



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
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2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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FOREWORD

CATHAOIRLEACH

A Cháirde,

On 29th June 2017, I was honoured to be elected 4th Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, to serve the people of this county as their first citizen.

The Council plays a huge role in the development and success of the County and while 2017 brought many challenges, it has been a very active, productive and successful year for Tipperary County Council. On being elected, my main focus was on increasing investment opportunities in Tipperary and extending the growth in Tipperary Tourism, so on reflection, it was encouraging to see the increased activity in the areas of Inward investment, Tourism and Heritage projects during 2017. This Report gives us the opportunity to reflect on the activities and achievements of the past 12 months.

Tipperary County Council continued to organise and support major festivals and events in 2017 in addition to working in partnership with other organisations to showcase the county. Annual Festivals such as Cashel Arts Festival, Dromineer Literary Festival, Terryglass Arts Festival and Clonmel Junction Festival continue to thrive. A personal highlight was the National Famine Commemoration which took place at the Famine Warehouse in Ballingarry on 30th September 2017 which featured a local element to the ceremony in addition to a programme of events leading up to the event.

I have also endeavoured to support the many voluntary and community based groups and organisations we have in this county and who do such tremendous and valuable work. Indeed, the success of Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee in winning the overall National Tidy Town Award for 2017, the best of a record 870 towns and villages throughout the country, at the Supervalu National Tidy Towns competition held in the Helix, Dublin in September and indeed the other towns within the county who achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze medals reflects the trojan work being carried out at community level in every town and village in the county and compliments the work of the Council in seeking to make Tipperary a better place for all its citizens. I was delighted to represent the Council at the Pride of Place awards ceremony in Donegal in November 2017 with Carrick-on-Suir Creative representing Tipperary County Council under the Creative Place category.

The Library Service plays an important role in contributing to recreation and amenity with 12 branch libraries throughout the county and a new school mobile library van. I was delighted to launch the Tipperary County Council Library Service Development Plan 2017-2022 outlining the vision for the Library service in Tipperary over the next 5 years.

A personal highlight was the National Famine Commemoration which took place at the Famine Warehouse in Ballingarry on 30th September, 2017

Other Personal highlights attended during the year included;

- Tipperary Culture night incorporating 26 free events ranging from art exhibitions and workshops to films, music, poetry and song, walking tours, lectures and community projects;
- MPSI Award ceremony at Dublin Castle where Tipperary County Museum were awarded the highest standard in the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland;
- The launch of our 'Postcard' inspired exhibition – "A message in Time" detailing the history of Irelands postal service;
- Attending the Annual Pakman Awards (Excellence in Waste Management and Recycling) for the presentation of the bring centre of the year finalist to Tipperary County Council;
- Attending the City and County Managers Association Annual Dinner held in Hotel Minella, Clonmel on the occasion of our Chief Executive Mr Joe MacGrath presiding as Chairman of the CCMA and the Council of the LGMA during 2017;

During my term I have had the pleasure of meeting with a number of important dignitaries namely,

- The French Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Stephane Crouzet to celebrate Bastille Day;
- The Finnish Ambassador to Ireland, Ms. Janna Teckenberg on the occasion of the 100 year Independence of Finland;
- The British Ambassador to Ireland, Mr Robin Barnett in relation to Irish / UK trade in the construction industry;
- The Chinese Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Yue Xianoyong in relation to developing twinning links between Tipperary and a Chinese Province;

I would like to thank the Chief Executive, Mr Joe MacGrath and his staff for the dedicated work that they do. The level of services which Tipperary County Council provides to the people of Tipperary would not be possible without the continued commitment of staff in every Directorate & District office of the Council. Their continued flexibility, teamwork and public service ethos have ensured that the priorities and needs of the many communities around the county are constantly being attended to.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for providing the leadership that will enable our communities to enjoy the quality of life that they aspire to and deserve. I thank all those elected members who serve on the various Strategic Policy Committee's and other committee's of the Council for their commitment and dedication to making Tipperary a better place in which to live, work and visit. I would also like to thank the Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Roger Kennedy for his consistent support during my term of office and Councillor Siobhan Ambrose and Councillor Louise McLoughlin who presided as the previous Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Is Mise le Meas,

Cllr Dr Phyll Bugler
Cathaoirleach



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE JOE MACGRATH



I am pleased to join with the Cathaoirleach in presenting the Council's Annual Report for 2017, which is the Council's fourth Report of its current term outlining our work in delivering public services and infrastructural projects during the year.

The County's economy continued to improve during 2017, with welcome increases in employment, business and tourism activity. However, the impact of Brexit and developments in the world economy have created some uncertainty.

The Council facilitates economic, social and cultural development through a range of initiatives and notwithstanding the challenges of budgetary constraints across all Directorates, I am delighted to report continued progress with many achievements and completion of worthwhile projects throughout the county in making Tipperary, a better place to live, work and invest.

Economic enterprise and Tourism were two of the main drivers during 2017 with a number of specific initiatives launched:

- A brand new suite of marketing material for Tipperary Tourism, "Tipperary, Time to take it all in", commencing a series of marketing actions to position Tipperary as a leading inland destination within the top 3 destinations in Ireland's Ancient East;
- The County's first inward investment suite of marketing material under the tagline "Tipperary, The Time, The Place". This material has been used extensively throughout the year to market Tipperary in an appropriate manner.
- The development of the Munster Vales Brand, a tourism destination of domestic and international significance incorporating the Comeragh, Knockmealdown, Galtee, Ballyhoura and Nagles mountain ranges, which has the potential to bring significant socio-economic benefits to the people of the area and provide an enhanced authentic experience for visitors.
- The Council supported the Fethard Community with Tipperary's newest visitor attraction, "Fethard Horse Country Experience", providing a unique insight into Tipperary's long history of horse breeding and positioning the medieval town as a key destination in Ireland's Ancient East;

Other initiatives during 2017 included the continuation by the Lough Derg Marketing Group of the implementation of many of the remaining objectives of the Lough Derg Roadmap including the Lough Derg Blueway.

It is the local projects that, most often, impact most on our communities and within this Annual Report you will read about the activities and progress of the Directorates within Tipperary County Council across the five Municipal Districts during 2017. Some of the highlights for 2017 under our 3 strategic themes included:

Strong Economy

- Completion of N24 Pill road, Carrick-on-Suir Rail-bridge;
- Rollout of E-Parking to nine towns throughout the county;
- New Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Innovation Investment Fund
- Launch of the "Tipperary Breakfast", a signature Tipperary breakfast from local produce;
- National Planning Framework - Ireland 2040: Our Plan - formal submission made on behalf of Tipperary Co. Council to Department of Housing Planning and Local Government on 10th November 2017
- Adoption of Settlement plans for service centres, local service centres and settlement nodes
- Taking-in-Charge of 17 Estates;
- Opening of the new District Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles, headquarters of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District and the Tipperary County Council Library Service;

Quality Environment

- Awarded Green Public Sector Organisation of the year at the National Green Awards
- Tipperary Fire and Rescue was recognised at the 2017 National Safety Awards as "Best Public Service" for the fourth year running.
- The Clonmel Recycling Centre was shortlisted for the Repak PAKMAN Bring Bank Centre award
- Launch of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan for Tipperary
- Completion of the Burncourt/Fethard Regional Water Supply Scheme.
- Over €500,000 provided to Group Water Schemes in infrastructure grants.
- €325,000 paid out in Group Scheme Subsidies.
- Tipperary County Council in partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency and Gurteen College participated in running the 'Energy in Agriculture Event' on 22nd August 2017 - over 2,500 attended
- Commissioning of a state of the art Command and Control Training facility in Clonmel Fire Training centre.
- Development of Wildflower and Landscaped Garden in Templemore Town Park which involved the removal of an unsightly disused outdoor swimming pool.
- Implementation of seven projects under the National Anti Dumping Initiative

Towards the end of 2017, we again saw the activation of the Council's Emergency Response Plans in responding to "Storm Ophelia", which hit the country with unprecedented high winds. The sheer scale of the hurricane resulted in over 350 reported incidents of trees down or road closures. The success of the Council's response can be attributed, not only to the strong personal commitment of all staff but also to the fact that staff from all sections, both outdoor and indoor contributed in a spirit of shared responsibility. I would like to convey my appreciation for the response and commitment during the event by Council Staff, Elected Members, Voluntary and Community Groups, Civil Defence, Gardai, Army, Fire Services, HSE, DSP, Red Cross, River Rescue and Local Media.

I would like to commend the Elected Members of the Council, the Corporate Policy Group for their valuable advice and guidance provided, the five Strategic Policy Committees and, in particular the work of our five Municipal Districts and all of the other hardworking committees for their continued hard

Quality of Life

- 275 projects completed under Housing Adaptation Grant schemes;
- 107 projects grant aided under the Community Facilities Scheme;
- Development of a Slalom course at Lady Blessington Weir, Clonmel;
- Excellent results in SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition with Birdhill winning the overall accolade of Ireland's Tidiest Town and Ireland's Tidiest Village;
- "Flights of Discovery" Feasibility Study completed;
- Secured funding of €91,600.00 under the 2017 Town/Village Renewal Scheme for the provision and installation of interpretive and orientation signage in Roscrea town and the extension of the Butler Trail App to Roscrea.
- Nenagh Leisure Centre was awarded a Gold Medal in the White Flag Programme and a Silver Medal in relation to accessibility (becoming one of the few local authority facilities to achieve this accreditation and the only facility in Tipperary)
- Completion of the Circular road Project in Cashel which has had a positive impact both for locals and visitors alike, with the creation of a "loop walk" from Town Centre to the Rock of Casel.
- Appointment of consultants for the design of Newport Town Park following successful acquisition of site at Mulkear View, Newport

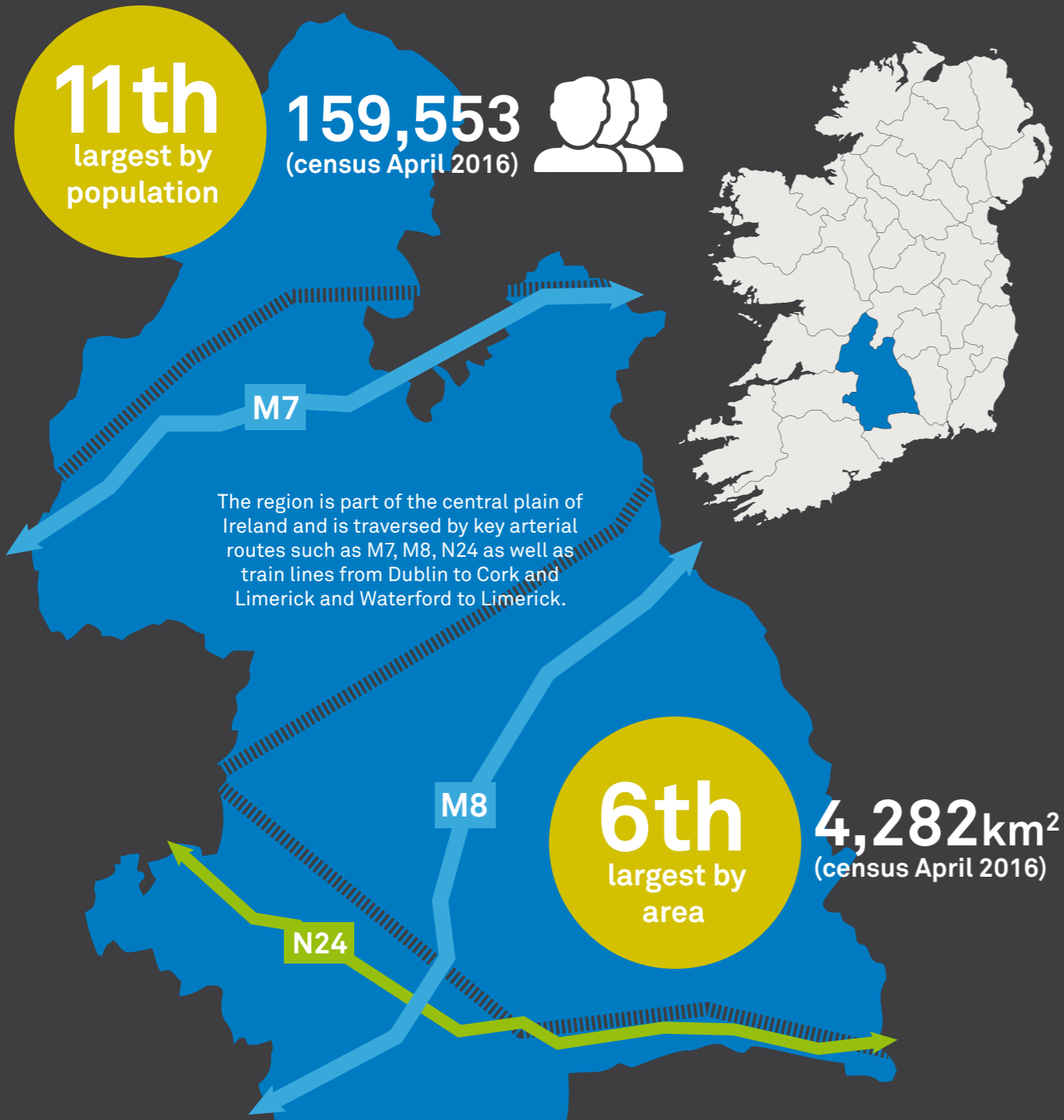
work and contribution in the delivery of services to the public in 2017. My thanks to Ger Walsh Senior Executive Officer and the team in Corporate Services for their work in compiling this fourth Annual Report of Tipperary County Council.

Finally, I would like to thank the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dr Phyll Bugler for her commitment, dedication and enthusiasm, to the position during 2017, our Leas-Cathaoirleach Councillor Roger Kennedy, the Municipal District Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. John Carroll, Seamus Hanafin, Catherine Carey, Michael FitzGerald and John Fahey for their ongoing support and assistance during the year.

I would like to sincerely thank all the staff of Tipperary County Council, both indoor and outdoor, for their continued commitment and dedication to the delivery of services to the communities of Tipperary.

Joe MacGrath
Chief Executive

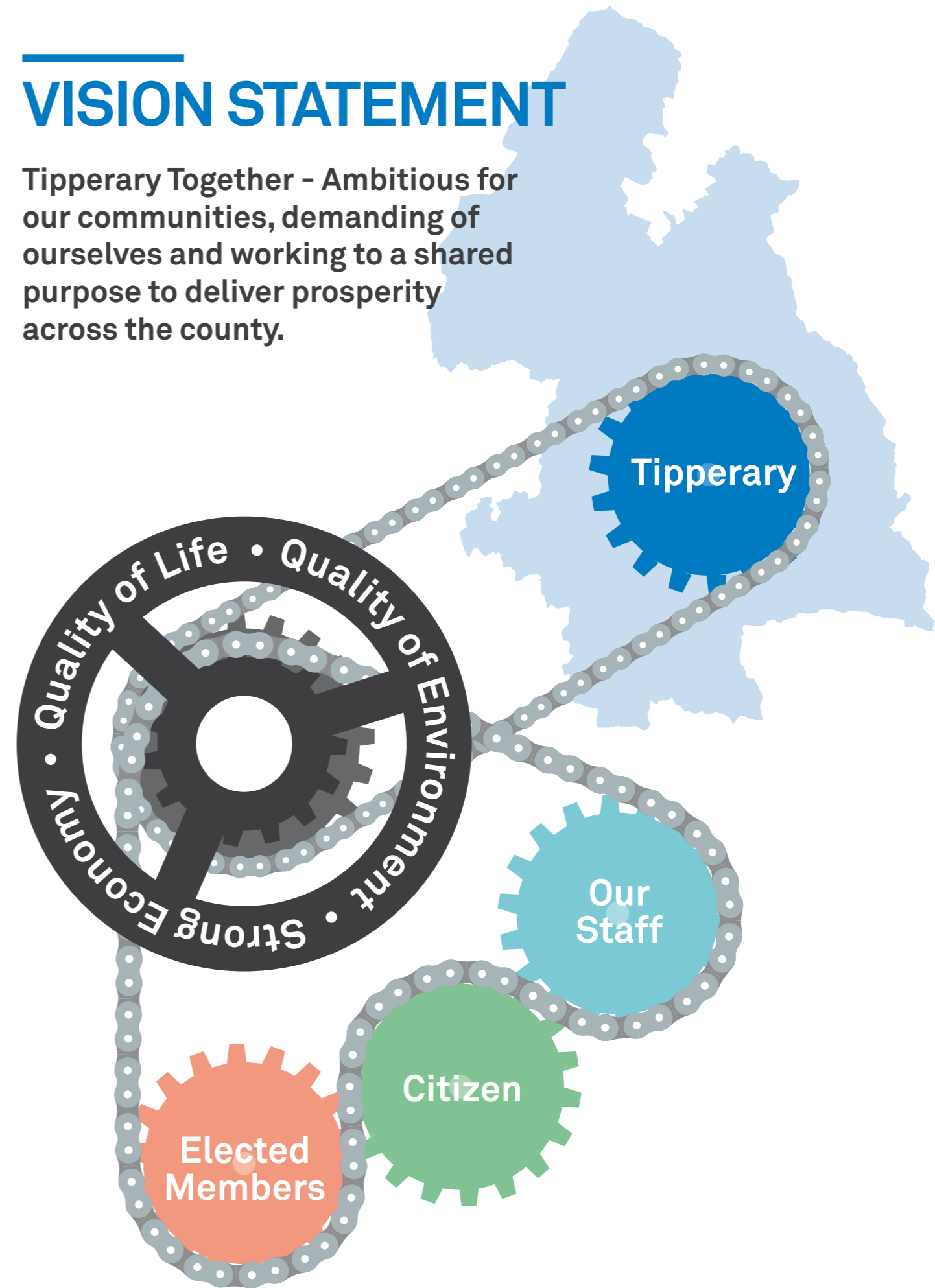
Of the 32 counties Tipperary County Council is



Tipperary County Council has a very clear aspiration not only to maintain the quality of its services but also to improve them. We will be ambitious for our county and support an environment that will enable more investment and more good quality jobs for local people.

