting growth in settlements already served by Irish Water infrastructure.

On 27 July 2020 Irish Water notified Tipperary County Council that 7 settlements in County Tipperary had been identified for inclusion in the STVGP. These are: Cloughjordan, Golden, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Lisvarrinane, Newcastle and Silvermines.

Tipperary County Council has submitted supporting information in relation to these settlements and a workshop for Planning and Water Services staff took place with Irish Water on 11 November 2020 to discuss the above settlements, possible solutions and cost estimates.

Final decisions on which projects progress will be made by Irish Water. At that stage, Tipperary County Council will be notified of the successful project(s) which will then be progressed as per Irish Water's capital investment delivery processes. It is anticipated that Tipperary County Council will be notified of successful projects on a staggered basis from Q1 2021 as project details are agreed.

CONCLUSION:

It should be noted that progression of the above projects is dependent on Irish Water and on the availability of the resources necessary to deliver same. Engagement by Water Services with Irish Water is ongoing in respect of the above.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:

On 03 July 2019 the CRU published its Decision on Irish Water's Non-Domestic Tariff Framework. The purpose of the framework is to generate a harmonised suite of tariffs for non-domestic water and wastewater customers. A harmonised approach will benefit Irish Water's customers in terms of transparency, simplicity and equity. The framework sets out the "rules" for how tariffs are designed and how customers will be transitioned to their new tariffs over time, as well as the new non-domestic tariff rates.

This framework of charges will replace the existing charges, which had been set by each local authority prior to 01 January 2014. The new charges will be on a national basis, i.e. there will be no local variation and they will have a fixed and a variable element. Existing billing frequencies will remain as they are until Irish Water carries out a review. Details of the new charges are provided at <https://www.water.ie/for-business/billing-explained/charges/> and an executive summary is available at <https://www.cru.ie/cru-publishes-decision-on-new-tariffs-for-irish-waters-non-domestic-customers/>.

The new non-domestic charges were to take effect on 01 May 2020 but have been deferred. The CRU, in conjunction with the then Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Irish Water, announced on 31 March 2020 that it had agreed to approve Irish Water's proposals to defer the implementation of the new non-domestic tariff framework for business customers, to 'a future point in time', in recognition of the potential financial difficulty for non-domestic customers over the succeeding months. The CRU further announced on 02 November 2020 that the new tariff framework for Irish Water business customers will now be introduced on 01 May 2021. Irish Water will write to all business customers in early 2021 outlining what the changes mean for them.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH IRISH WATER:

Workshops with Irish Water for the elected members have taken place at the Civic Offices, Thurles on 27 October 2017, 12 April 2018, 02 October 2018, 03 April 2019 and on 30 September 2019.

The most recent workshops have been conducted on a District basis during the period from 28 September 2020 to 06 October 2020, with remote connection by representatives from Irish Water and the facility for remote connection by the elected members also.

Arrangements for further workshops and engagement by Irish Water with the elected members are the subject of ongoing discussions with Irish Water.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:

The Rural Water Programme principally covers the following:

- (i) group water schemes; and
- (ii) group sewerage schemes, the provision of which requires the active participation of the householders concerned.

The focus of the Rural Water Programme for 2020 in respect of group water schemes is to address remaining inadequacies in the quality of drinking water so as to ensure compliance with the priorities set down in the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended, through:

- (i) the provision of treatment and disinfection facilities;
- (ii) source protection measures; and
- (iii) the rehabilitation and upgrade of distribution systems.



The unprecedented national circumstances occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic paused much of the civil works activity. Whilst this has recommenced, progress is slow. With social distancing requirements it has been impossible to hold meetings required for the scheme amalgamation and rationalisation process.

Progress on the above programme of work was reviewed by the Rural Water Committee at its meeting at Civic Offices, Nenagh, on 21 October 2020, with some members in attendance by remote connection, and will be further reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting which is scheduled for 12 January 2021.

Capital Grants for Group Water Schemes:

Group Water Schemes carried out various projects in 2020 despite the unprecedented national circumstances occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. A major focus of the Rural Water Team in Water Services was the upholding of public health advice (e.g. wearing face coverings, the use of sanitisation, the provision of signage, adherence to physical distancing, etc.) in the carrying out of these works.

Several Measures were engaged as follows:

Measure No.	Description	No. of Group Water Schemes	Amount Invested
M1	Source Protection	2	€21,342.55
M2a	Public Health Compliance	6	€38,335.66
M2b	Amalgamation and Rationalisation	7	€169,052.34
M3a	Enhancement of existing schemes	2	€14,719.52
M5	Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes	1	€8,115.25

Annual Maintenance Subsidy for Group Water Schemes:

Annual Maintenance Subsidy (AMS) payments, in 2020 up to 14 December 2020, amounted to €579,724.54 distributed over 69 group water schemes. This is the first year Tipperary County Council has had an application for Advance Annual Maintenance Subsidy, payment of which (€4,365) is included in the total payments. An Advance AMS can be paid where a group water scheme is experiencing financial issues. It is calculated at 70% of the previous year's AMS.

The Rural Water Team continues to work with all group water schemes and with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes to ensure that schemes' reliance on this Advance AMS is minimised.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Rural Water Team has been in contact with group water schemes accepting electronic submissions and responding electronically where possible. Group water schemes are allowed to submit claims despite being unable to hold an annual general meeting and where it has not been possible to present audited accounts to members at an annual general meeting. Such schemes are to ensure that, at the earliest opportunity, annual general meetings and presentations take place. This year the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (renamed from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 29 September 2020) had set a closing date of 20 October 2020 for receipt of recoupment claims from Tipperary County Council. However, this date was brought forward to 01 October 2020. Payments to group water schemes after that date cannot be recouped until 2021.

Alia:

The Rural Water Programme also covers the following grant schemes and expenditure on these grants is recoupable from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage:



- (a) grants payable pursuant to the Housing (Private Water Supply Financial Assistance) Regulations 2020 for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house (known as well grants);
- (b) grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013, which Regulations have been superseded by the:
 - (i) the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Financial Assistance) Regulations 2020;
 - (ii) the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Financial Assistance for Prioritised Areas for Action) Regulations 2020; and
 - (iii) the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Financial Assistance for High Status Objective Catchment Areas) Regulations 2020(known as septic tank grants);

and

- (c) grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016 (known as lead piping grants).

It should be noted that the assessment of the applications under the grant schemes at (b) above, including site inspections, are carried out by the Environment and Climate Action Section.

Further details on these schemes follow:

Revised Private Well Grant:

A revised Private Well Grant Scheme is now in place and operating from 05 June 2020.

Conditions are largely unchanged and the Scheme is still demand-led. The Scheme has an appeal system built into it. There are 3 headings under which an application may be made:

Treatment: installing an ultra-violet (UV) system, pre-filter system, iron or manganese, etc. filter:
100% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €1,000.

Upgrade: New pump, pressure vessel, structure and electrics of pump house:
85% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €3,000.

New source: drilling, dressing, sealing well head:
85% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €5,000.

An applicant can apply under any of these headings or combinations as follows:

Treatment and Upgrade or Treatment and New Source.

An applicant **cannot** apply for both New Source and Upgrade.

Applicants under the former scheme can withdraw their application and re-apply under the revised scheme only where their work has not commenced. In some cases it is financially beneficial to remain on the former scheme, for example, where one is installing more than one treatment system. A UV system, of €850 approximately, plus iron and manganese filter, €1,400 approximately, will give a total cost of c. €2,250. The maximum grant payment of €2,031.58 would be payable under the former scheme; under the revised scheme only €1,000 would be payable. These along with other queries have been raised with



the Department. It is the applicant's decision to withdraw, or not, from the former scheme. Twelve applications have been withdrawn and these are, of course, applicants who are drilling new sources.

Well Grants:

Payments amounted to €160,312.79 at 14 December 2020 with grants paid to 68 applicants.

These payments consist of:

Former Scheme: €74,598.48: 60% at the maximum grant of €2,031.58; and
Revised Scheme: €85,714.31: 59% at the maximum grants (either €5,000 New Source; or €1,000 Treatment).

132 Applications for Private Well Grant aid have been received: 101 under the revised Scheme and 31 under the Former Scheme. The revised scheme became effective on 05 June 2020. 113 Approvals have issued.

Septic Tank Grants (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems):

No applications have been received in 2020 up to 14 December 2020.

The Domestic Wastewater Treatment System Grant Scheme has also been revised. There are now 3 headings under which an application can be considered. Technically, the conditions are unchanged. The income limit has been removed. The maximum grant payable has increased from €4,000 to 85% of eligible costs or €5,000 whichever is the lesser figure.

Each of the following is a separate scheme and an applicant cannot be assisted under a combination of these schemes. Each scheme requires the applicant to have registered the domestic wastewater treatment system with *Protect our Water* by 01 February 2013; where the dwelling was erected after that date, the applicant must have registered within 90 days of connecting to the domestic wastewater treatment system.

Each scheme requires that the home is the applicant's principal place of residence (not applicable to holiday homes, for example). Each scheme has an appeal system built into it.

(a) DWWTS National Inspection Plan:

This is the most similar scheme to the former scheme with virtually no change in conditions under which an applicant qualifies and an increased maximum payable. This is not demand-led. The Environmental Protection Agency notifies Tipperary County Council of the areas where inspections can be carried out and the number of inspections to be carried out annually. Only those homeowners inspected can be considered for assistance under this scheme.

(b) DWWTS Prioritised Areas for Action (PAA):

The River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021 outlined Prioritised Areas for Action nationwide. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) promotes the scheme in Prioritised Areas for Action, identifying homes where domestic wastewater treatment systems may be a risk to water quality and notifying the homeowner in writing. This enables the homeowner to apply to Tipperary County Council to be considered under the DWWTS PAA Scheme. Receiving such a letter does not mean the homeowner must apply for a grant and carry out improvement works. Neither will this be used in enforcement proceedings. It is the homeowner's decision to pursue an application and works under the DWWTS PAA Scheme.

To apply for consideration, the homeowner forwards a completed application form, the LAWPRO letter along with a scope of works put together by a competent person, to Tipperary County Council. Staff from the Environment and Climate Action Section carry out a site visit to verify the

application for qualification purposes and the scope of works outlined by the competent person on behalf of the applicant. The applicant is advised in writing as to eligibility for the scheme and can proceed with eligible works. Once work is complete a second site visit is carried out by staff from the Environment and Climate Action Section. Where all is in order, the file proceeds to payment.

(c) DWWTs High Status Objective Catchment Area:

Potential applicants satisfy themselves that their home is within a High Status Objective Catchment Area (there is an interactive map online), then submit an application form and a scope of works prepared by a competent person, to Tipperary County Council. The Council carries out a site visit verifying whether or not this application is eligible for consideration. The homeowner is notified in writing of eligibility (or not). Where eligible, the applicant can proceed with having work carried out, which is followed by an eventual post-works site visit and processing of payment.

Lead Piping Grants:

No applications have been received in 2020 up to 17 December 2020.



Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme

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New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Policy & Practice - Review of Void Management	Voids report brought to July Council Meeting; Loan sought & approved of 4.1m	Implementation ongoing to reduce overall void numbers
Review of Housing Allocation Procedures & Potential of Choice Based Letting	Amended Draft Allocation Scheme brought to December SPC.	Workshop Jan on draft policy & draft Allocation Scheme to be presented to the February 2021 Council Meeting
Review of Housing Adaptation Grants	New Procedures for Grant Assessment & Allocation as approved at March meeting currently being implemented	Progress on new scheme to be reviewed in early 2021
New Procedures On Tenancy Enforcement	Paper prepared for Sept SPC – postponed to January 2021 SPC for consideration	To be Consider at January 2021 SPC meeting

Housing Delivery

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government identified a Target of 625 Social Housing Units to be delivered by Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Approved Housing Bodies for the period 2018-2021 as part of Rebuilding Ireland, through Build, Acquisition, and Long Term Leasing. This is in addition to separate HAP and RAS targets.

In the period 2018-2020 to date 627* units of accommodation have been provided in Tipperary or 100% of the target with 12 months of the timeline remaining. (*Up to Mid December)

The 2018-2021 Housing delivery programme continues to be rolled out with:

- Construction works on site at 11 locations providing 169 dwellings



- A further 44 dwellings with the Contractor Appointed at 4 locations
- 4 schemes at Tender Stage providing 59 dwellings
- 2 schemes to be advertised for Part 8 providing 13 dwellings in January
- 79 dwellings in the early stages of the 4 Stage Approval Process

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) & Long Term Leasing (LTL)

New RAS properties, incl Voluntary units	58
New LTL properties	21
Rent Reviews carried out 2020	219

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP Tenancies set up in 2020	426
Total Active HAP Tenancies	1861

2020 Construction Programme

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir	30	Decision Required on Third River Crossing	Stage 1 submission to Dept
Church Street, Templemore	2	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Boherclough Street, Cashel	12	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Comeragh Drive, Clonmel	2	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Castle Crescent, Nenagh	8	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Submission
Glencarrick, Roscrea	30	Re-engagement with design team	Stage 2 submission
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 Approved	Preparation of Part 8
Camphill Communities, Carrick on Suir	7	Stage 2 Approved	On Hold with Camphill
Ardcrony	4	Part 8 to be advertised in Jan	Part 8 Decision
Moyne	9	Part 8 to be advertised in Jan	Part 8 Decision
Ballyclerihan	14	Stage 3 Approved	Tender Process
Bansha	14	Stage 3 Submitted	Tender process
Donohill	8	Stage 3 Submitted	Tender Process
Two Mile Borris	23	Advertised for Tender	Stage 4 Submission
Mullinahone	10	Contractor Appointed	Delivery 2021
121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel	2	Contractor Appointed	Delivery 2021



Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles	19	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor Appointment
Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel	9	Contractor Appointed	Delivery 2021
Portroe	14	Contractor Appointed	Delivery 2022
Cormac Drive, Nenagh	12	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Mulcair View, Newport	11	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Mitchel Street, Thurles	1	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Mill Road, Thurles	28	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Borrisokane	16	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Knockanrawley, Tipperary	28	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Abbey Street, Cahir	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey, Works Ongoing	Delivery 2021/2022
Templetuohy	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Cloughjordan	2	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Kilcooley Way, Gortnahoe	5	Complete	Delivery 2020
Drummin Village, Nenagh	8	Complete	Delivery 2020
Nenagh Approved Housing Turnkey at Strylea, Fethard	3	Turnkey, Completed	Delivery 2020
Grange Road, Ballina	4	Complete	Delivery 2020
Drummin Village, Nenagh	13	Complete	Delivery 2020
Focus Ireland			
Glenconnor, Clonmel	26	Complete	Delivery 2020
Rosanna Close, Tipperary Town	18	Complete	Delivery 2020
Co Operative Housing Ireland, Ashgrove, Thurles	17	Complete	Delivery 2020
Mill River, Carrick on Suir	22	Completed	Delivery 2020
Tuatha AHB			
Longfield, Boherlahan	3	Part V, Completed	Delivery 2020
Turnkey project at Abbey View, Fethard	21	Completed	
Turnkey at An Grianan, Killenaule	14	Completed	
Turnkey at An Ardan, Borrisokane	13	Completed	
An Duiche, Tipperary Town, Respond	43	Completed	
Thurles Lions Trust, Monastery Close, Thurles	34	Completed	
Gortataggart, Thurles	2	Completed	
Mulcair View, Newport	3	Completed	
Treacy Park, Carrick-on-Suir	1	Completed	
The Barracks, Borrisoleigh	2	Completed	



Cabragh Bridge Traveller Accommodation	6	Completed
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The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments 4 stages of approval are:
Stage 1: Layout Design and confirm approval of scheme for Expenditure
Stage 2: Assess project prior to Statutory Approval Submission
Stage 3: Approve Detailed Design Solution and Pre Tender Cost Estimate
Stage 4: Review Tender Returns in advance of Contract Award

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project

Tipperary County Council is housing 45 families in 2020 as part of Ireland's international commitments arising from the humanitarian crisis in Syria. In 2019 an interagency steering group was established to assist the resettlement process and a scoping exercise was undertaken to determine the most appropriate locations to house the families. Arising from this work, four locations were identified (Nenagh, Templemore, Tipperary Town, and Clonmel). Youth Work Ireland (Tipperary) has been appointed as the implementation partner for this project. They will provide resettlement assistance for an eighteen month period and establish a support structure for the families once the project is completed. The resettlement process has begun with families settled in Clonmel, Nenagh, Templemore and Tipperary Town and will continue to roll out over the early months of 2021.