VISION STATEMENT


Tipperary Together - Ambitious for our communities, demanding of ourselves and working to a shared purpose to deliver prosperity across the county.





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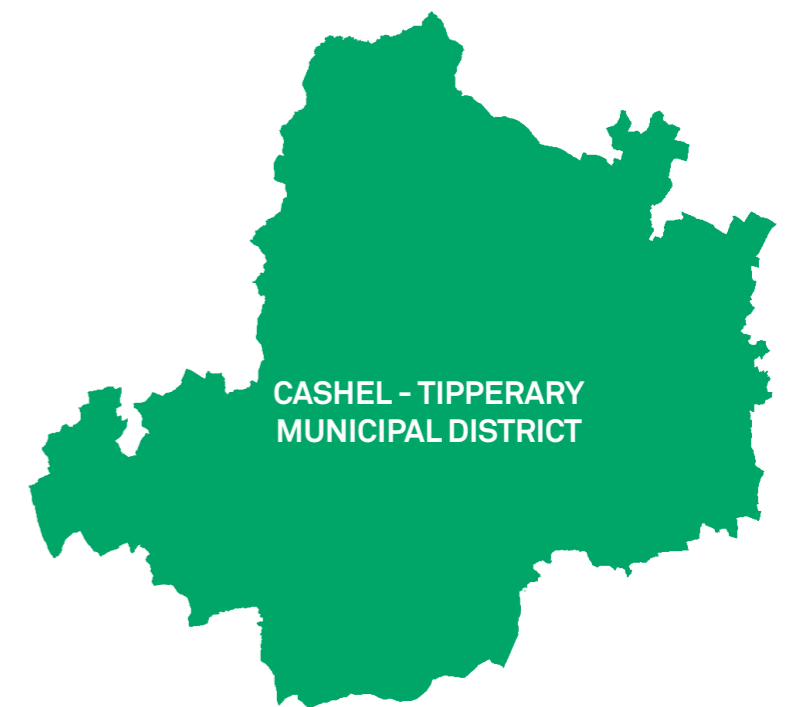
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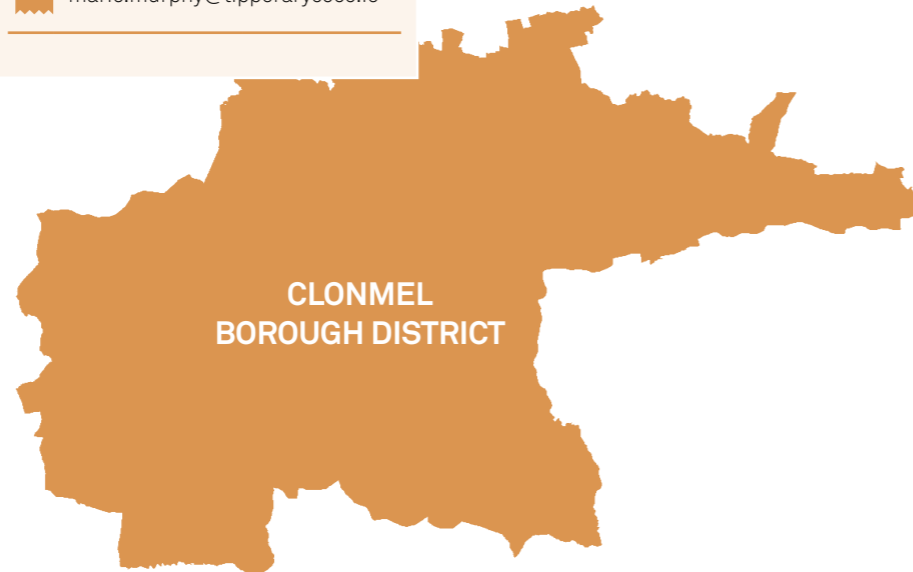
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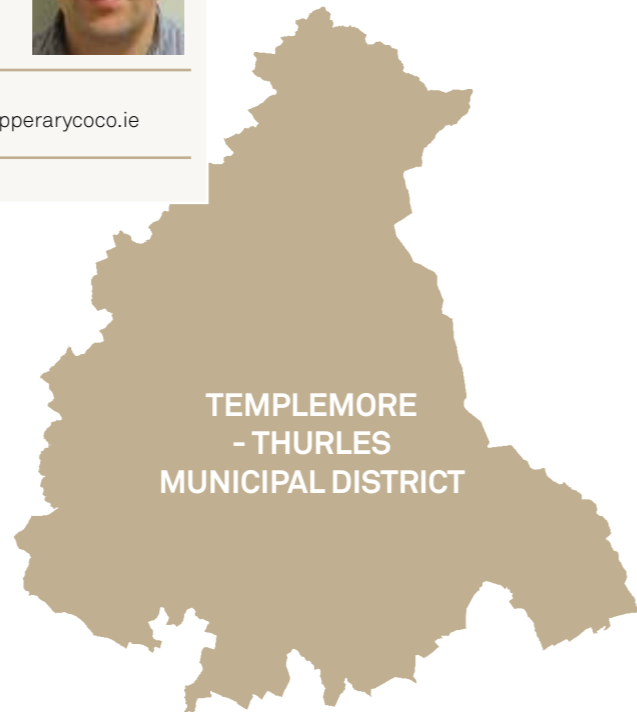
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STRONG ECONOMY

- ✓ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE
- ✓ TOURISM
- ✓ ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH & SAFETY
- ✓ PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Tipperary County Council plays a pivotal role in providing strong leadership for the county of Tipperary. The County has a diverse economy including a strong medi-pharma hub in the south, manufacturing and its famous horse breeding industry. The superb fertile land provides an ideal environment for food production and a growing reputation around artisan foods. Tourism also plays a significant role with major landmarks such as Lough Derg, Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle and Swiss Cottage.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is a first stop shop for those either considering starting up a business or for those in business wishing to expand or seeking other supports.



In 2017, the Local Enterprise Office processed 49 applications for Priming, Feasibility and Business Expansion Grant Assistance. Grants totalling €975,581 was approved for 38 projects.

Grants approved will leverage a spend of €4.8 m and result in the creation of 142 jobs over the next three years. The average cost per job was € 7217 in line with the National average.

During the year The Local Enterprise Office awarded 37 On Line Trading Vouchers and 30 firms availed of mentoring support through 8 information clinics.

In 2017, a new LEO Innovation Investment Fund was launched which attracted 21 applications. The scheme carried an investment fund of €1.5m nationally and 2 Tipperary firms located in Roscrea and Carrick on Suir secured investments worth €25,000 each

The County Final of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur took place on 15 December in Thurles - The 3 category winners and runners up were;



Winners and Runners up in Tipperary's IBYE Final held in Thurles in December 2017. L-R Grace Tooher - Jam Forest, Cian Farrell - Roots, Philip Martin - Blanco Nino Ltd, Byran Davis Solar Pump Solutions, Patrick Ryan - PRWS Ltd and Evie Ward - The Nutshed.

In 2017, Tipperary put forward 18 applications for Microfinance Loans and by year end 11 applications with a value of €142k had been approved. Loans approved had an associated job creation potential of 18 full time posts.

The Measure 2 Allocation for 2017 was €419,928. The Local Enterprise Office, Tipperary ran 77 training workshops and programmes which saw 762 participants.

Owner Manager Development Programme, including the Building Craft and Design Programme and LEAN for Micro saw over 115 participants.

In 2017, 361 mentoring assignments were approved at a total cost of €60,000.

During the year firms supported by the Local Enterprise Office showed a net gain of 262 full time jobs after losses and business closures etc were factored in. Tipperary recorded the highest level of net jobs gains across the LEO network which saw almost 4,000 new jobs created nationally.

In March 2017, Local Enterprise Week saw a total of 31 workshops, seminars and training programmes take place throughout Tipperary. Figures show over 365 participated throughout the weeks events.

National Women's Enterprise Day was a regional initiative involving Tipperary, Limerick and Clare. Keynote speakers on the day were Chanelle McCoy from Dragon's Den and Director of The Chanelle Group. Case studies and presentations were given on the day. Over 100 female entrepreneurs were in attendance.



Rita Guinan with Lady Chanelle McCoy (Left) and Celia Holman Lee (Right) at the National Women's Enterprise Day which was held in the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina, 12th October 2017.

The Student Enterprise Programme commenced from September 2016 - May 2017. The Local Enterprise Office allocated €17,000 for the running of the programme. A total of 984 students participated from 22 schools across the County. 3 county final winners went on to represent Tipperary in the national final.



Senior Category Winner of Student Enterprise Programme Tipperary Co. Final 2017 'The Safety Squad' from St. Marys Secondary School, Nenagh.

In response to the LEO Innovation Investment Fund, Tipperary received 21 applications (7th highest level in the Country). LEO's in the Mid West will select a cohort of max 15 participants to the regional investor ready programme. There are 7 pots of 25k investments up for grabs.

The Local Enterprise Offices in the South East coordinated the forward thinking AgTech Symposium which was held in The Horse and Jockey, Tipperary in July 2017. Enterprise Ireland, Teagasc, Dep. of Agriculture, TSSG, Institutes' of Technology and Agriforvalour were involved. There were almost 140 delegates in attendance.



Pictured at the Ag Tech Symposium held at the Horse & Jockey hotel on the 5th of July are L-R: Robert Walker CEO, Keenan Systems, Brian Foley, EU Quality Manager, TSSG, Rita Guinan, Local Enterprise Office, Patrick Barrett, Agricultural Inspector at Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine

The pilot scale facility project in Lisheen was granted a total of €4.628m as 80% funding of pilot scale facilities for work in the Bioeconomy

Retail: Work continues to progress in supporting the various retail forums in operation around the county and in addition to this support a Christmas Retail Support fund was established which assisted, 26 applications to a total cost of €27,980 including a fund of €3,100 from the LEO for events, markets and exhibitions in towns across the county. The Commercial Incentive Scheme continues to be rolled out with a total of 43 formal enquires received County wide in 2017. The Strategic Policy Committee also progressed work on rolling out the Buy Local Campaign with the branding, social media and signage established and distributed County wide.

Regional Enterprise Development Fund : Minister Humphries announced the list of projects that had achieved funding under the August 2017 competitive call (Regional Enterprise Development Fund, REDF) and the pilot scale facility project in Lisheen was granted a total of €4.628m as 80% funding of pilot scale facilities for work in the Bioeconomy (Agri and Food Biotechnology). The Irish Bioeconomy Foundation CLG is the company formed to make the application and its members are Glanbia, CMP, UCD, TCD, LIT and TCC. The project will see the former administration building in Lisheen converted to an R&D centre with an additional 8,000 sq.ft. of process development area added as a facility to complete the pilot and scale up activities of research work being completed currently by research organisations and businesses in the agri/food sector. The R&D facility will also act as an attractor to industry on to the National Bioeconomy Campus. The first commercial project, backed by a large food company in the region is due to commence in Lisheen in early 2018. The picture below is an artists impression of the building.



Marketing: TCC also developed and launched its inward investment suite of marketing material for the county in Kilshane House under the tag line "Tipperary - The Place, The Time". Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor launched the brand for Tipperary and the event was attended by over 130 business interests including CEOs of FDI and Indigenous companies. The material has been used extensively throughout the year to market Tipperary in an appropriate manner.



Pictured at the launch of The Tipperary, The Place, The Time Campaign held at Kilshane house on 27th April 2017 were: Back Row L-R Cllr John Hogan, Jerry Moloney, Regional Director Enterprise Ireland, Cllr Seamus Hanafin, Deputy Michael Lowry TD, Anne-Marie Tierney - Le Roux, Director of Regional Development IDA. Cllr Joe Burke. Front Row, L-R Niall O'Callaghan IDA, Dr. Phyll Bugler, MCC, Cathaoirleach Siobhán Ambrose, Deputy Mary Mitchell O'Connor Deputy, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Tom Hayes and Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive Tipperary CoCo.

Digital: As part of the process of developing a digital culture in Tipperary, work has commenced on a) developing a digital strategy for the county, b) the appointment of a broadband officer and c) looking to leverage value from the very high end programmes run by LIT in the gaming and creative multi media area by seeking to develop a digital corridor of creativity between Thurles and Clonmel. A feasibility study was carried out to identify the opportunities around setting up a seat ready studio and to assist in enabling start up and fledgling businesses in the creative digital sector.



Pictured at the Going Global, FDI Show in London in May 2017 were, L-R Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer, Rita Guinan, Head of Enterprise, LEO and Anthony Fitzgerald, Business Development Officer.

Craft: Work is ongoing in the craft sector with the drafting of the first all county craft strategy and support to a number of craft industries in developing and promoting their craft products.



Craft Strategy Forum held in Cashel in September 2017. L-R Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer, Tipperary Co.Co, Eileen Hassett- Crafter, Donal Ryan - Crafter, Marion Purcell, Ita Horan, LEO Tipperary, Martin Lannigan- Crafter X.



Edel Grace - Pieces of Grace, Winner of the Best display in the LEO Balcony at Showcase 2017.

Food Programme


TCC continues to provide support to the very active Tipperary Food network who were responsible for undertaking a number of initiatives in collaboration with TCC and the local development companies including The Tipperary Breakfast, The Feasibility Study for a Food Centre of Excellence, the development of a book aimed at primary schools around local artisan food producers and healthy eating, networking, training and trade shows.

Tipperary Breakfast - a deliciously nourishing breakfast that sums up the group values of excellence, ethics and integrity

The Tipperary Breakfast

At Rockwell College in February, in conjunction with Tipperary Tourism, tourism providers across the county were invited to sample the Tipperary breakfast. Tipperary Food Producers Network commissioned renowned chef and fellow Tipperary man Kevin Thornton to create a signature Tipperary Breakfast from local produce, a deliciously nourishing breakfast that sums up the group values of excellence, ethics and integrity. The Tipperary Breakfast will be offered to guests on breakfast menus across the county of Tipperary initially, but in time both nationally and internationally.



 Pictured - Kevin Thornton with members of Tipperary Food Producers Network at the Tipperary Breakfast

In 2017, the Local Enterprise Office collaborated with the five other LEO in the south east and led on the South East Micro Food Initiative. 14 Companies took part on this initiative which also involved travelling to New York in June to attend the fancy Food fair in Manhattan. The trade mission was led by the Local Enterprise Office in Tipperary.



 Pictured at the launch of the SEMFEI cluster which was led by Tipperary and funded under the LEO's competitive funds are L-R Tom Banville, LEO Wexford, Richard Murphy, Manager of the LEO Unit Enterprise Ireland, Mary Morrissey, An Bord Bia, Fiona Deegan, LEO Kilkenny, Mairead English Maher, LEO Tipperary, Brid Kirby, LEO Waterford, Rita Guina, LEO Tipperary, Ciaran Comerford, LEO Carlow and Gerry O' Grady, Enterprise Ireland, LEO Unit.





TOURISM

Tourism plays an important role within the economy of County Tipperary with over 400,000 domestic and international visitors injecting over €103 million into the county annually. The tourism office coordinates the Councils role in tourism marketing, promotion and product development across the County. This includes the provision of support to Tipperary Tourism Company, the Lough Derg Marketing Group and Munster Vales. The tourism office works with key agencies involved in tourism to leverage all possible benefit to the county, this includes working with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland on the roll out of the Irelands Ancient East and emerging Midland's proposition.

Tipperary Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience & Destination Development Plan 2016 -2021

Tipperary Tourism Company and Tipperary County Council continue to implement the Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary 2016 - 2021. This countywide plan sets out a fresh proposition for Tipperary. Action orientated, the Plan aims to galvanise and enable growth for Tipperary to position Tipperary as a leading inland destination within the Top 3 destinations in Irelands Ancient East.

In March 2017 a new brand and suite of marketing materials for Tipperary Tourism; 'Tipperary, Time to Take it all in' was successfully launched by Minister for Tourism, Mr. Patrick O'Donovan T.D. at the Rock of Cashel commencing a series of marketing actions which included familiarisation trips and reviews from travel journalists and coverage on TV3s Ireland AM. The total PR value was estimated at €380,000. Tipperary also featured in three episodes of Nationwide on RTE in 2017, most notably an episode dedicated to Lough Derg in early 2017 and an episode dedicated to Carrick on Suir and the newly renovated Ormond Castle in summer 2017. The tourism office also worked with tourism providers to create special offers targeting specific markets and this facilitated the cross selling of tourism products around County Tipperary in 2017.