Energy Efficiency

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has allocated €1.1 million to Tipperary County Council for the retrofitting of 60 local authority-owned

houses in the county. After the works, the Building Energy Ratings (BER) of homes will typically be B2. They will be expected to be substantially cheaper to heat than similar homes heated by oil or gas.

The works are part of the Midlands Retrofit Programme and funded by the Carbon Tax. Works will typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), as committed to under the Programme for Government. This will help Ireland's efforts to combat climate change. About 40% of Ireland's energy-related carbon emissions are from buildings. The identified dwellings are being surveyed currently with works to be tendered in Q1 2021.

Housing Grants

The Council received a total allocation of €3,246,170 in 2020 for Private Housing Adaptation Grants of which €649,234 is to be provided from Tipperary County Council's own revenue resources.

The Council received a total allocation of €534,812.83 for Local Authority DPG's in September 2020 of which €53,481 is to be



provided from Tipperary County Council's own revenue resources.

Applicants who are seeking a grant for roof insulation, wall insulation, boiler and heating control upgrades, solar panels, etc should contact the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) - Tel: 1850 927000 for more information, as these works are not available under the Housing Grants Schemes.

In January 2020, the new application form and guidelines from the Department for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability schemes

were presented to the SPC. These guidelines were presented at the March Council meeting in Clonmel notifying all Elected Members of changes in the application form. Housing Grants Section continue to process and validate P1 applications only for the remainder of 2020 with a review at year end. Housing Grants completed processing the back log of P2 & P3 applications received in 2017 and are currently reviewing 2018 and 2019 P2 & P3 applications pending funding from the Department.

Grants 2020	2020 BUDGET	Total Amount Expended	No. of Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability (HGD)	€2,396,170	€2,152,262	152
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€110,000	€111,837	25
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€700,000	€689,648	122
TOTAL	€3,206,170	€2,953,747	299
Local Authority DPG Grants	€534,812.83	€583,041	28

Voids

Number Completed from 01/01/2020 to 30/11/2020	138
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The Council identified 20 long term voids as part of the loan application



in July 2020. 5 of these were completed in 2020, the remaining 15 have been assessed with tender documentation being prepared. Between bringing these long term voids back into stock and utilising the units currently held for the remainder of the Refugees, there should be a considerable improvement on void numbers by June 2021.

Vacant Houses - Position as at 1st December, 2020

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% vacant houses -v- overall housing stock
Carrick	353	34	0.6%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	861	62	1.2%
Clonmel	643	37	0.7%
Nenagh	723	45	0.9%
Templemore/Thurles	918	66	1.3%
Total	3498	244	4.7%

Offers of Tenancy in 2020

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nominations to AHBs
Carrick	64	45	8	11	39
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	128	74	19	35	13
Clonmel	78	60	6	12	2
Nenagh	91	66	6	19	8
Templemore Thurles	97	71	8	18	18
TOTALS	458	316	47	95	80

Homelessness

The Homeless service continues to work closely with those presenting as homeless. The service has been strengthened by the appointment of two Homeless Prevention Officers, one in Nenagh and one in Clonmel and the introduction of the HAP Placefinder service. In line with government policy, the focus has been very much on the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle with the use of private rented accommodation with the aid of HAP as the primary option

for homeless clients. Presently, we have 10 single clients and 5 families availing of emergency accommodation. Each of these clients is discussed at the multi disciplined Homeless Action Team where a care and case management approach is adopted to put in place an exit strategy for each client from emergency accommodation. A sub allocation team has been established to identify the most suitable housing option for those in emergency accommodation whether it is HAP, Housing First or council housing.

The Housing First model introduced in the south of the county is currently



working well - we have 10 of our most complex cases in secure accommodation with wrap around services ensuring that they maintain their tenancy . A Submission is now with the Department seeking to extend this service to the north of the county and expand the service in the south of the County.

The START programme, a 2 year pilot initiative in the south of the County, supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental health challenges. To date we have accommodated 5 such clients. Again they are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy. A similar support service was provided by a North Tipperary Intensive Support programme in the North of the county and the Council is currently engaged with this programme to ascertain how it could be mainstreamed.

The Tenancy Sustainment Service which has a county wide remit (with the recent appointment of a TSS to the Nenagh office) provides support for 40 LA tenants who need help in sustaining their tenancy ensuring that they remain in their accommodation that is suitable to their needs.

The Council will continue to work with other mainstream service providers to maximise the supports that can be provided to the most vulnerable of our clients and provide them with every opportunity to have access to a safe home. Given the success of the HAP Placefinder in the south of the county, the Council is

also seeking approval from the Department to appoint a second HAP Placefinder for the north of the county (in addition to introducing the Housing First model in the north of the county).

Buy and Renew

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. It is a companion strategy for the Repair & Lease scheme, providing additional social housing options. Buy and Renew can target the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes and assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns. The level of support with the Repair and Lease Scheme has recently increased to €60,000 and we are actively seeking a greater take up as a result in 2021

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

The Rebuilding Ireland home loan is a Government backed mortgage which was introduced on 1st February 2018. You can borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €250,000 in Tipperary. This loan offers two rate products 2.745% fixed for up to 25 years and 2.995% fixed for up to 30 years.