Pictured (l-r) Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Cllr Siobhan Ambrose, Minister Patrick O'Donovan, Luke Murtagh (Chairperson of Tipperary Tourism), Elizabeth Nallen, Hotel Minella, Marie Phelan, Tourism Development Officer

The Plan aims to galvanise and enable growth in Tipperary to position Tipperary as a leading inland destination within the Top 3 destinations in Irelands Ancient East

Fethard Horse Country Experience, Tholsel, Fethard

Fethard Horse Country Experience, the county's newest visitor experience was successfully completed in May 2017 and was officially opened by Minister with Responsibility for Defence, Paul Kehoe, and Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber. This community tourism project was led by Fethard Business and Tourism Group, supported by TCC, South Tipperary Development Company, Coolmore Stud and Fáilte Ireland. This new experience provides a unique insight into Tipperary's long history of horse breeding and aims to position the medieval town as a key destination in Ireland's Ancient East. By the end of 2017 over 4,500 people had visited the attraction.



Pictured - Children enjoying Tipperary's newest visitor attraction, Fethard Horse Country Experience



Munster Vales

Munster Vales is a tourism destination of domestic and international significance incorporating the Comeragh, Knockmealdown, Galtee, Ballyhoura and Nagles mountain ranges. Munster Vales successfully applied to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for REDZ funding of approximately €399,000 matched by a further €100,000 from the four local authorities involved in the project; Tipperary County Council, Waterford City and County Council, Limerick City and County Council and Cork County Council. A new Munster Vales Destination and Marketing Manager was employed and is based within the Tipperary Tourism unit in Ballingarrane House, Clonmel. With a dedicated resource in place Munster Vales further developed the brand and the tourism assets in the geographical area to include; marketing, promotions, social media activities, product development and training in a manner that could bring significant socio-economic benefits to the people of the area and provide an enhanced authentic experience for visitors, whilst maintaining an understanding and appreciation of the natural and built environment. The Munster Vales strives to be regarded as the premier outdoor activity offering in Irelands Ancient East and was officially launched by Minister for Tourism, Brendan Griffin T. D. in October 2017.



Pictures (l-r) Triona O'Mahony, Sinead Carr, Minister for Tourism, Brendan Griffin T. D. Marie Phelan

The Munster Vales strives to be regarded as the premier outdoor activity offering in Ireland Ancient East

Lough Derg Marketing Group

The Lough Derg Marketing Group is a well established group comprising of a broad range of stakeholder representatives from the three local authorities, Clare, Galway and Tipperary County Councils, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Local Development Companies and the tourism trade. The group implemented many of the remaining objectives of the Roadmap for Lough Derg and completed the capital projects associated with the Lough Derg Stimulus Fund in 2017. Projects completed include new fishing stands at Mota Quay, improvements works at the Millennium Cross, and infrastructural works around the Lough Derg Blueway. The major project for this group in 2017 was the further development of the Lough Derg Blueway which is due to open in early 2018. The group were successful in applying to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for REDZ funding of approximately €200,000 to deliver the Blueway Project. The group continued to market and promote the Lough Derg Lakelands throughout the year with the 'Taste of Lough Derg' food series, networking events, radio, web and press promotions.

'Flights of Discovery' Tourism Project for Clonmel

'Flights of Discovery' Feasibility study was completed in June 2017. This new Tipperary tourism product of scale located in Clonmel will include the redevelopment of the gallery space in Tipperary County Museum, the opening of a visitor experience in the Westgate building, the development of a visitor experience at the Bulmers site at Dowd Lane Site and the provision of interpretation and experiences along the River Suir.

Tipperary Tourism Trails Project

€67,000 in funding was received for Rural Recreation development and promotion and this was used to develop the first all county walking brochure profiling twenty walks of varying levels as well as videos for the promotion of Tipperary as a walking and hiking destination. Working with communities and the Rural Recreation Officer, the funding also supported the supply and creation of interpretive boards and picnic benches have been developed and installed at a number of sites across the county focusing on the storytelling theme of Ireland's Ancient East.



ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH & SAFETY



The Policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as planning and resources allow.



Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors:

- Cllr Roger Kennedy,
- Cllr Mattie Ryan,
- Cllr Fiona Bonfield,
- Cllr Michael Fitzgerald,
- Cllr Hughie McGrath,
- Cllr David Doran,
- Cllr Eddie Moran &
- Cllr Eddie O'Meara (Chairperson).

SECTORAL/PILLARS

Public Participation Network Representatives:

- Mr. P.J. English & Ms. Angela Hickey
- Agriculture & Farming: Mr. Billy Collins
- Development Construction: Mr. Martin Healy

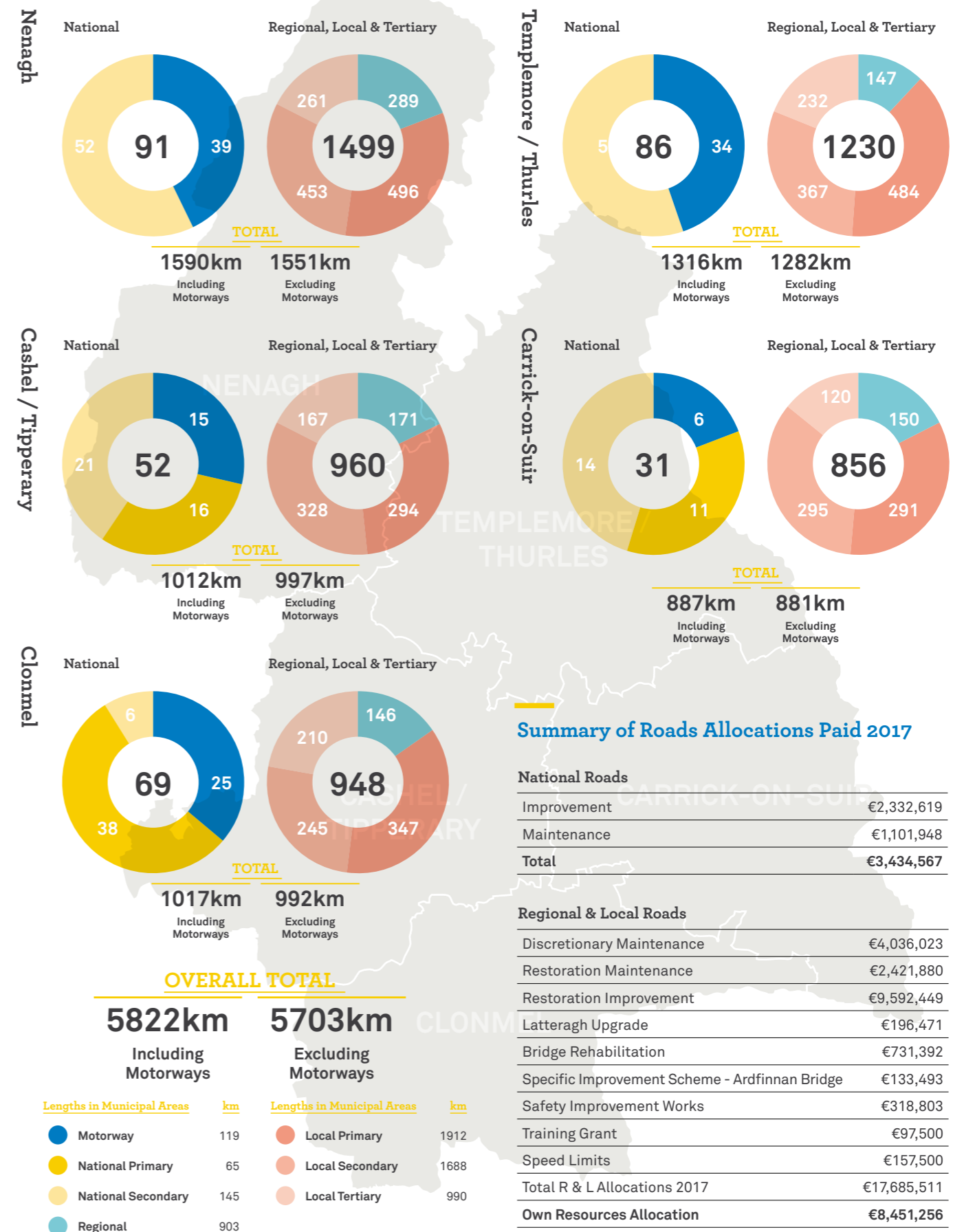
POLICIES AND TOPICS CONSIDERED IN 2017

Discussion on the formation of policy on Roadside memorials

Presentations & discussions on:

- Hedge Cutting
- Invasive species including Japanese Knotweed
- Development of Public Lighting Policy
- Work of Tipperary Transport Co-ordination Unit
- Winter Maintenance Programme
- IAPS Programme
- Tipperary Road Safety Strategy
- County Tipperary Road Classification
- Lengths in Municipal Areas (Kilometre)

COUNTY TIPPERARY ROAD CLASSIFICATION



Summary of Roads Allocations Paid 2017

National Roads	
Improvement	€2,332,619
Maintenance	€1,101,948
Total	€3,434,567
Regional & Local Roads	
Discretionary Maintenance	€4,036,023
Restoration Maintenance	€2,421,880
Restoration Improvement	€9,592,449
Latteragh Upgrade	€196,471
Bridge Rehabilitation	€731,392
Specific Improvement Scheme - Ardfinnan Bridge	€133,493
Safety Improvement Works	€318,803
Training Grant	€97,500
Speed Limits	€157,500
Total R & L Allocations 2017	€17,685,511
Own Resources Allocation	€8,451,256

Non-National Roads

This category caters for Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2017 was funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €17,685,511.

The discretionary grant of €4,036,023 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and County Roads. The Council's own resources allocation was €8,451,256.

Major Capital Schemes

The National Development Plan 2007-2013 and Transport 21 (2007-2016) set out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure. With ongoing funding limitations, investments will be over a longer time-frame than was envisaged in these Plans. Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects:

Major Road Improvement Schemes

N24 Western Corridor - Waterford to Limerick: All work on this scheme through County Tipperary was suspended by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It was agreed at Council level that adjoining Local Authorities be requested to jointly promote the scheme to provide more impetus. In January 2018, two schemes have been notified to TII by DTTAS:

- N24 Waterford to Cahir, allocation of €25,000 given to Kilkenny County Council
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction, allocation of €25,000 given to Limerick City & County Council

The allocations are to employ consultants to do an appraisal report, there are approximately 30 such projects in the Country and the projects will be prioritised on the basis of the reports.

National Primary & National Secondary Routes

Works were carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2017 as follows:

National Primary Road Improvements

N24 - Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Traffic Calming & Pavement Strengthening - This project includes replacement of water main and old lead supplies by Irish Water. An Advance Works Contract by Irish Water commenced in September 2017. It is intended that the Roadwork's contract, funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), will be completed in 2018. Agreement has been reached between TII and Irish Water on cost sharing that will allow the advanced contract to proceed.

N24 Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Rail Bridge. During 2016, TII & Irish Rail agreed to replace the existing bridge which had a restricted clearance of 4.54m with a new bridge at the standard clearance of 5.03m. It was done using the largest mobile crane in Ireland over three days working 24 hour shifts with Irish Rail staff. Works were completed in February 2017 during the school mid-term break.

N24 - Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir - Pedestrian facilities at schools - Tipperary County Council (TCC) is in discussion with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for the improvement of pedestrian crossing facilities.



Example of damage caused as a result of a bridge strike at Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir



Construction Works on N24 Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Rail Bridge February 2017



The rail bridge on the N24 Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir following completion of the works

National Secondary Road Improvement

- N74 Ballyhusty Realignment - Part 8 was approved in 2017. Draft Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and tender documents are being updated.
- N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works - comprising of: N52 Borrisokane Town plus approach (1.7km); N52/N65 Junction (Borrisokane) Safety Scheme); N52 Birr Road Borrisokane (0.5km); N52 Culvert Repair - All of the N52 Borrisokane schemes have now been combined into a single scheme. Tender documents are being prepared and TII approval to move to the next stage has been requested. Subject to approvals and the tendering process progressing as planned, works are programmed to begin Q2 2018.
- N65 Carrigahorig - preliminary design for this scheme was undertaken by the Mid-West National Road Design Office. A topographic survey and flood study have been completed. An appropriate assessment will be required and a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) may be required due to the proximity to Lough Derg and a Special Area of Conservation. The design for this scheme is progressing.
- N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles Phase 1 - Tenders were sought for this scheme in 2017 and works will be carried out in 2018. Phase 2 will go to design in 2018.
- N62 Scart Roscrea Surface Replacement - These works were designed in-house and commenced on site November 2017 by Roadstone. They were substantially completed prior to Christmas.



Works at Scart, Roscrea

- N62 Camlin Roscrea Surface Replacement - Works were completed in October 2017.

National Primary & National Secondary Improvement of Texture

Approximately €1m of Road Surface Retexturing/Resurfacing Works were carried out at a number of locations across the county to improve the skid resistance of the road surface.

Strategic Non-National Road Projects

Thurles Inner Relief Road	Preliminary design completed. Awaiting funding to proceed.
R498 Nenagh to Thurles Upgrade Knockalton-Kilconane	Part 8 completed. Land Acquisition stage underway & construction to commence during 2018
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh bends	Consultants appointed to select preferred route in 2015-2016. Scheme will require major funding in 2018 if it is to be progressed further. Part 8 was approved in 2017. DTTAS approval is required to commence Land Purchase.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass - Shannon Bridge Crossing & R494 Improvement Scheme	Legal challenges have all been cleared. CPO is confirmed and Notices to Treat have been served on the landowners. DTTAS approval received in Jan 2018 to proceed with the 3 elements of the Project as One Scheme.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme

A sum of €318,803 was spent for the low cost accident improvement schemes and works were carried out at a number of locations throughout the County during 2017.

Community Involvement Schemes

These schemes refer to the upgrading and improvement of tertiary & minor roads where residents contribute 15% of the cost of the works. A number of schemes were completed during 2017 in each Municipal District to which the Council allocated €400,000 from its Restoration Improvement allocation. A total of 17 schemes were completed in 2017.

Local Improvement Schemes

The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) supports improvement works on private/non public roads, often leading to houses and important community amenities such as graveyards, rivers, lakes etc. Up to 90% of the funding is provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development, with the remaining 10% coming from local contributions or the Local Authority in the case of roads leading to public amenities. A number of schemes were completed during 2017 in each Municipal District for which the Council was allocated €237,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

A sum of €731,392 was spent in 2017 in respect of bridge rehabilitation works. Works took place at the following locations:

- Old Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir, Cregg Bridge, Fiveeybridge, Mullinahone
- Cooleagh Bridge, The Islands Bridge, Mullinahone, Glasstrigan Bridge,
- Kilmastulla Bridge, Ballina, Ballycorrigan Bridge, Ballina, Shanahan's Bridge, Clonmore, Killavardy Bridge, Clonbeg Bridge, Tar Bridge, Clonmel, Newcastle Bridge, Old Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir, Ballycorrigan Bridge, Camas Bridge,
- A further sum of €133,493 was spent on improvement works to Ardfinnan Bridge.

CLÁR Schemes Funding 2017

2016/2017 CLÁR Scheme

Grant Funding in the sum of €371,000 was received for this Scheme in 2016 with works being carried out over a two-year period. All Schemes were completed by the end of 2017. Forty six projects in all were undertaken under Measure 1 (CLÁR Safety Package for Schools/Community Facilities). A contribution of €7,000 from the Council's own funds was also provided to supplement the cost of the Schemes undertaken.

CLÁR 2017

An allocation in the sum of €110,790 was received under this Scheme in 2017 under CLÁR Measure 1 (Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures). This Allocation covered 90% of the cost of the projects with the remaining 10% jointly funded by the Local Authority (5%) and the Local Community (5%). Ten Projects were completed under this funding stream.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2017

An allocation of €23,200 - Measure 1 (Small Scale Maintenance/Promotional and Marketing) was received under this Scheme in 2017. (Roads related funding).

A total of 4 Schemes were undertaken. This allocation covered 90% of the cost of the projects with the remaining 10% provided by the Council's own resources, as per the terms of the Scheme.

Winter Maintenance

Winter Maintenance Service consists of four distinct phases namely:-

1. Pre-salting of National Primary & Secondary Routes and major Regional Roads and routes of strategic importance.
2. Salting and sanding of ice-bound National and Regional Routes.
3. Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs from National and Regional Routes.
4. Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs or mechanical loaders from County Roads.

Phase 1 is termed precautionary treatment and is generally timed to be completed approx. two hours before the start of freezing conditions.

Winter Maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:-

- Priority 1: National Roads, and Regional Roads of Strategic importance.
- Priority 2: Regional Roads with High Volume of traffic using the road
- Priority 3: Urban Roads and Local Roads on a priority basis, urban centres.

In extreme weather events Priority 1 Routes will take precedence over Priority 2 Routes in terms of allocation of available resources.

The winter maintenance period lasts from 1st October to 30th April each year. The aim is to keep priority routes safe and as free as possible from wintry hazards. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provided a grant of €297,421 for National Road winter maintenance. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) allocated €500,000 for the treatment of Non-National routes.

In the 2016-2017 Winter Service Season, there were 60 callouts, using 4,402 tonnes of salt. The average cost of a callout over the period was €16,800.

The County has a roster of four Ice-Cast Duty Engineers who are responsible for use of the weather bureau service to examine the forecast and track the actual conditions for the area and for the issue of instructions for required winter maintenance based on the specialist forecasts and local information.