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications

01/01/2020 to 30/11/2020

Number of Applications Received	85
Number of Valid Applications Received	31
Number of Loan Applications Approved	13
Number of Loans Issued	11
Total Value of Loans Issued	€1,181,400

Tenant Purchase Scheme Allocations

01/01/2020 to 30/11/2020

Formal applications to purchase received	54
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	21
Sales completed	10
Total proceeds of sales received	€503,530.00

CORPORATE SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee Work Prog	Completed
SPC Scheme	Completed
Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Completed
Service Delivery Plan 2021	At Draft Stage
Annual Report 2020	At Draft Stage
Communication Strategy Implementation	Ongoing / In Progress
Social Media Policy & Protocol	At Draft Stage
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

Directorate Priorities / Updates

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on 8th December in Nenagh. The following items were discussed:

1. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2019/2020
2. Update on outstanding audit recommendations – Cora Morrissey
3. Update on Audit Plan 2020- Cora Morrissey
4. Management Report to the Council, October 2020
5. Overview of NOAC Good Practice in Local Government virtual seminar - 4th November - Clare Curley
6. Update on Health & Safety from Director of Service with responsibility for Health & Safety – Karl Cashen
7. Update from SEO Corporate on Risk Register – Ger Walsh.

Ethical Framework

This framework imposes a statutory duty on all in the service to maintain proper standards of

integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.

Annual Declaration

Under Section 171 of the 2001 Act, every member must prepare and furnish to the Ethics Registrar before the end of February, an Annual Declaration in writing containing particulars of his or her declarable interests and an undertaking that he/she has read and understood the Code of Conduct for Councillors and to have regard to and be guided by the code in the exercise of his or her functions.

Political Donations by Elected Members

31 January 2021 deadline for the reporting of political donations by elected members

Each person who, in the preceding year, was a member of a local authority is required, under section 19E of the *Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999* (as amended) (referred to hereafter as “the 1999 Act”) to furnish to their local authority, not later than 31 January, a donation statement indicating whether during the preceding calendar year the member received from the same person, a donation exceeding €600 in value. This



provision applies to each person who was a member of a local authority in 2020.

Furthermore, a member of a local authority who receives, in any particular year, a monetary donation of more than €100 must open and maintain an account in a financial institution in the State and must lodge that donation and any further monetary donations received, of whatever value, to that account (referred to as a political donations account).

Not later than 31 January in each year, a member of the local authority who was required to open a political donations account must furnish to the local authority, along with their donation statement, a statement provided by the financial institution where the political donations account was opened (under section 19D of the 1999 Act).

Annual Report 2020

Tipperary County Council is required under Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001 to prepare and adopt an annual report not later than 30th June in relation to the performance of its functions during the preceding year and shall furnish a copy of the report to each member of the Council, the adoption of which is a reserved function.

Work has commenced on the collation and drafting of the Annual Report for 2020 and a draft of the report will be submitted to the Council at its April meeting.

Service Delivery Plan 2021:

The service delivery plan for 2021 is currently being drafted and will be submitted for the consideration of the Council in early 2021. This plan will be consistent with the budgetary provisions estimated to be necessary for the

Council to carry out its functions during 2021. The adoption of the plan is a reserved function of the Council;

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims -
Period 1/01/2020 to 30/11/2020
Pothole - 76
Public Liability - 67
Total Claims – 143

Coroner Service

Statistics for period 1st Jan to 30th Nov 2020

No. of deaths reported: 439
No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 94
No. of Undertaker Removals: 119

Register of Electors:

Draft Register - The Draft Register of Electors 2021/2022 was published on 1st November 2020. The period for **Claims for Correction** to the Draft ran between 1st to 25th November. During this time the public were invited to check the register and ensure their details were accurate.

Claims List - Published on 30th November

Claims Court – County Registrar

The Claims Court was held by the County Registrar James Seymour on 14th December 2020 and all claims were allowed.

Live Register

Live Register 2021/2022 will be published 01/02/2021 and will come in to force 15/02/2021

Communications Strategy


Tipperary County Council’s Corporate Plan provides a vision for how we propose to deliver our services working with our communities, our citizens, our Councillors and our staff. Key to this is good communications across the Council to deliver our message and tell our story.

Some of the activities promoted since the last report include the following:-

Achievements October - December 2020

<p style="text-align: center;">Fire Safety Week</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Development Plan</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Contact and collect</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Local enterprise</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Tourism promotion</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Radio advert sponsored Council about Tipperary’s fight against Covid19, in conjunction with 5th year students at Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Thurles Town Rejuvenation</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clonmel BD DCYA Capital Grant Funding – upgrade works</p> 

<p>Ormond Castle Park Carrick-on-Suir Ecological and Amenity Enhancement Scheme Bee a part of it! Queries can be emailed to castlepark@tipperarycoco.ie or alternatively please phone the Carrick on Suir Municipal District office at 0761 06 5000</p>	<p>BE WINTER READY 2020-2021 A Government of Ireland initiative to provide information to the general public on issues which may affect them during the winter months in Ireland. #BeWinterReady winterready.ie @EmergencyIE</p>
<p>Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council</p> <p>Shop LOCAL TIPPERARY</p>	<p>The new Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy Nenagh</p>
<p>Win Wednesday</p> <p>IN NOVEMBER IN CLONMEL €150 WORTH OF VOUCHERS (x4€50) TO BE WON EACH WEEK WIN IN TWO EASY STEPS</p>	<p>Road safety</p> <p>Light up For Road Safety 7-8pm on November 15th 2020</p> <p>WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE</p>
<p>Tourism - Suir Blueway</p> <p>Chambers Ireland EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS 2020 Supporting Tourism Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council Tipperary County Council Suir Blueway Tipperary</p>	<p>Terryglass winner in All Ireland Pride of Place Competition 2020.</p> <p>WINNER Terryglass, Co. Tipperary</p>
<p>Waste Awareness Week</p> <p>News Eggs Juice Milk Butter Shampoo Soap Beans Soda Paper & Cardboard Rigid Plastic Tins & Cans</p>	<p>Staff Christmas Jumper day in aid of Down Syndrome Tipperary and Nenagh Lions Club</p> <p>Jingle your Jumpers Down Syndrome Tipperary branch</p> <p>Why not get your colleagues to hold a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of this great local cause to develop a lovely break family centre for our members? Wear your jumpers for the day and treat us to drinks!</p> <p>to learn about this amazing fundraiser and building project</p> <p>Text: 0800-50300</p>