The Winter Maintenance Service is managed and operated by the Machinery Yard. Eleven crews are rostered on a weekly basis using 6 No. 6 Tonne and 5 No. 9 Tonne Salt Spreaders, mounted on Council trucks to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes (approx. 1,000 Km), in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice. The Council has an agreement with Limerick, Waterford & Kilkenny County Councils on a quid pro quo basis for cross-boundary treatments of routes to increase the efficiency of the operation.

A complete schedule and map of pre-salting routes, and cross boundary agreements is published annually on the County Council website www.tipperarycoco.ie

Snowploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading vehicles when snow is forecast and the clearance of snow by ploughing will commence as soon as snow depths on all or part of the Priority 1 network exceeds 30mm.

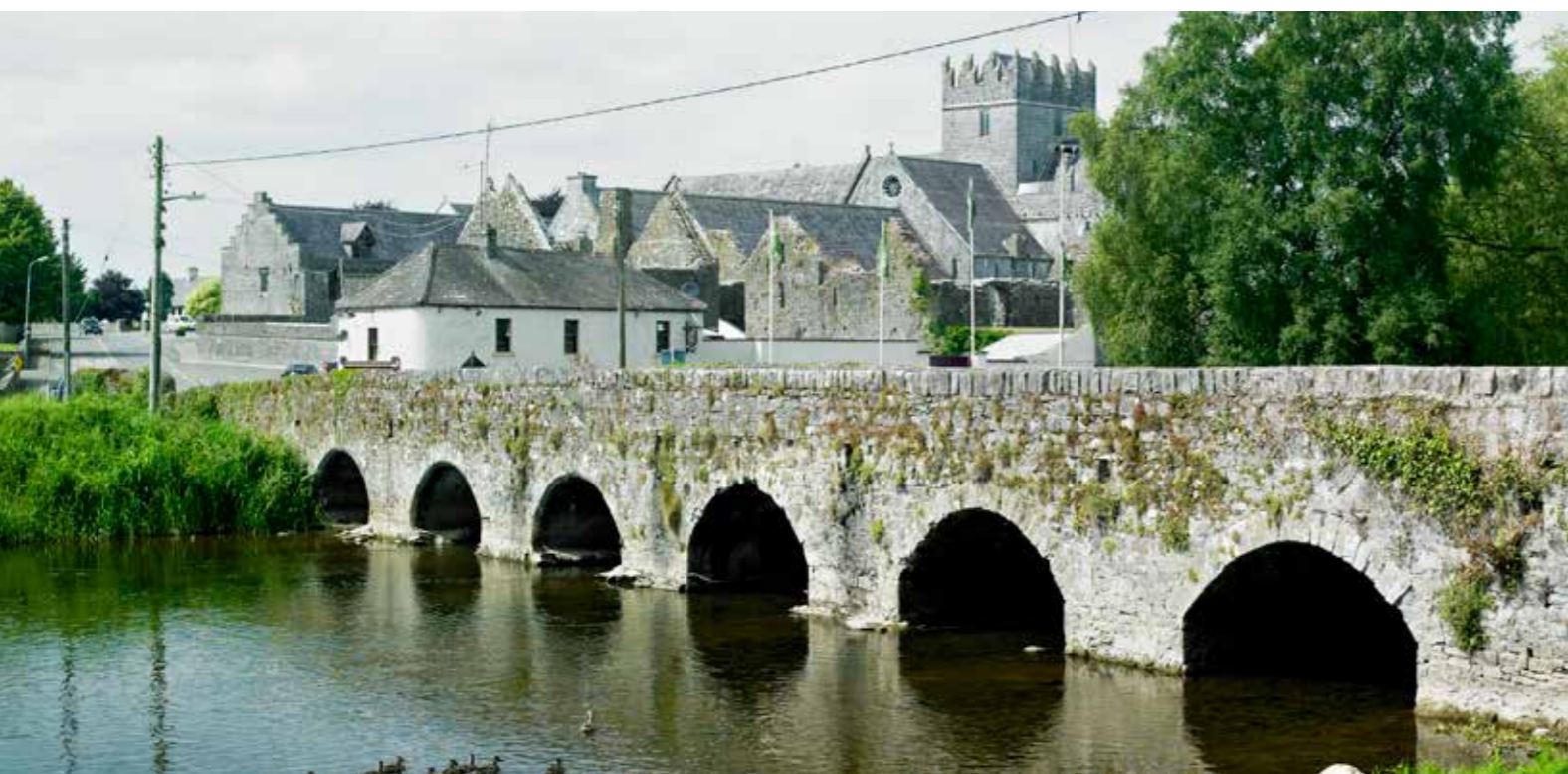
Transport Infrastructure Ireland manages the national procurement of road salt for National and Non-National Roads and provided approx 5,300 tonnes of salt to the Council in 2016-2017. It also maintains a national reserve of salt for distribution to local authorities in the event of a forecast of a severe weather event, i.e. a prolonged cold snap, or blizzard conditions.

The Council's covered salt storage capacity is now in excess of 2,700 tonnes and salt storage barns are located in Cahir (600 Tonnes), Clonmel (600 Tonnes) and Nenagh (1,500 tonnes).



Aluminium Trailer purchased in 2017 for drawing road salt from the ports to Nenagh Salt Barn

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Severe Weather/Storm Damage

Following on from the severe weather events in December 2015 & January 2016, a review of the Councils response was carried out and an action plan was drawn up with actions assigned to appropriate sections. It was decided that the Roads sections would lead up the formation of a Severe Weather Assessment Team. The purpose of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) once established would be to assess severe storm alerts and to advise on appropriate actions to be taken by the Council.

The SWAT has been established and comprises of the Senior Engineer (SE) Roads, Senior Engineer (SE) Water Services, and District Engineers (x5) under the chairmanship of the SE (Roads). It was decided that the SWAT Chair should convene a teleconference meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team on receipt of all Orange and Red severe storm alerts from Met Eireann. This meeting should take place within one hour of the receipt of the alert to enable the team to assess the alert and its implications for Council services. The SWAT Team should then determine the appropriate level of response. Every warning should be considered in the context of other relevant information available to the SWAT (information from the Ice Cast System, local knowledge of roads, infrastructure, vulnerable communities etc.). Depending on the nature of the weather impact assessment, a warning and/or a Severe Weather activation plan instruction should be issued to all appropriate sections of the Council as well as to the relevant Principal Response Agencies.

The Council responded to a number of weather events in 2017 the most significant being Hurricane Ophelia which struck in October. An allocation of €364,000 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in response to this weather event.

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Machinery Yard

The Machinery Yard, which has two bases in Clonmel and Nenagh, provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council. The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The machinery yard has approx 160 council owned vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa €3.5 million. In addition, it maintains the former Clonmel Borough Council, Tipperary, Cashel and Carrick Town Council vehicles, approx 40 vehicles, which would have an additional replacement value of circa €1.2 million.

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

- Fleet management in compliance with the Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012
- The inspection, operation and maintenance of the Council fleet, including its requirements under Statutory Instrument S.I. 348 of 2013 Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Regulations 2013).
- The supply of plant and machinery as required to the Districts and sections of the County Council
- The acquisition and disposal of plant and machinery
- To have available the staffing levels and skills necessary to maintain and operate the council's plant and machinery fleet efficiently.
- Arranging the long-term and short-term hire of commercial machinery for the Districts.



3 of the 6 New 26 Tonne tipper trucks purchased in 2017 replacing 2001 models

Machinery is hired in for a number of reasons including the need to:

- Satisfy machinery requirements of the Council at peak periods
- Avail of specialist machines with skilled drivers
- Avail of specialist machines for seasonal work
- Avail of plant and machinery for short-term hire

The council replaced 23 No. 2006 and older pickups with 2017 models by way of a five year lease.



3.5 Tonne Crewcab Pickup with Tail-lift

There are 11 full time drivers and 8 seasonal drivers based in the Nenagh Yard and 13 full time drivers and 8 seasonal drivers based in Clonmel. The Machinery Yard also operates the winter maintenance service with a fleet of 11 salt spreaders.

The Council has a fleet of 12 patching units, 4 No. 17T Velocity, 2 No. 12T Velocity and 6 no. 7.5T conventional Patchers, which are used by the districts for pothole filling and patching of roads.



17T Velocity Patcher



12T Velocity Patcher



7.5T Conventional Patcher

The Council operates its own computerised and automated fuel storage and dispensing system at Clonmel, Cahir, and Nenagh depots to avail of the cost reduction achievable with bulk purchases. A Fuel Storage and dispensing system was installed in the District Roads Depot at Wallers Lot, Cashel in 2017.



Self contained and banded fuel storage tanks and dispensing system

The Council operates its own machinery garages in Clonmel and Nenagh to meet the maintenance requirements for the various items of machinery. At the present there is a foreman fitter and 5 fitters in the Clonmel Workshop and a foreman and two fitters in the Nenagh Workshop.

The machinery workshop is responsible for regular inspection of all commercial vehicles in the fleet, the servicing of trucks, pickups, vans and tractors as required by the manufacturers' specification, and the repair of vehicles as required.

The process of upgrading the machinery yard and the attached civic amenity site in Nenagh was commenced in 2017 with the publication of request for consultants to prepare a feasibility study and cost estimates, for the project.

Public Lighting

The County Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the county. Public Lighting maintenance is now carried out under contract with Airtricity Utility Solutions. Energia supplies the electrical power to the lighting network. The total number of public lights in the network is circa 16,000.

Public Lighting is the single biggest user of energy in the overall council's energy usage. Over the past number of years the Council has introduced LED lighting in a number of new and replacement public lighting projects. Over the coming years, it is likely that there will be a significant conversion to LED lighting. Globally, Sox lights are being phased out in favour of LED lights. This Council has and will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI and TII for energy efficiency projects. 311 of the lights that were upgraded in 2017 are 100% funded by TII.

In 2017, the council targeted some of our villages where there are currently lighting deficits. We have also targeted some of the arterial routes into our towns, in some cases to make energy efficiencies and in some instances to improve poor lighting. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns, and interface boxes is also ongoing as part of these schemes.

A survey of all lights in the county was undertaken in 2016. This survey was undertaken in accordance with the SEAI/TII standardised public lighting inventory template. The Roads Department introduced an asset management database in 2017 that will assist in the management of the public lighting in the years to come.

The Council is obliged to meet the National Public Service Efficiency Targets. This means that Energy Consumption must be reduced by 33% by 2020. Tipperary County Council has signed the Covenant of Mayors to give effect to this commitment.

In 2017, Tipperary County Council began the process of upgrading 1030 old Sox and Son lights to more energy efficient LED lights.

In 2017, €1.2 million was spent on energy (both metered and unmetered) for street lights, €338,000 on routine maintenance including cable faults and knockdown of columns and €990,000 on upgrading of lighting of which €221,133 was provided by TII.

Taking in Charge of Estates

17 estates were taken in charge during 2017.

Municipal District	Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Nenagh Municipal District	Cluain Caoin, Borrisokane Road, Nenagh. <small>(Please Note: the area immediately opposite the apartment block including the lights, does not form part of the Taking in Charge)</small>	16 Feb 2017
Clonmel Borough District	Ashfield Manor, Ardfinnan	17 May 2017
Clonmel Borough District	Monroe, Lisronagh	17 May 2017
Nenagh Municipal District	The Coachyard, Cloughjordan	18 May 2017
Templemore-Thurles Municipal District	Kilcooley Way, Gortnahow	24 May 2017
Carrick on Suir Municipal District	Glen Dara, Mullinahone	25 May 2017
Templemore-Thurles Municipal District	Má Teine, Templemore	21 June 2017
Nenagh Municipal District	Ashgrove Meadows, Ballina	20 July 2017
Nenagh Municipal District	Farmleigh, Riverstown	20 July 2017
Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District	Crescent Court, Cappawhite	23 Oct 2017
Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District	Tudor Court, Garryskillane, Tipperary Town	20 Dec 2017
Clonmel Borough District	Ivowen, Kilsheelan	20 Dec 2017
Clonmel Borough District	Upper Moangarriff, Clonmel	20 Dec 2017
Clonmel Borough District	The Paddock, Ballyboy West, Clogheen	20 Dec 2017
Clonmel Borough District	Maplelane, West Kilsheelan	20 Dec 2017
Templemore-Thurles Municipal District	Tarmon Mews, Thurles	20 Dec 2017
Nenagh Municipal District	Youghalarra Way, Newtown, Nenagh	21 Dec 2017

Sustainable Transport

During 2017, the Council promoted the Active Travel Towns scheme by visiting schools to encourage use of the cycle paths. As an appreciation to the students of the various schools in Clonmel, who participated in the "Before" and "After" Construction Surveys of the Clonmel Cycle Routes, students selected by their school by way of draw or competition were awarded Cycle Shop Vouchers.

The Council will continue its endeavors to access funding streams from the Sustainable Transport Division of the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in order to develop facilities to support sustainable transport, such as cycle lanes and improved pedestrian routes.

E-Parking

E-Parking has been rolled out to 9 towns throughout County Tipperary. This new service is an additional, more convenient way of paying for parking. Methods of payment for parking to members of the public include smartphone app, website or phone call. The traditional Pay and Display machines are still in operation with a new network of 26 machines recently installed in Carrick on Suir. These installations were completed in mid August and are supported with a modern back office system that monitors functions and finance for the machines.



Smarter Travel

National Cycle Network 2014 -2015 (extended to 2017)

Following a successful bid for funding under the Government Stimulus Package for Infrastructure Development, €1.9m was awarded by the Dept of Transport, Tourism and Sport for a Greenway Walking/Cycle path on the 19km Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir towpath. This project was subsequently retitled as a "Blueway" to link with other projects and activities taking place along the River Suir. The detailed design & Part 8 Planning Process was completed in 2014. Tendering was undertaken and a Contractor was appointed by May 2015. Various issues have arisen to delay progress during past two years including significant flooding in winter of 2015/16. The main path works between Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir are now complete apart from snaglist items & signage. A maintenance fund of €100,000 has been allocated for 2018 and consultants have been appointed to prepare a comprehensive signage strategy along the Suir Blueway from Cahir to Carrick-on-Suir. It is also intended that 800m of additional path works will be undertaken upstream of Kilsheelan Bridge to provide better connectivity for cyclists in winter weather as agreed with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.



Section 2 of Blueway under construction in Killaloe

The Council continued its co-operation with the Department in identifying potential greenways and in assisting in the development of the Greenway Strategy. The Council will continue its endeavours to access funding for such projects.

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Road Safety

For 2017, the main focus under road safety for Tipperary County Council was to ensure that the objectives, as set out in the Government Strategy on Road Safety, were achieved at local level. This involved cooperation with Gardaí, Schools, the Road Safety Authority (RSA), Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS), the Sports Partnership, neighbouring local authorities, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the media and the general public with a focus on:

- Promoting national campaigns discouraging speeding, driving while intoxicated, driver fatigue, etc.
- Working with the Gardaí and the RSA to promote the National SLOWDOWN initiatives.
- Working with the RSA to engage with young people in primary & post primary schools across the county.
- Assisting with the provision of cycling training in primary schools in the county.

It is a requirement under the government Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 that each local authority establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG). This group is made up of representatives of Tipperary County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), The Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Síochána (AGS) and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services. The Government Strategy also requires each local authority to implement a local Road Safety Strategy and work began on this in 2017. It is hoped to complete work on this in quarter 2 of 2018.

Two local Road Safety Teams for Tipperary have been established, one covering the northern part of the county the other covering the southern part of the county, in line with Municipal and Garda Districts. These teams, to be led by An Garda Síochána, will discuss operational issues and, among other things, the Collision Prevention Programme (CPP).

Tipperary County Council supported the second "European Day without a Road Death" (Project Edward) on 21st September 2017. This initiative was organised by the European Traffic Police Network (TIPSOL). It was also supported by AGS and the RSA. The aim of the project was that there would be no road deaths in the 30 member countries on that day.

Road Safety Actions 2017

- In December 2016 Tipperary County Council was allocated €371,000 in funding from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the CLÁR programme. This allowed the funding of 42 Road safety measures in 31 communities across the five municipal Districts in 2017 including:
 - › National School/Speed Safety Signs
 - › Speed Indicators
 - › Flashing Amber Lights Replacement
 - › Pedestrian Crossing
 - › Removal of hedges & upgrading of road markings
 - › Footpath connectivity to car park
- Organised a publicity campaign on Tipp FM to promote roadside hedge cutting in September and December 2017
- Assisted primary schools in the provision of safer cycling training to pupils in partnership with the Road Safety Authority.
- Provided support to the weeklong Tipp FM Road Safety Campaign organised in co-operation with the Gardaí aimed to raise awareness of the dangers on our roads and to encourage people to slow down and take extra care.
- Communicated Road Safety Information bulletins in co-operation with the Road Safety Authority.
- Took part in the An Garda Síochána organised Operation "Slow Down" which took place over the Christmas/New Year holiday period 2016/17 and weekend campaigns on 17th March; 14th April; 26th May; 2nd June and 20th October 2017. Roads Section and the Municipal Districts actively promote this initiative to encourage and raise awareness amongst drivers with the key message to "Slow Down", drive within speed limits and at a speed appropriate to prevailing conditions. The Council provided variable messaging signs at a number of locations along the N24 Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel & Tipperary, N52 Nenagh, N62 Thurles & Roscrea, N74 Cashel, N76 Nine Mile House, R491 Roscrea and R498 Thurles.

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Tipperary County Council Community Employment Projects

(Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel-Tipperary, Clonmel & Templemore-Thurles Districts)

Tipperary County Council has supported the Community Employment Scheme programmes since their introduction in 1985.

The Council, in partnership with the Department of Social Protection, continues to promote and encourage the development of Community Employment. Accordingly, Tipperary County Council sponsors two Community Employment Schemes. Approval was granted for the employment of four supervisors and sixty one participants in respect of the 2017/2018 Schemes. The schemes operate over thirteen locations including the Town and Environs of Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Templemore, Thurles and Tipperary Town and the communities of Boherlahan, Clonoulty/Clogher, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Nine Mile House and Rosegreen.

The Community Employment Initiatives involve a range of activities including:

- Horticultural, landscaping and environmental improvement projects
- Maintenance works in parks, towns, and cemeteries
- General Operative/Driver/Traffic Management Duties/Road Crossing Wardens

Emphasis is placed on providing valuable employment experience and training for participants. All participants benefit from Mandatory Health & Safety Training such as Safe Pass and Manual Handling which is a transferrable skill required in similar work places. Participants may also take part in Understanding of Working on Roads, SSWP Induction and CSCS Signing, Lighting & Guarding (1-Day). After achieving mandatory Health & Safety training and Road Works training, participants then follow on with job related or skill specific courses to prepare for employment in the environmental, building, security, administrative/commercial or food industry sector, such as:

- Horticultural Tools and Equipment/Operation of Lawnmowers/Handheld Pesticides
- Fork Lift/Ladder Induction/Thermal Insulation/Plastering Level 3 /Brick - Block Laying
- Door Security/Basic Guarding Skills/Fire Evacuation/Occupational 1st Aid
- Communications/Customer Service/IT/Beauty Therapy
- Food Safety

The community benefits by having cleaner towns, improvement of amenities and the landscaping of areas. Participants gain in confidence and self esteem that enable them to work as part of a team within their own community. A number of the participants on the schemes have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement in the schemes.



Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Studies

During 2017, Tipperary County Council had 9 schemes with funding approvals under the Office of Public Works (OPW) Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies.

In 2017, works were completed on 4 schemes at the L25031-1 Cloughcarrigeen, Kilsheelan; L3502-2 Newcastle, Clonmel; Graigue, Clogheen and Knockballiniry, Goatenbridge in Clonmel Borough District with the OPW supporting these schemes in the sum of €122,754.

Works commenced in 2017 and will be completed in 2018 on 2 schemes at The Millrace, Cahir in Clonmel Borough District and at Mullinahone in Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, for which a total allocation of €260,500 has been made available by the OPW.

Three schemes at R665 Ballinahalla, Clogheen in Clonmel Borough District; Ballinderry in Nenagh Municipal District and Waller's Lot, Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District have also secured funding approval totalling €115,311 and works are due to be carried out in 2018 at these locations.

The OPW conducted a review of the scheme, which had been in place since 2009 with a view to strengthening and improving the operability of the scheme. From the 1st June 2017, the upper financial threshold has been significantly increased per project and for the first time, farm yards/buildings can be included as commercial premises in all categories. Other improvements include lowering the benefit to costs ratio for smaller projects, improved benefit allowances for different property types and updated methodology for diverted journeys due to flooding.

The Council is still in discussion with the Office of Public Works in relation to a number of other proposals and further approvals may be forthcoming.

The Council acknowledges the support of the OPW and will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2018 where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to at risk properties.

Health & Safety

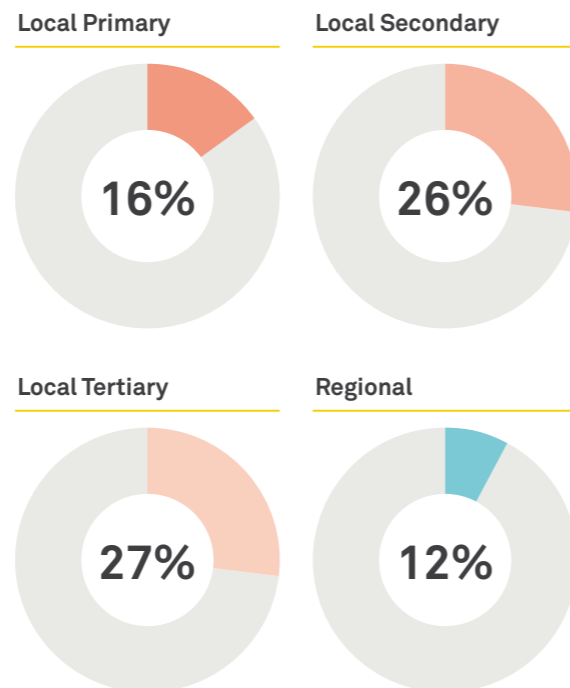
Tipperary County Council Roads Section continues to pro-actively implement a comprehensive Health & Safety management system in accordance with our Parent Safety Statement & legal obligations. The focus on health & safety is maintained through regular meetings and committees where issues such as policy/procedures are discussed. Harmonisation of North & South Road Safety Statements was continued during 2017 and is to be completed in early 2018. Regular Site Inspections and preparation for a HSA Safety Audit were also undertaken during 2017 along with recording of accidents & incidents and investigation of root causes.

Pavement Management System

A Pavement Management System is in operation in Tipperary as part of a National electronic database of all Local & Regional roads. The maps displayed on this system provide colour coded information on the road surface condition on a scale of 1 to 10 for each road category.

This information allows Tipperary County Council to quantify in a scientific fashion the different treatments required for the different road categories. This is a dynamic system which is updated automatically when a section of roadway is surveyed. The following illustrates the ratings of the various road categories as of 31st December 2017. The funding requirement to bring all the roads up to a rating of 9 or 10 would be in the order of €196 million.

Road Category in need of reconstruction



Special Speed Limit Review for County Tipperary 2015-2017

A Special Speed Limit Review for County Tipperary commenced during 2015 and was part of a National Statutory Review. The Public Consultation stage of the Speed Limit Review took place in October/November 2016 when the Draft Byelaws were put on public display for one month. The process was advertised in the national & local press and the Draft Byelaws were available for viewing by the public in each of the five Municipal Districts and on the Council's website. During this time 65 submissions were received of which 18 (28%) were received online and 29 (45%) were received through the District Offices with the remainder being submitted to the Roads Office.

The regional & local roads submissions were reviewed by the Council's Roads Technical staff and the national road submissions were reviewed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). A report on the submissions and objections received was compiled and workshops with the Elected Members in the five Municipal Districts took place February 2017. Following on from this the Draft Byelaws revision B was prepared and presented to the full County Council and was adopted by the Members at their July meeting.

The new Special Speed Limits came into effect for regional and local roads on September 11th 2017 and for national roads on the 13th November 2017.

Hedgecutting

Under the Roads Act 1993, Section 70, the owner or occupier of land is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of public road, a road authority may serve a Notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land.

It is important to note that under the Wildlife Act, 1976 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, it is an offence to destroy vegetation growing in a hedge or ditch between the 1st March and 31st August each year.

Several hundred letters were sent to landowner/occupiers in 2017, including 142 registered Notices.



Tipperary County Council Roads Section continues to pro-actively implement a comprehensive Health and Safety management system in accordance with our Parent Safety Statement & legal obligations



Roads Abutting Certificates

A total of 581 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2017 and 526 Certificates were issued.



Abnormal Load Permits

A total of 351 applications for Abnormal Load Permits were received during 2017 and 342 permits were issued.



Road Opening Licences

The MapRoad Roadworks Licencing (MRL) administered by the Road Management Office (RMO) is the national system for the management and processing of roadworks licence applications. Once a utility or civil contractor is registered on the MRL system, this registration enables them to apply to any of the Local Authorities in the Country, who are aligned to the MRL system.

The procedure used on the MRL system is based on the “T” model. “T” model licences contain limits such as total excavation area, advance notification periods, licence validity periods, number of days allowed for works to take place and distances between excavations.

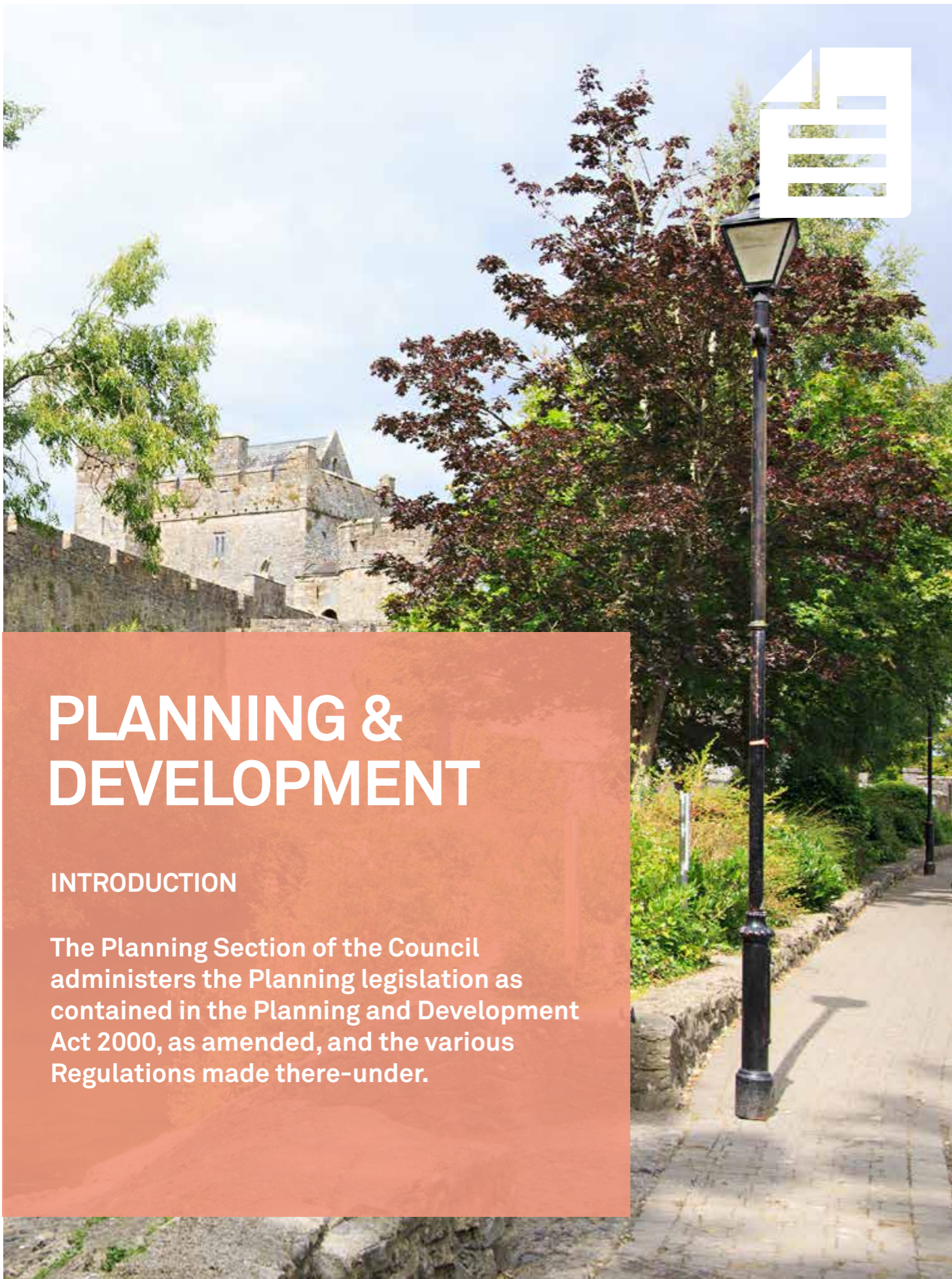
- **T1 Notification:** A T1 Notification is required when it is intended to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity of the proposed works. A T1 Notification is not a licence. The notification process allows adequate time for consultation and joint planning between the applicant and the authority.
- **T21 Licence:** Following determination of the T1 notification by the roads authority, the applicant subsequently submits T21 licence(s) for the project.
- **T2 Licence:** Works of moderate to significant impact
- **T3 Licence:** Works of low impact
- **T4 Notification:** A notification of emergency works as defined under legislation. A T2 or T3 licence may be subsequently required to complete the works that are not of an emergency nature.
- **T5 Notification:** A notification by the application to the local authority of completion of works carried out under T21, T2, T3 or T4

The new edition of the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads April 2017 (2nd Edition, Revision 1), also known as the “Purple Book” was published and given effect by Circular Letter RW 05/2017 dated 12th April 2017. This outlines the recommended process for managing the opening, backfilling and reinstatement of openings in public roads.

In 2017, Roads Section in conjunction with the Districts favourably determined 26 T1 Notifications in respect of various utility and energy projects throughout the County and granted 303 T21, T2, T3 licences during the year.



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

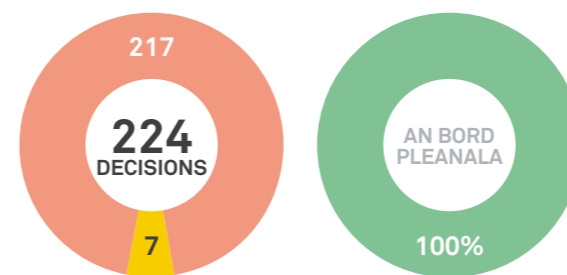
The Planning Section of the Council administers the Planning legislation as contained in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the various Regulations made there-under.



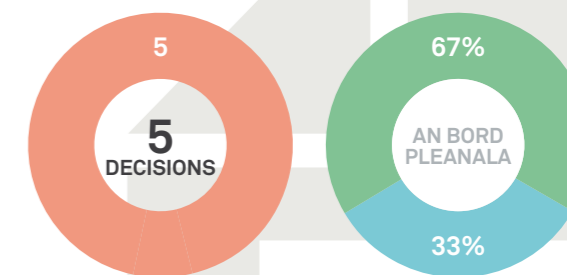
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Development Management involves processing planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie. Set out below are figures for the 2017 planning applications.

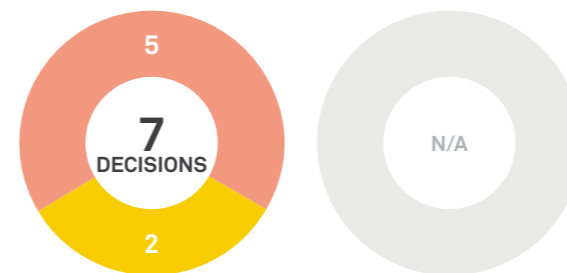
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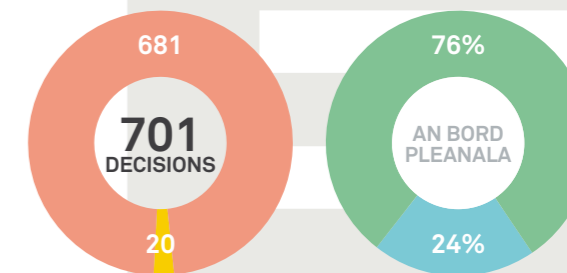
NIA/EIA



Housing Development



Other Applications



● Granted ● Refused ● Confirmed ● Reversed

e-Planning

We continue to utilise the I-Plan system, enforcement system, idocs and digitising of the Planning Register Map resulting in greater efficiency within the Section and to the public. All valid planning applications received in 2017 were made available through the planning enquiry system on www.tipperarycoco.ie. The Council's Website was used where appropriate, e.g. details of application forms, weekly lists, variations to plans etc. It is government policy under the Rebuilding Ireland and the National Broadband plans to progress e-planning. An e-planning project board has been established and has a representative from Tipperary County Council. Its purpose is to progress the delivery of e-planning functionality in order to increase and provide enhanced customer service. Tipperary County Council is a deployment validation site along with South Dublin County Council.



Development Plans/Local Area Plans National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040: Our Plan

The Government published the draft national planning framework - "Ireland 2040 - Our Plan" in September 2017 and submissions were invited up until the 10th November, 2017. A workshop took place with the Elected Members on the 1st November to discuss the scope and content of the submission. A formal submission was made to the Department on the 10th November, 2017.

The Council also participated in the making of a submission on behalf of local authorities and stakeholders in the Mid-West and South East Regions and a separate submission was made concerning the upgrading of the N24.

Preparation of Regional and Spatial Economic Strategies (RSES)

The Southern Regional Assembly has formally commenced the preparation of the Southern Region Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). An issues paper has been published and submissions are invited up until the 2nd February, 2018.

Proposed Variation to the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans:

Settlement Plans

The North Tipperary and South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied), sets out the planning policies and objectives to guide the planning and development of the towns and villages of Tipperary. Settlement Plans for 'Service Centres', 'Local Service Centres' and 'Settlement Nodes' have been reviewed in order to provide a consistent planning framework across the County.

The proposed Variations to the County Development Plans were placed on public display from the 21st July to the 21st August, 2017. The Chief Executive Reports on the submissions received and the proposed Variations were presented to the Elected Members for consideration at the plenary meeting of the Council in October. Material alterations were put on public display with closing date of 20th November.

At the December Monthly Meeting having considered the proposed Variations - Settlement Plans of the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010 (as varied) and of the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009 (as varied), the Chief Executive Reports of the 18th September 2017 (with the associated proposed material amendments and the Chief Executive Report circulated on the 4th December 2017) and the associated minor amendments, the Council made the variations with the inclusion of the further modifications as agreed. It was also agreed to revoke the Newport Local Area Plan 2010 and to revoke the Marfield Local Area Plan 2013.