Communications focus	Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion January – March 2021
<p>Arts/Events/Festivals/Heritage/Museum</p> 	<p>St. Patrick's Day festival</p>
<p>Community and Enterprise</p> 	<p>Job change or start your own business Community groups – grant application preparation</p>
<p>Environment and Climate Action</p> 	<p>Reuse and Recycle National Spring Clean Tree month</p>
<p>Fire and Rescue</p> 	<p>Fire Safety</p>
	<p>Public lighting awareness Road maintenance Eparking promotion</p>
	<p>Promotion of Housing Adaptation Grants</p>
<p>Sports Partnership</p> 	<p>'Let's Walk' Programmes - two 8-week Community Walking programmes starting in January 2021 to coincide with the #KeepWell campaign.</p>
<p>Tourism</p> 	<p>Promotion of tourism locations in Tipperary</p>
<p>Libraries Something for everyone</p> 	<p>Read/join a book club Aontas Adult Learning Seachtain na Gaeilge</p>
<p>Local Government Service Catalogue – update</p>	

The first phase of the project is completed the Local Government Service Catalogue by functional area, the cataloguing of **811** public-facing services across **Planning and Building Control, Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise, Roads and Transport, Community, Sport and Childcare, Housing, Environment, Veterinary and Cemeteries, Libraries, Corporate, Parks, Open Spaces and Public Realm, Arts, Culture, Heritage and Conservation.**

You can find draft catalogues on the LGMA website at www.lgma.ie/en/servicecatalogue



What's Next

Technology Solution

In Phase 2 of the project, a tender competition for a technology solution to support the catalogue was published in October. The tender evaluation is complete and the team hope to appoint the contractor in January 2021.

Plain English Review

The Project Team is engaging with the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) to carry out a plain English review of the language used in the service catalogue. We need to be sure that the language used in the catalogue complies with the Customer Communications Toolkit for the Public Service (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and National Disability Authority) so that the catalogue is clear, consistent and accessible for all users.

The remaining services to be reviewed for the catalogue

Functional Area	Number of Services (Estimated)
Human Resources	10
Finance	30
ICT/Digital Services	20
Fire and Emergency Services	36
Water Services	35
Miscellaneous	20

Customer Service Activity

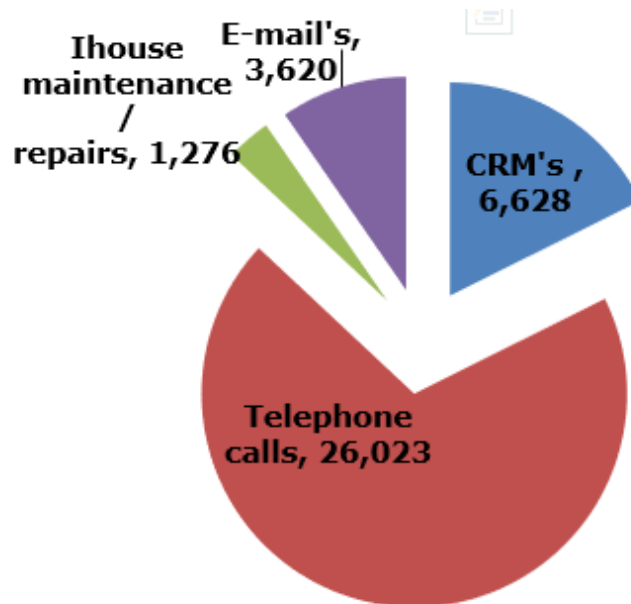
Period 1 October 2020 – 31 December 2020

CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries: -

- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

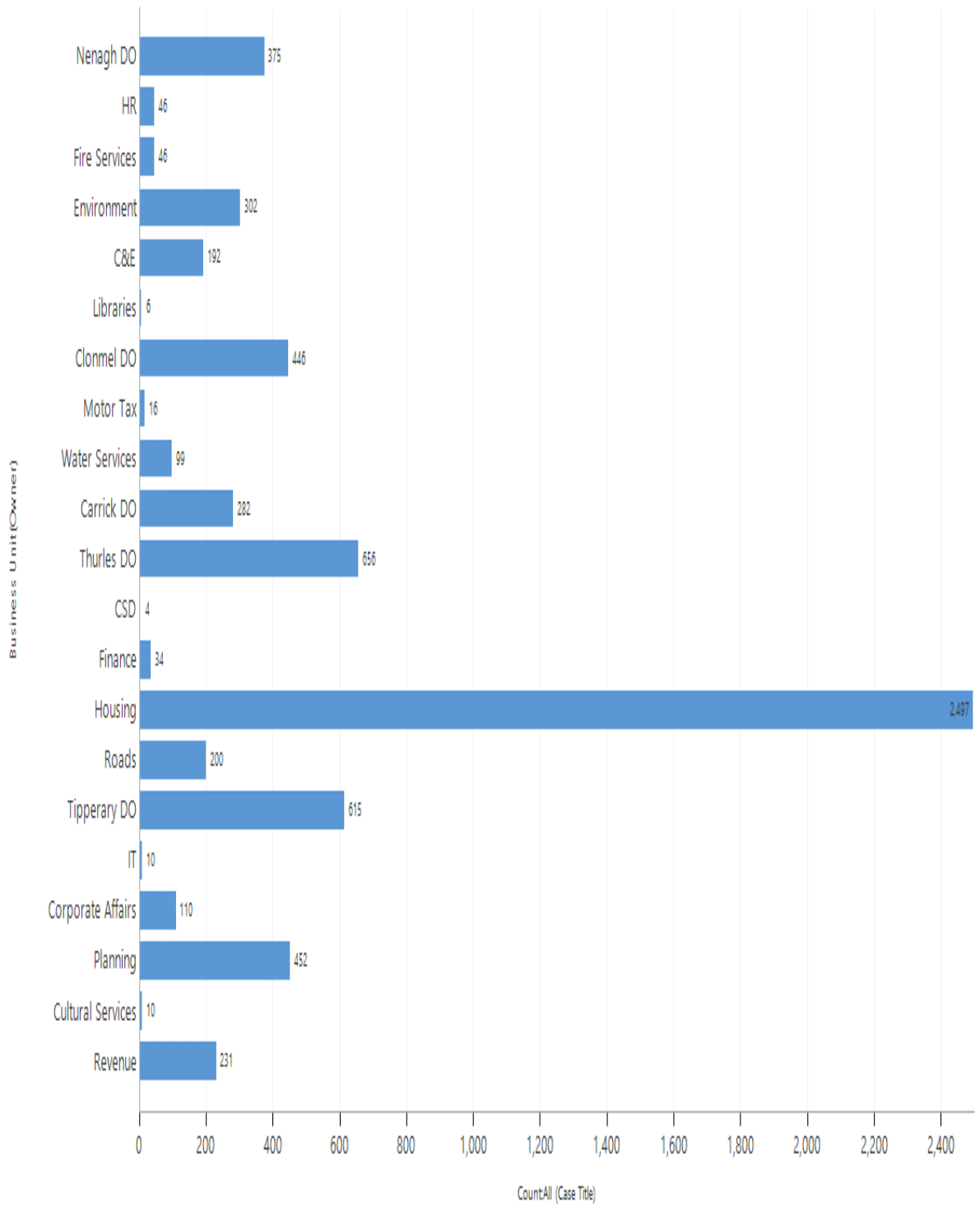
Customer Service Statistics – CSD staff

CRM's	6,628
Telephone calls	26,023
Ihouse maintenance/ repairs	1,276
E-mail's	3,620
Total	37,547