An e-planning project board has been established. Its purpose is to progress the delivery of e-planning functionality in order to increase and provide enhanced customer service

Cluster Guidelines

The preparation of Cluster and Serviced Site Guidelines is an objective of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied), in order to facilitate and promote the growth and viability of the rural villages in the County.

In order to meet this objective, and following a tendering process, the Council has appointed Kenneth Hennessy Architects to prepare the Cluster Guidelines. These guidelines will provide best practice options for small housing schemes to encourage the development of high quality homes to meet the needs of the rural population.

The Guidelines are now at an advanced stage of completion and will be presented to the Elected Members in early 2018.

Built Heritage Scheme

The Department for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, in February, 2017 launched a Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016, with the purpose of encouraging the leveraging of private capital to invest in a number of small-scale, labour-intensive projects to repair and conserve structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Tipperary County Council was allocated €50,000 under the Scheme. The Council recommended 14 no. projects to the Department for consideration under the scheme. All projects were approved for funding and the Department allocated additional monies for same. The total amount allocated to projects for 2017 was €85,330. Where an individual has decided not to proceed with the project, monies have been re-allocated to other projects in the county.

The preparation of Cluster and Serviced Site Guidelines will provide best practice options for small housing schemes to encourage the development of high quality homes to meet the needs of the rural population

Structures at Risk

The Department for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, launched the Structures at Risk Scheme in February 2017. The purpose of the scheme is to assist with works to safeguard structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), where in the opinion of the Department, an urgent need for works to such structures has been demonstrated.

The Council recommended 3 no. projects to the Department for consideration under the Scheme. All projects were approved by the Department, as follows:

- Blackcastle, Templemore: €30,000
- St. Cronan Church, Roscrea: €30,000
- Ardfinnan Castle: €10,000
- Projects proceeded in accordance with the conditions of the grants scheme.

Town Walls Schemes

The Heritage Council launched the ITWN Conservation Grant Scheme in March, 2014 including the grant scheme for capital works to the Town Walls. Towns which are currently part of the network are Clonmel, Cashel, Carrick-on-Suir and Fethard. Applications were made to the Heritage Council for conservation works in Carrick on Suir, Cashel, Carrick on Suir and Fethard.

The Council received notification from the Heritage Council on the 26th April, 2017, that project proposals in Carrick on Suir and Cashel were successful in receiving grant assistance. Contractors were appointed and work has been completed.



Energy in Agriculture Conference

Tipperary County Council in partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency and Gurteen College, participated in running the 'Energy in Agriculture Event' on the 22nd August, 2017. The event was a great success with over 2,500 attendees.

Taking-in-Charge of Estates

17 housing estates were taken in charge in 2017. A further 18 were with Irish Water for agreement and another 14 were with our Roads Section to commence/ conclude the statutory process at 31st December 2017. There were 11 new applications received during 2017. 12 estates were removed from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Governments data base which represents a 40% reduction on 2016 in Tipperary.



Enforcement

The enforcement part of the Section deals with compliance with the conditions of permissions granted, collection of development contributions and follow up of reports received from the public and/or council officials of possible unauthorised development.

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2017 are as follows:



Complaints received	170
Complaints investigated	137
Complaints dismissed	131
Warning Letters issued	126
Enforcement Notices issued	24
Prosecutions initiated	1
Cases closed	216

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Meetings of the Strategic Policy Committee for Planning & Emergency Services were held on 14th March 2017, 5th September 2017 and 24th October 2017. Presentations were made on the Draft National Planning Framework, Cluster Guidelines, Vacant Sites Levy, Fire Safety in Multi-Storey Buildings; Update on Proposed Variation (Settlement Plans) of the North & South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied). Discussions also took place on the future role of villages and updates on Planning Policy Projects were also given.

The membership of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC is as follows:

Sector	Name
8 Councillors	Chair - Michael O'Meara
	Micheál Anglim
	John Carroll
	Joe Bourke
	Gerard Darcy
	Denis Leahy
	David Dunne
	Martin Browne
1 Agriculture & Farming	Matthew Mounsey
1 Development Construction	Tom Gallahue
2 PPN	Richard Long
	Lyn Mather

Number of Planning Applications received in 2017



A total of 1451 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2017. 410 applications were deemed invalid and 39 were withdrawn. During the year 968 applications were decided with 935 being granted planning permission and 33 being refused. Further information was requested in 380 cases.

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QUALITY OF LIFE

- ✓ HOUSING
- ✓ SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
- ✓ ARTS
- ✓ TIPPERARY MUSEUM
- ✓ TIPPERARY HERITAGE OFFICE
- ✓ LIBRARY SERVICES

HOUSING



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP



The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Housing and Community and Cultural policy. The membership is comprised of members of the County Council, representatives from the PPN, Trade Union and Business sectors.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

- Cllr Seamus Morris, Chair
- Cllr Pat English
- Cllr Imelda Goldsboro
- Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan
- Cllr Martin Lonergan
- Cllr Michéal Lowry
- Cllr Louise McLoughlin
- Cllr Marie Murphy
- Cllr Jim Ryan

EXTERNAL

Public Participation Network Representatives:

- Mr. Liam Hayes
- Mr. Terry O'Connor
- Ms Trisha Purcell

Development & Construction:

- Mr John O Shaughnessy

ITEMS CONSIDERED & DISCUSSED IN 2017

Re-Building Ireland Housing Construction Programme Update

- Vacant Homes Strategy
- Repair and Leasing Scheme
- Strategic Land Management Plan
- Presentation by Irish Council for Social Housing



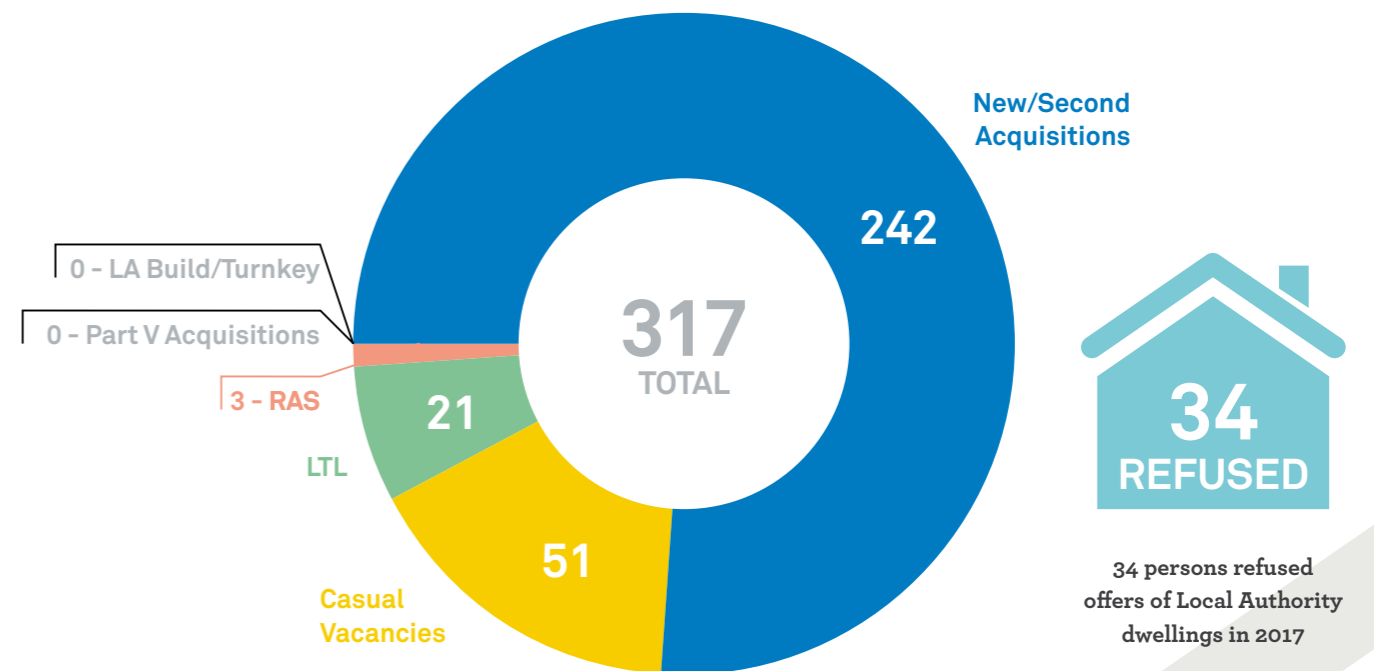
HOUSING NEED

The social housing need for Tipperary County Council at the end of 2017 is 3211



Housing Allocations 2017

A total of 317 applicants were allocated dwellings in 2017, the following table shows the breakdown by supply type:



Progress 2017: Contracts Procured



317 applicants were allocated dwellings in 2017



Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SLI) / Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Under the above Schemes, the Department of the Housing Planning and Local Government has allocated funding for local authorities to lease residential properties from private landlords. The schemes allow the Council to lease good standard accommodation in the private rental sector on medium to long term contracts. These properties are used to provide accommodation for social housing applicants, who are currently unable to provide suitable accommodation from their own resources.



Housing Assistance Payment

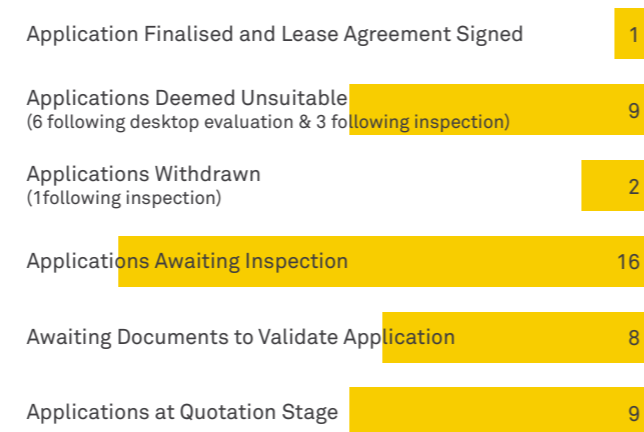
829 housing applicants were assisted to secure social housing support in the private rented sector under the Housing Assistance Payments Scheme across the county in 2017. On average 16 housing applicants were assisted per week under the Scheme which surpassed the target set down of 15 per week by the Department.

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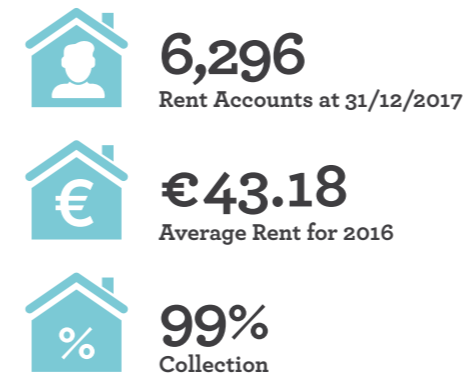
Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Repair and Leasing Scheme is a key action under the Government's Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness. Tipperary County Council commenced operation of the Scheme during 2017. The basis of the Repair and Leasing Scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation, the properties are then leased to the Council/Approved Housing Body and the cost of the works is deducted from lease payments over the agreed lease term.

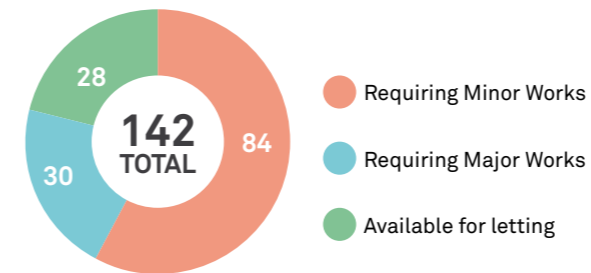
Tipperary County Council received 45 applications in 2017, the breakdown of which is as follows:



HOUSING RENTS



Vacant dwellings at 31/12/2017



Tipperary County Council received an allocation of €23,492,200 in 2017 for construction of social housing in various locations throughout the County

Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)

Tipperary County Council received an allocation of €23,492,200 in 2017 for construction of social housing in various locations throughout the County and an additional €15,245,500 was provided for the acquisition of houses.

A further allocation of €1,271,722 was provided to return void units to productive use.

Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes

The Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes cover three grant schemes operated by the Council. The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability provides for the provision/adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of people with a disability; works include access ramps, stair lifts, level access showers, extensions, etc. The Mobility Aids Grants is a fast track scheme to address mobility problems; works include level access showers, ramps, grab rails and stair lifts. The Housing Aid for Older People assists older people in carrying out necessary repair and improvements to their home.

The combined capital allocation, which was notified to this Council in 2017, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings, was €3,032,731 of which €606,546 was to be provided from this Council's own revenue resources. The Council has drawn down its allocation in 2017.

275 PROJECTS
A total of 275 projects were completed.



HOMELESSNESS 2017

In line with the regional approach required by government to address homelessness, the South East Homelessness Action Plan 2013 - 2016 was adopted by the Council in April 2013.

The plan sets out the structures, principles and actions required to prevent and eliminate long term homelessness in the region. The plan provides for performance service indicators for the first time in the area of homelessness. It also provides for a more co-ordinated approach to funding arrangements for homeless services in the region, with Waterford City Council being delegated as lead authority in relation to homeless funding.

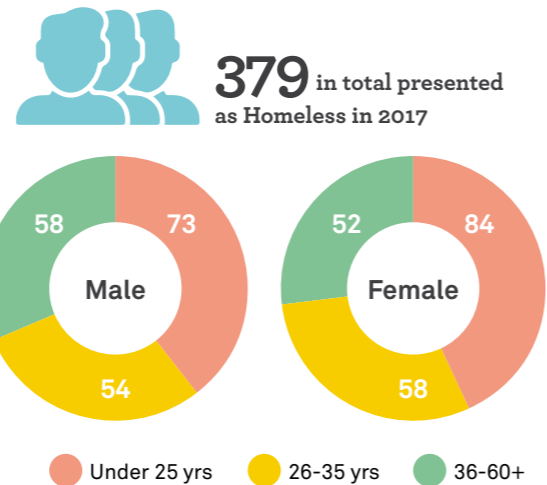


Central to the provision of homeless services are the Homeless Action Teams (HAT). The Homeless Action Teams are established in each local authority area in the region and have helped to achieve a standardised approach to care and case management in respect of those clients presenting as homeless. The HAT is a multi-disciplined approach, which meets weekly with representatives from the various service providers for the homeless, such as the Local Authority, HSE, Mental Health Services, Cuan Saor Women's hostel, NOVAS, Department of Social Protection, Focus Ireland and South East Simon.

Homeless Supports within Tipperary

- Homeless Action Team (H.A.T.)
- Tenancy Sustainment Service (Focus)
- Resettlement Team

These housing supports address the issue of homelessness and its prevention. Temporary B & B can be made available in an emergency, pending the sourcing of private rented accommodation/social housing. Inter-county protocols have been established in relation to access to regional hostels for persons presenting as homeless in Tipperary. Tenancy Sustainment Services continue to play a central role in addressing the issue of homelessness.



The Council assisted these persons as follows;

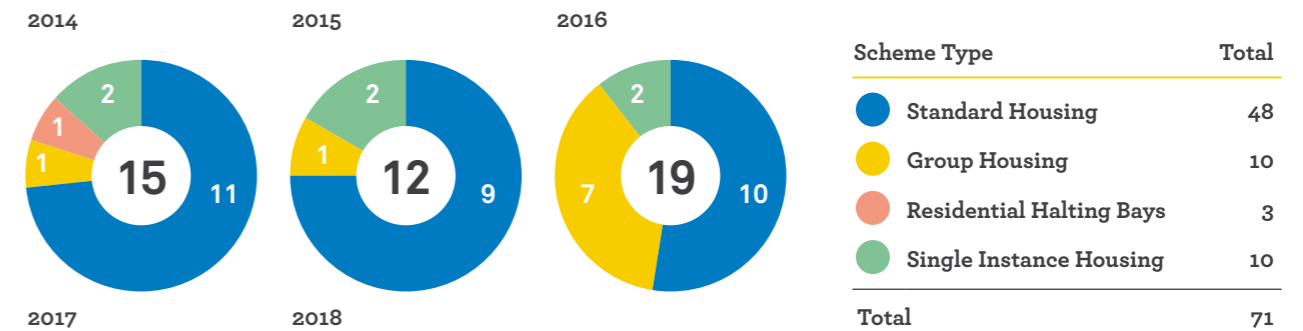
- Offered Local Authority/Voluntary Housing
- Approved persons for Private Rented accommodation(HAP)
- Provision of Hostel/ Bed & Breakfast accommodation

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TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018

The Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018 in respect of Tipperary County Council was adopted by the Members of the Council in January 2014. The target over the five year period is 71 units.

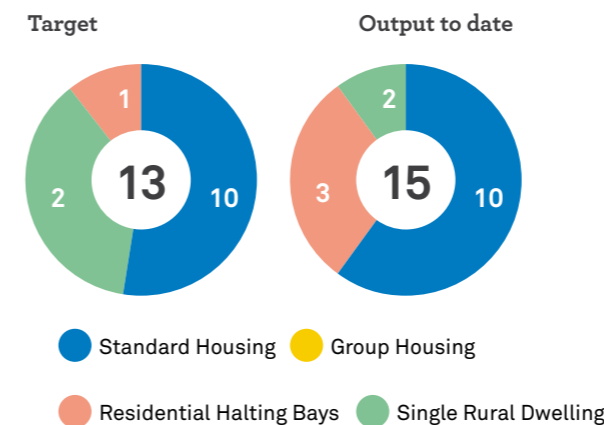


3. General

With the reduction in funding for Traveller Specific Accommodation, Tipperary County Council is using the various Social Housing Options available to provide accommodation, including Council owned Housing, Rental Accommodation Scheme and Social Leasing.

Progress Report 2017

The following accommodation has been provided to date:



4. Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, on 30th November 2017. The total number of families was 366.

5. Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

The Traveller Consultative Committee meets quarterly or as deemed necessary by the members. Membership consists of representatives from the Travelling community, elected members, Council officials and representatives from voluntary and statutory agencies

VOLUNTARY HOUSING

Capital Assistance Scheme

Tipperary County Council continues to support and finance Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) to purchase and refurbish properties at various locations across the County. Thurles Lions Trust has received Stage 1 Approval for the delivery of 19 No. Units at Stanwix Village, Thurles which includes the refurbishment of a protected structure known as Stanwix House. Cluid Housing Association received Stage 2 Approval for the construction of 9 Units at Glenconnor Road, Clonmel and are now in the process of lodging their Planning Application for this development.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility

Cluid Housing Association acquired 12 no. Units at Ros Na Cronin, Ashbury, Roscrea in the sum of €1,260,000 which are now leased to this Council for a period of 30 years. Oaklee Housing Association purchased 15 no. Units at Mill House Carrick-on-Suir for a sum of €1,028,000 and these apartments are also leased to the Council for a period of 30 years.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government announced a new Incremental Purchase Scheme providing for the sale of existing local authority houses to tenants in 2015. All tenants were notified of the Scheme in March 2016.

At the end of 2017, 176 tenants have applied to purchase their house under the scheme and 77 tenants have been advised that they qualify and can now purchase their house. 3 Sales are closed and 18 houses are with the County Solicitor for purchasing.

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

The Housing Authority is continuing to implement and effect enforcement of standards within the private rented sector.

During the year a total of 685 inspections were carried out.

Where necessary, letters issued to owners of property identifying items to be addressed and further follow up action is being taken to ensure compliance with the standards.

Estate Management

Tipperary County Council continues to promote estate management initiatives and awarded amenity grants to eighty six Resident Associations under this Council's 2017 Estate Management Budget. This funding aims to enhance and develop the physical appearance of our Local Authority estates. Training in the form of educational excursions and up skilling workshops are provided and help encourage ongoing participation from residents. The Councils seven Community Liaison Officers work to address anti-social behaviour, providing pre tenant training, also developing further training initiatives and continuing the second chance programme, involving inter-agency support and community and youth projects. They work closely with a number of organisations such as An Garda Síochána, HSE, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, local Community and Family Resource Centres and others to improve the quality of life for all residents and tenants in Tipperary



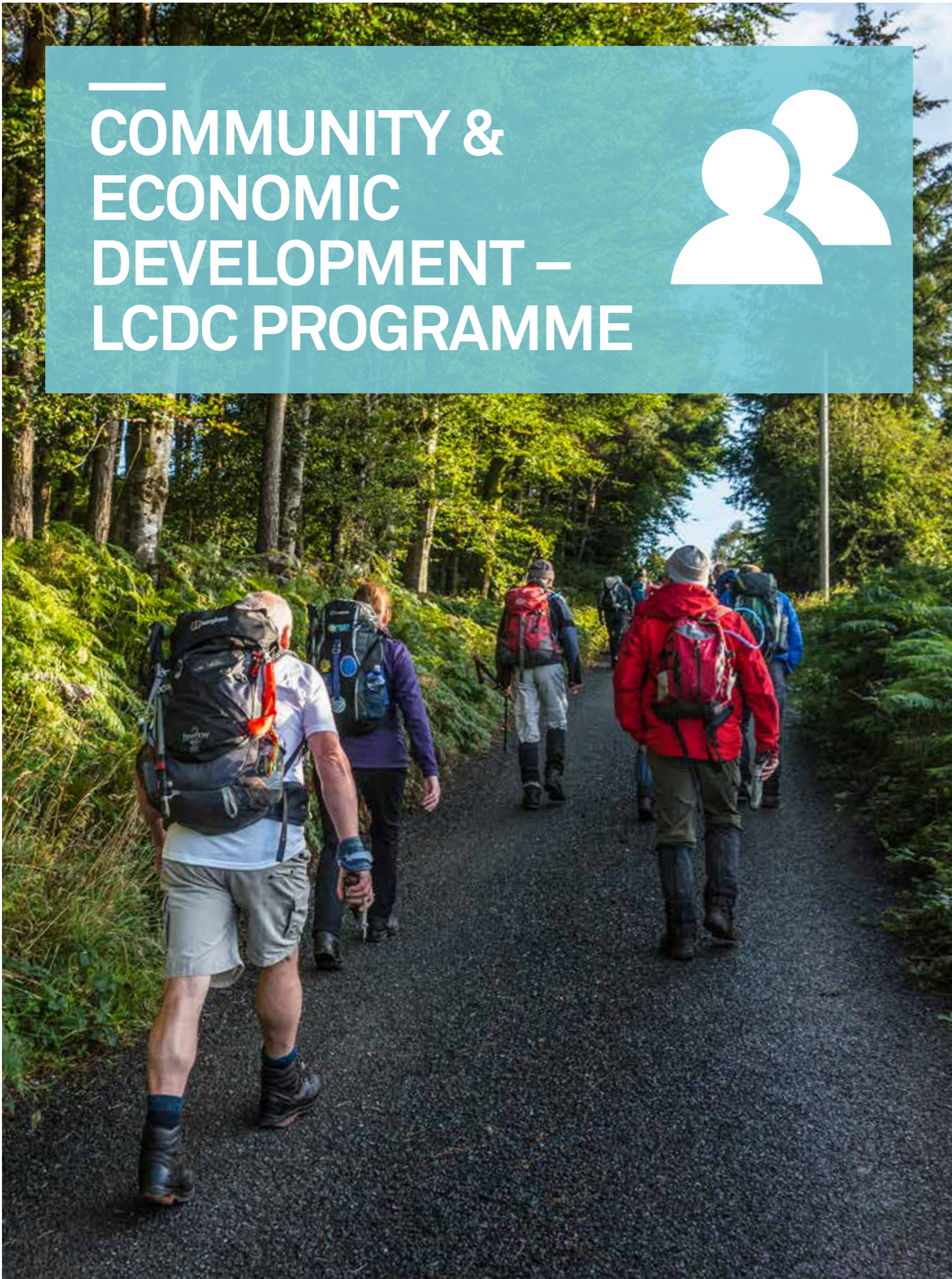
Resident Association excursion 18th October 2017 to Roscrea, which showcased community projects, which have taken place in Kennedy Park, Chapel Lane - Ard Ross and Cois Eaglais, Ashbury, Sheehane and Gleann Glas Community House



Resident Associations from the Carrick-on-Suir District viewing estate management initiatives in Collins Park, Carrick-on-Suir



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LCDC PROGRAMME



Local Economic and Community Plan

The LECP 2017 Community and Economic Annual Plans were implemented in 2017. The plans were reviewed at midyear and the end of year with lead agencies being asked to submit progress on actions. The LECP is the strategy which provides a framework for all activities under the Community and Economic Development Directorate.

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (TLCDC)

The LCDC have met eleven times in 2017 to date. The LCDC continues to manage the programmes for which it holds contract e.g. the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme and the Rural Development Programme 2014-20. New Funding lines such as the RAPIFD national Scheme, the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Community Facilities Scheme was brought through the LCDC in 2017. A number of agencies and organisations presented their work plan to the LCDC and outlined how their work area aligned to the LECP plan including An Gardaí, Tipperary Libraries, Local link, Tipperary Sports Partnership Social Inclusion Office, the Children and Young person's Services Committee and the Arts Office.

Social Inclusion Community Activation programme (SICAP)

The SICAP Contract for 2015-2017 finished on December 31st 2017. During the 2017 two reviews were undertaken. The programme concentrates on supporting and facilitating engagement by those communities who are hardest to reach and who are furthest from the workforce. The programme was implemented in the South of the County by South Tipperary Development Company and in the North of the County by North Tipperary LEADER Partnership. The combined budget for the county was €1,122,450.

The New SICAP for the 2018-22 periods was tendered towards the end of the year - North Tipperary LEADER Partnership was the successful tenderer for the North Tipperary Areas while South Tipperary Development Company were the successful tenderers in the south of the county. The Programme will run over five years focusing on both disadvantaged individuals and Local Community Groups. The combined annual budget for County Tipperary (both the South Tipperary and North Tipperary Lot) is €1,117,386.

Local Development Strategy /LEADER

In Co. Tipperary a LEADER budget of €7.5m has been assigned to Tipperary LCDC for LEADER projects up to 2020 inclusive. The LEADER programme supports activities, projects and programmes in rural areas under 4 key themes of enterprise/tourism activity; basic rural services; youth supports and bio diversity projects. By end of 2017 a total of 69 project applications had been received with 65 projects seeking grant-aid of €1,792,570.

A number of changes were agreed in late 2017 to make the programme more accessible to interested parties. Most of these actions have now been implemented and are impacting/will impact positively on programme delivery from late 2017 onwards.

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Community Funding Schemes

CLÁR Scheme (Measure 3)

This Scheme allows for funding to be secured for community infrastructure projects in rural CLÁR designated areas. Applications for funding for five projects were submitted by the Council with two projects (Newcastle Community Hall and Dunhill Community Centre) obtaining approval. These projects, involving upgrade and refurbishment works, were completed in 2017.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

2016 Scheme – Funded projects completed during 2017 were Templemore (Town Park Wildflower Garden) and Tipperary Town (Phase 2 of the Town Centre Plaza Project). Ongoing funded projects are Cahir (Public Amenities Facility), Carrick-on-Suir (Town Centre Area Public Realm Design) and Borrisokane (Phase 1 of the Street & Pavement Enhancement Scheme).

2017 Scheme – In October 2017, the Council received approval for thirteen funding applications it had submitted. Eight of these projects are community-led, with five being led by the Council. Implementation of these projects has commenced and will continue in 2018.

Town/Village	Project Title
Borrisokane	Ring Fort & Workhouse Graveyard enhancement works
Cashel	Pedestrian Walkway along Circular Road in Cashel
Fethard	Develop Pocket Park at Burke Street and extension to Fethard Historic Town Walk
Grange	Create a pedestrian link between the village centre and existing community amenities and improve existing surface water drainage within the village.
Holycross	Public space amenity improvements adjacent to River Suir
Kilross	Develop a Garden of Remembrance
Killenaule	Creation of an off-street Car Park with 100 Spaces
Littleton	Community Centre Car Park enhancements
Mullinahone	Develop a community village wild-flower garden off Fethard Street
Nenagh	Enhancement works to Lewis Lane
Roscrea	Implementation of the Roscrea Signage Strategy and extension of “Butler Trail” App to include Roscrea
Rosegreen	Reconstruction of the existing Community Facilities entrance area and associated safety improvements
Terryglass	Playground extension, Inner Harbour improvements, Small Boat Moorings and improvement of Littlewood Trail Walk

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Funding was obtained for works on five small-scale projects to be undertaken during the year under Measure 1 of this Scheme, including a community-led improvement project on a section of the Inch Loop Walkway. Funding has also been secured, under Measure 1 of this Scheme, for a walkway project at Townlugh, Portroe linking the Graves of the Leinstermen with the Millennium Cross. This project will be undertaken in 2018.

Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities

Tipperary County Council’s Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities 2016-2019 was developed to provide community-based groups, clubs and voluntary organisations with a fund to support:

- Development of “needs-based” facilities to deal with deficits in community infrastructure and amenities;
- Availability of appropriate community infrastructure and amenities for all groups of the population at a convenient distance from their homes and places of work;
- Opportunities for communities to improve and give added-value to their existing facilities;
- Strengthening of community relationships by supporting communities to work together to provide facilities needed in their locality;
- Equality of access to all community facilities and amenities.

Tipperary County Council opened a Call for Proposals at the end of September 2017 and sought applications for funding in accordance with the priorities of the Scheme. The total budget available to distribute in grant funding is €2m.

Five very well attended Information Workshops were held across the county in October. 125 applications for funding were received by the closing date of 30th November 2017. It is anticipated that assessment and evaluation of these will be completed by end March/early April 2018, at which time decisions on funding awards will issue.

Under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, the Council received approval for 13 funding applications during 2017

Comhairle na nÓg



2017 Comhairle na nÓg members

Comhairle na nÓg is the child and youth council which gives young people a voice on the development of local policies and services in Tipperary. They are the recognised national structure for participation by children and young people in decision-making in all 31 local authorities.

Comhairle na nÓg carries out its functions in two ways: working on key topics of importance to young people and acting as a consultative forum for adult decision-makers in the local authority area. The members of Comhairle na nÓg are elected at the AGM and are responsible for carrying out the work plan for the year. The AGM held in Glen of Aherlow had 154 attendees and was a very successful event. The key areas of work in 2017 included:

- a campaign on LGBTQ awareness and equality issues which led to increased knowledge throughout the membership and will be incorporated on an ongoing basis in Tipperary Comhairle na nÓg.
- Diversity and inclusion awareness and training in reaching out to new communities in the members’ localities.
- Youth mental health is a permanent action and Comhairle na nÓg will continue to promote the need for positive mental health including their annual lets go mental event (held in Thurles in 2017).
- Comhairle na nÓg have nominated representatives onto the CYPSC and were involved in the consultation process of the CYPSC plan.
- Members of Comhairle na nÓg made a presentation to Tipperary County Council and the Joint Policing Committee.

Community Facilities Scheme

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in 2017, launched this Scheme in March 2017 and this has been administered, on behalf of the Department, by Tipperary Local Community Development Committee along with the five Municipal Districts of Tipperary County Council. The aim of the Scheme is to enhance communities, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at a local level by providing access to small-scale capital grants. The Scheme offered grants up to a maximum of €1,000 per project. The Closing date was the 30th of June. 107 applications were received as follows, with the average grant awarded €653.00



Play Day and Recreation Week Grants 2017



The aim of National Play day (2nd July) and National Recreation Week (3rd – 9th July) funded by The Department of Children and Youth Affairs, is to help increase public awareness of the importance of play in supporting children’s physical and social development. The theme of this year’s scheme was ‘Fun and Active Play’. Under this scheme, a variety of projects have been funded that create opportunities for outdoor play.



Lunch’n’roll for National Recreation Week with South Tipperary Disability Group Forum in Cahir Sensory Park

Groups included South Tipperary Disability Group Forum, County Tipperary Golf Club, Dyspraxia Support Group Tipperary, Cahir Comhaltas, St. Joseph’s Primary School and Carrick-on-Suir Neighbourhood Youth Project. The projects included outdoor activities such as drumming, craft and arts workshops, a picnic with dancing and outdoor camp activities.

Playground policy



The Tipperary County Council Playground Policy was adopted in February 2017. The purpose of this document is to

- Bring clarity and consistency of approach to the management and maintenance of those playgrounds who have been the recipients of public funding pre and post the merger of Tipperary County Council
- Outline the type of supports and structures available for the existing and proposed playgrounds which community groups with a responsibility for playgrounds, can avail of
- Identify criteria for publicly supported playground development where there is
 - › an identified deficit and/or
 - › (b) where they are required as a result of a particularly identified deficit in a settlement that already hosts a playground facility.
- This policy will also be open to supporting new, innovative and unique play projects in exceptional circumstances and where there is a strong case for same.

Pride of Place

Pride of Place recognises the hard work and dedication of community organisations in their local communities. Each year councils from across the island of Ireland nominate groups in their area, who they believe have made an outstanding contribution to supporting and strengthening their local community.



Pic: Carrick-on-Suir Collective incorporating Carrick-on-Suir Strand Theatre/ Musical Society, The Brewery Lane Theatre & Arts Centre and The Tudor Artisan Hub with Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council at the Pride of Place awards ceremony in Donegal in November 2017

Carrick-on-Suir Collective incorporating Carrick-on-Suir Strand Theatre/ Musical Society, The Brewery Lane Theatre & Arts Centre and The Tudor Artisan Hub were entered by Tipperary County Council under the Creative Place category.

Judging took place in July and the 3 venues and groups collectively showcased the very best of Irish Arts and Culture in theatre, musicals, music, arts, film, writing and crafts. It was clear to the judges that the combined culture of creativity within Carrick-on-Suir involves every sector of the community, involves generations of story tellers, musicians, thespians, performers, crafts, design.

“Lets Able not Label!”

Engaging young people in terms of disability is a fundamentally important tool in terms of creating new generational thinking about integration and rights of people with disabilities.

The “Let’s Able not Label’ project is a multiagency partnership project (in collaboration with three Tipperary Town secondary schools) to create a disability awareness animated video and a follow-on awareness tutorial pack for delivery to first year new entry students to secondary school.

The video is part of a Let’s Able not Label resource pack which we hope will be availed of by all secondary schools in the County and use this as a platform to build our understanding and awareness of living with a physical, sensory or hidden disability.

The video was launched in October by Joanne O’ Riordan and will be used as a resource tool to all secondary schools in the county.