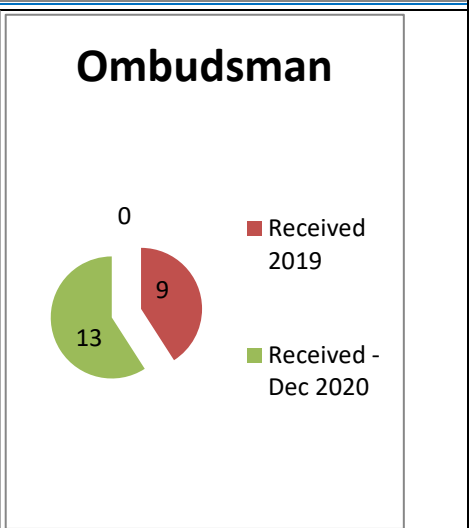
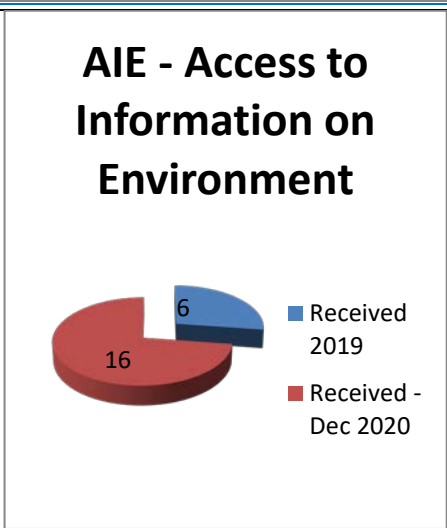
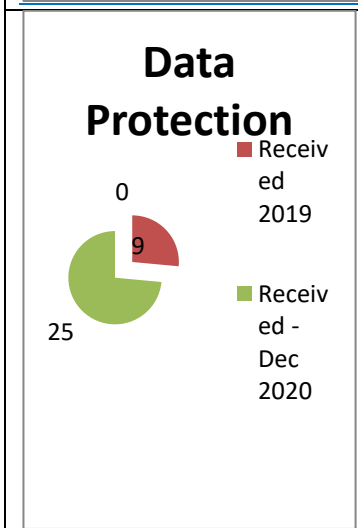
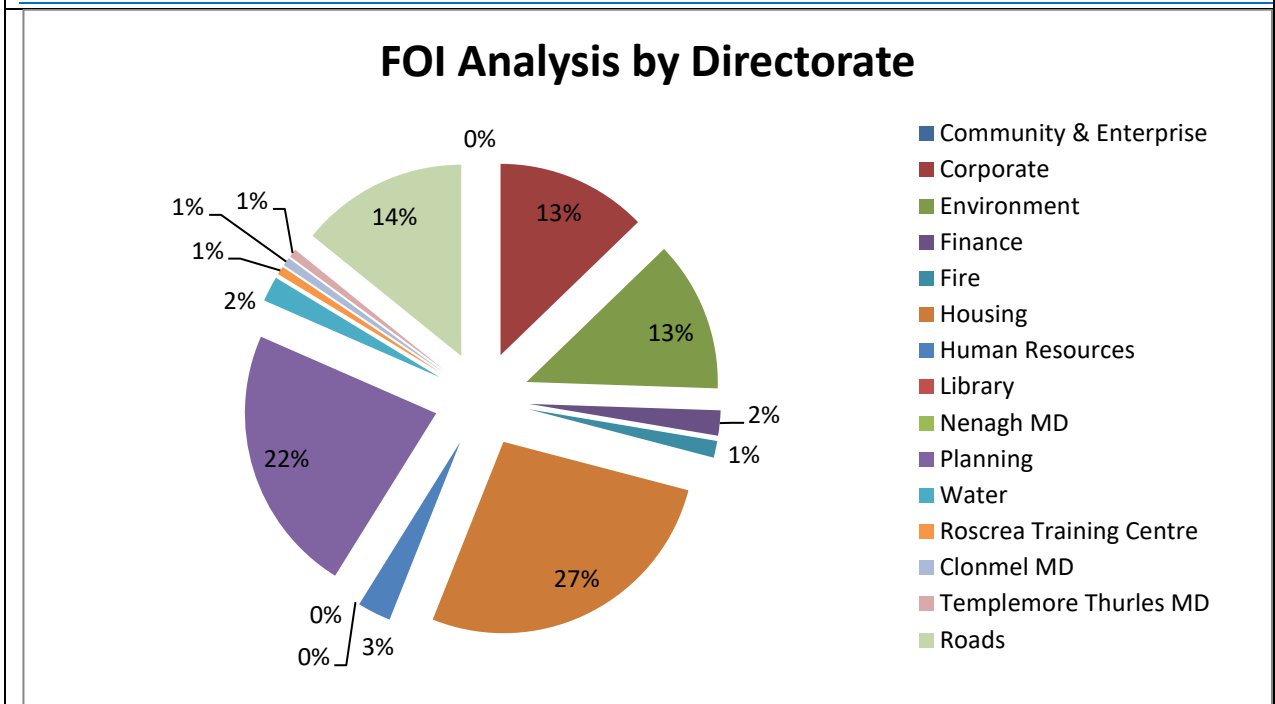
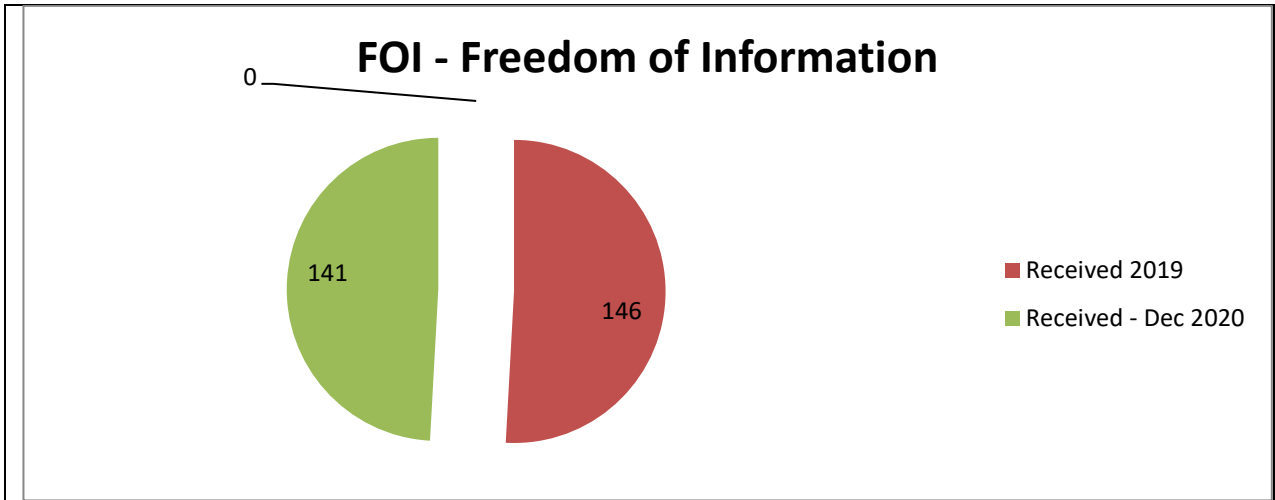




CRM – Customer Relations Management System – breakdown per Section



Information Management





Property Management

Land Disposal - Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council and managed by CPU - Period to: 30 th Sept 2020			
Year	Approved	F/I Requests	Resolved
2018	27	2	25
2019	33	3	30
2020	33	16	7

Schedule of Property Transactions o/s

Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary
 Powerstown Demese
 New Street, Carrick on Suir
 Stereame, Nenagh
 Old Courthouse, Roscrea
 Glenconnor, Clonmel
 Ballyclerihan, Clonmel
 Glenconnor, Clonmel
 Brickendown, Cashel
 Richmond Square, Tipperary Town
 Tipperary Hills, Musgasty, Tipperary Town
 Melview, Burgagary Lands West, Clonmel,
 Castlejohn, Grangemockler
 Old Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel
 Ballyrichard, Mullinahone
 Knock, Aghnameadle, Borrisoleigh
 Erasmus Smith House, Church Street, Cahir
 Knockmorris, Cahir
 Callan Street, Mullinahone,
 Newcastle
 The Mall, Templemore