This partnership project has been shortlisted as a finalist in the All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2018 in the Best Disability Access and Inclusion category

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Tipperary Public Participation Network (TPPN)



Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN) has 1337 members made up of organisations from the community and voluntary, social inclusion and environment sectors. The focus of the PPN is to empower and assist groups to participate in local decision making. The main areas of PPN work is to provide:

- Access to information and networking
- Community representation and participation in various structures
- Capacity building through training and support
- There are 1337 PPN members, representing Community and Voluntary Sector 1166, Social Inclusion 144 and Environment 27.

Tipperary PPN has 16 linkage groups in operation, with 488 members registered to linkage groups

In 2017 two Plenary were held throughout the year in March and November. A Plenary is a meeting of the entire membership of the Network and all groups are encouraged to attend. Newsletters were circulated on a regular basis during the year to all members informing them of activities, training, funding opportunities, public consultations etc. The PPN representatives on the SPC's, JPC and LCDC continue to provide a valuable contribution to the policy making structures of local government.



Tipperary County Joint Policing Committee

The Joint Policing Committee's (JPC) function serves as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authorities administrative area. There are 31 members on the JPC comprising representation from elected members of Tipperary County Council, Oireachtas members, Local Authority officials and community representatives.

During 2017 the JPC met on 3 occasions in Nenagh in February, Rockwell College in May and Clonmel in December and considered relevant policing matters including County Crime Statistics, Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, Comhairle na Nóg, Tipperary Youth Diversion Projects and CCTV.

District Safety Committees across all MDs also continued to meet throughout the year, at which, more local safety and crime related matters were discussed.

Tipperary Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC)



The membership of the Children and Young People Services Committee (CYPSC) is composed of representatives of major statutory service providers, from childcare, family support, school & youth services sectors, as well from Local Development Companies.

A five year CYPSC, Work Plan, was approved at the December CYPSC meeting. The CYPSC Plan will reflect how the integrated service provision for children within the county will work in line with the key National outcomes : active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing; achieving full potential in learning and development; safe and protected from harm; economic security and opportunity; and connected, respected and contributing to their world.

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Tipperary Age Friendly County



A partnership of Tipperary County Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE North and South Tipperary and County Tipperary Citizens Information Service have produced the Tipperary Age Friendly Information Guide to Services for Older People in County Tipperary.

This is the first all County publication for Older People within Tipperary.

This guide contains information in relation to entitlements, health, housing, transport, safety and security, social and leisure activities, support groups and organisations for older people within County Tipperary.

The publication is available through your local Citizens Information Centres, through the Primary Care and Day Care Centres across County Tipperary, your local Garda Stations, Tipperary Civic Offices and through the network of libraries across County Tipperary and is free of charge.

The publication will also be available online on the following websites: www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.hse.ie, www.tipperaryllibraries.ie

RAPID/Community Action Plan Teams

Consultations have been ongoing in the RAPID Area Implementation Teams in Clonmel, Carrick on Suir and Tipperary Town with a focus on producing 3 year RAPID Plans based on the priorities identified by the community and resources/supports available to identify those. Plans are already in place for Littleton and Roscrea

Funding

A National RAPID Scheme was launched in November 2017 to provide small capital works to RAPID areas and area of high deprivations. Funding was allocated to 36 projects across the 3 RAPID areas as well as Littleton and Roscrea.

Roscrea

Roscrea CAP has met four times in 2017 and the Environment/safety subgroup as well as the Enterprise/ Training subgroup has met to put in place annual work plans. The youth subgroup have met a number of times to look at the allocation of €50,000 allocated to youth work in Roscrea. Key projects that Roscrea CAP initiative work supported in 2017 were the Development of a CCTV system in the town. A subgroup to develop a making connections ETB funded Local Training Initiative aimed at providing educational supports for substance mis-users also met a number of times in 2017.



Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-20251 is the national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of Ireland over the coming generation.

The primary aim of the fund is to support innovative, cross-sectoral, evidence-based projects and initiatives that support the implementation of key national policies in areas such as obesity, smoking, alcohol, physical activity and sexual health.

A Health and wellbeing sub group of the LCDC has been established and submitted a funding call in September 2017 together with members of CYPSC to deliver 20 Actions encompassing themes of Healthy Eating and Active Living, Sexual Health, Tobacco Control and the development of a Healthy Tipperary Strategy.



Strategic Projects Unit

The Unit is involved with maximising access to European and other funding streams to assist the Council to deliver on its objectives and plans. The unit

- Project manages the implementation of 5 EU co-funded projects in which TCC is a partner (see below table)
- Sources and identifies Calls for Proposals of relevance to TCC;
- Liaises with sections of TCC to identify areas suitable for inclusion in Calls for Proposals;
- Works on behalf of TCC to develop and pursue project applications in collaboration with relevant external agencies, e.g. TEA, I.T.'s, YWI Tipperary, LEOs, Fáilte Ireland, Chambers, etc;
- Co-ordinates the preparation & submission of project bids for EU & Exchequer funding;
- Acts as an information source for TCC members and staff on EU project-related matters.



EU Project 'Rural SMEs' – Participants at Workshop and Steering Group meeting held in Clonmel in June 2017

Projects in the process of being implemented in 2017 included:

Project Name	Funding Programme	Objective of Project
Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions (SWARE)	INTERREG EUROPE	Aims to achieve a better balance between protection and sustainable exploitation of natural and cultural waterway resources through improving development programmes/policies of partner regions
Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets (SUPER)	INTERREG EUROPE	Aims to improve SME uptake of environmentally sustainable innovations into their business through improving the development programmes and policies of partner regions
RURAL SMEs	INTERREG EUROPE	Improve policies of partner regions to develop entrepreneurship and the creation & internationalization of innovative SMEs in rural areas
Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Fragile Communities in Europe (INTERFACE)	ERASMUS+	Aims to develop & pilot test a training programme, through community workshops and training of community coaches, for fragile communities which face ongoing demographic, economic and social challenges
Driving Innovative E-learning in Road Safety (E-DRIVERS)	ERASMUS+	Develop an education/training programme in safer driving, amongst primarily young drivers & pre-drivers, to alter the fundamental attitudes that exacerbate risk, focusing on self-awareness and understanding the circumstances that lead to safer driving

The Strategic Projects unit maximises access to European and other funding streams to assist the Council to deliver on its objectives and plans





TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (TSP)

Tipperary Sports Partnership's remit is to develop sport and increase physical activity in the county. In 2017 to date, the Sports Partnership has delivered 80 individual programmes or initiatives with over 8,296 participants. In addition the Sports Partnership has been successful in sourcing in excess of €474,500 to date in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2017 include:

- The eight Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held in Clonmel on 24th September with over 700 participants.
- Walking in the County was supported with community walks in Cahir, 5k Operation Transformation Walks. A new walking programme 'How She Cutting' was established in Ardfinnan with over 120 taking part. 2 New Park Runs were set up in Templemore & Clonmel with the support of TSP & TCC



Walkers light up Ardfinnan on the final night of the HowsSheCuttin' programme

A number of programmes targeting young people were facilitated and supported - Sports Hall Athletics Programme continues to be delivered to 11 schools in North Tipperary; Supported Primary School Athletics in North Tipperary with 545 participants, with a similar event for the South held in October with 1,300 participants . 2 Sports Leader programme was facilitated in Cahir and Nenagh with 46 students completing the programmes.



Wibbly Wobbly bike programme in action in Stepping Stones Montessori

- In October, a Walking Football Programme was piloted in Cashel with middle aged men, 14 participants took part in a 4 week programme in partnership with the FAI.
- Child Welfare, Club Children Officers Designated Officer continue to be delivered throughout the year. To date 222 volunteers received training during 2017.
- Work is continuing on development of the Blueway from Cahir to Carrick on Suir. Construction work on the new access was completed in Ardfinnan, Suir Island in Clonmel and in Kilsheelan.



Launch of the Community Sports Hub (Slalom Course)

As part of the Blueway, the Community Sports Hub which included the development of a Slalom course at Lady Blessingtons was launched in April by John Treacy, CEO Sport Ireland. The National Canoeing Club Championship was held in Clonmel in April with over 650 competitors over 7 disciplines.

As part of the Community Sports Hub, a Hub Co-ordinator commenced work with TSP in February. An education and training programme aimed at developing and supporting Canoeing & Kayaking on the River Suir is continuing with two programme& activities, 4 Level 1, 1 Level 2 & 1 Level 3 courses delivered to 41 participants received certs, 11 Summer Camps -125 participants delivered. As part of this programme and new schools programme 'Blueway Your Way' was delivered to 7 Secondary Schools with 166 pupils.

14 'People with a Disability' sports programmes were delivered during 2017 under the Social Inclusion Programme 'Inclusive Communities through Sport', with over 300 people with a disability participating. Programmes include Para Badminton, Boccia, Inclusive Swim, Sailability programme, Enjoy Tennis programme, Schools adapted programmes and Disability Awareness training. Disability Awareness training was facilitated for all staff of St. Marys Primary School Nenagh in April 2017 with further schools training in October 2017.



Tipperary Warriors' a multi-sport club based in Thurles, for children with a physical disability

6 'Youth at Risk' programmes were delivered in partnership with North Tipperary Leader Partnership, Youthwork Ireland Tipperary, Tipperary ETB and Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service. These included a Sports and Physical Activity programme for youths on the Roscrea Area Youth Programme, youths on the Alternative Learning Programme in Tipperary Town, the Activ 8 programme (Tipp town, Cashel, Templemore, Littleton) and the Clonmel Community Youth project. Two additional sports programmes this year included a Teens at Risk Programme with YWIT in Tipperary town and a programme with the Clonmel Youth Diversion group. Over 250 youths in total engaged with our 'Youth at Risk' programme.

Mental Well Being: Two SafeTalk (Suicide Awareness) education programme for sports coaches were facilitated by TSP in Nenagh and Clonmel with a full course of 25 participants. A further workshop is scheduled for Nenagh during World Mental Health Week in October.

3 Traveller Participation in sport programmes were implemented in partnership with Tipperary Rural Traveller Programme and NTLP. These programmes comprised a 'Littleton Sports Programme' which took place for traveller youths with 20 participants, and a 'Health for Traveller Men's programme in Tipperary Town with 20 participants. A Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies programme was facilitated for traveller women in Nenagh and Littleton.



Participants getting a taste of horse riding in Hillcrest Equestrian Centre in August 2017

Marginalised communities were supported through the Roscrea Community Soccer League and the Clonmel Community Soccer League in partnership with the FAI and resident associations in Roscrea and Clonmel. Over 300 7-12 year old boys and girls are participating. TSP is also working with South Tipperary Development Company and the Sean Kelly Leisure Centre in Carrick on Suir in implementing a Swim Education programme for young people. A new programme for 2017 is the 'East meets West' programme with YWIT - an integration programme with the Syrian Community in Thurles.

TSP has developed a Club Education set of workshops with YWIT called 'Inclusive Clubs'. Topics include youth mental health and bullying with the first workshops took place in Tipperary Town in October 2017.

TSP works closely with the FAI Development Officers in delivering soccer programmes and activities targeted at marginalized areas and the more vulnerable groups in our communities

Over 300 7-12 year boys and girls participated in Community soccer Leagues during 2017



Participants who took part in a female only PDP1 that took place in Nenagh AFC in January

Intercultural Work has commenced on the new AMIF project (Asylum, Migration Integration Fund) where alliances between clubs and community groups will be formed. 2 after school programmes delivered in March with 45 pupils from Cahir Boys NS and St. Mary's Parochial school Clonmel. Show Racism the Red Card sessions delivered to 4 schools including St. Olivers NS Clonmel and Cahir Boys NS.

Walking Football A walking football demo took place at the LSP older adult festival in May. From that, a Walking football programme has started in Cashel with members of Cashel Mens Shed groups and Cashel Tidy Towns. 12 participants.



ARTS PROGRAMME

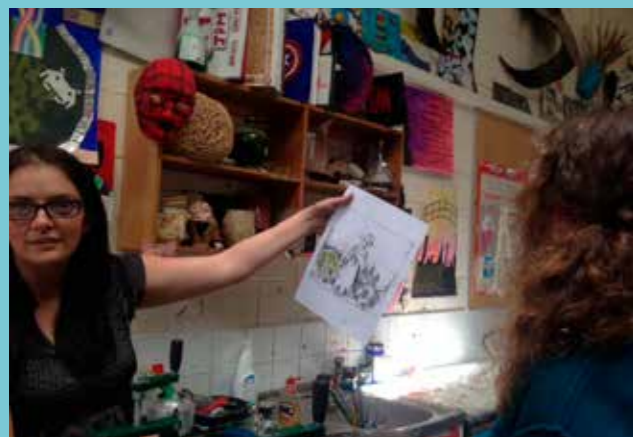
The key objective of The Arts Office is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county in partnership with a range of stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council. Our work is guided by the Tipperary Arts Strategy 2017-2021 across six strategic priorities:

- Creative Communities- Public Participation
- Creative Practitioners- The Artist
- Creative Solutions – Arts Partnerships & Collaboration
- Creative Supports – Arts Information & Advice
- Creative Infrastructure – Arts Venues & Festivals
- Creativity & The Public Realm – Public Art

A strong programme of Arts in Education Initiatives took place throughout the county during 2017. The Artist in Primary School Scheme placed 12 artists in schools working with students and staff across artform areas including the visual arts, theatre and music. The scheme supports direct access to the arts for children and provides direct employment for artists. The prints for schools exhibition toured to 4 second level schools in Tipperary this year. This initiative enables second level schools to host the exhibition (32 contemporary prints by Irish Artists) in their school and to avail of educational printmaking workshops and educational support materials.



Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir



The Tipperary Dance Residency

The Tipperary Dance Residency in partnership with Tipperary Excel saw Iseli-Chiodi Dance Company reach people in a range of ways through the residency.

Dance Residency activities include international and local professional dance performances, supports for dance artists and audience building initiatives such as the schools programmes, All Day Do Dance, a programme of free dance classes and shows with expert tuition in June and the curation and presentation of Tipperary Dance Platform, an International Dance Festival in Tipperary Town, Thurles, Nenagh and Clonmel in October. During 2017 we were successful in our application with partners Kildare County Council, Kerry County Council and Dance Ireland, to the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme which encourages and supports the development of strategic partnerships nationally towards specific arts development aims. This project is a Dance & Health initiative which aims to develop professional practice in the area of Dance & Health. The first Dance & Health symposium as part of this initiative took place in Nenagh Arts Centre during The Tipperary Dance Platform in October. Events are also planned to take place in Kerry and in Kildare as part of this initiative in early 2018.



Organised in partnership with Tipperary Libraries, The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival presented a programme of over 70 events throughout the County in May. Celebrating Creativity in Older Age, the festival included opportunities for older people to engage with the arts across artform areas including literature, music, the visual arts, film and theatre. Among the highlights for 2017 was an Artist in Residence project led by Fethard based artist Pat Looby called Rituals and Other Stories. Students from Patrician Presentation Secondary school and Fethard Day Care Centre worked with the artist to explore and consider statuary and images associated with May altars. A selection of Pat's own work and that of her Day Care collaborators were exhibited at The Tipperary County Museum in Clonmel in late May.





Tipperary Culture Night 2017 was co-ordinated by the Arts Office as part of the national initiative supported by The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. 21 venues participated in 10 locations across Tipperary, presenting 26 free events ranging from art exhibitions and workshops to films, music, poetry and song, walking tours, lectures and community projects. This annual national celebration of our culture and the arts sees cultural buildings, organisations and groups throughout the County come together to showcase the fantastic cultural facilities and resources we have locally and invites broad participation.



The National Famine Commemoration took place at the Famine Warehouse in Ballingarry on 30th September, 2017



The National Famine Commemoration took place at the Famine Warehouse in Ballingarry on 30th September 2017. The Arts Office worked closely with other members of the Cultural Team and the inter-departmental steering group to develop the local element of the ceremony and a programme of events in the week leading up to the event. Original artworks were commissioned from Tipperary based artists Katy Goodhue and David Quin which included a schools based project called The Tipperary Famine Landscape Project working with 14 class groups from the six schools in the area. 307 pieces of art by local children formed an exhibition at the village hall in Ballingarry during the commemoration and were screened at the National Commemorative event, a group of five low relief collages on the impact of the famine on the population and specifically the people living in the Ballingarry area were created and exhibited by Artist Katy Goodhue and a new short film, A Great Silence by David Quin was screened at the event and is a sensitive and thought provoking response to the Irish Famine with specific reference to the local area and to the difficult journeys of the people affected at the time.



The National Famine Commemoration ceremony took place on the 30 September and included a local programme featuring Banna Cluain Meala, Michael O Suilleabhain, Michael Coady, The Ursuline Choir, Dr Thomas MacGrath Famine Warehouse 1848 Historical Society, Carmel O'Brien, Aidan Mullaly and Abigail Meagher from the Presentation Secondary School and local band The Mangled Badgers



Guard of Honour for An Taoiseach at Famine Warehouse 1848 Ballingarry (Maxwells)



A new approach to investing in festivals into the future was developed during 2017 in line with proposals outlined in the Tipperary Festival Strategy 2018-2020 with the aim of supporting and growing the festival offering of the county. The New Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme was launched with a call for applications in the autumn. Numerous festivals with a strong artistic content were supported through the Arts Section throughout 2017 including Cashel Arts Festival, Dromineer Literary Festival, Terryglass Arts Festival and Clonmel Junction Festival. The all county Tipperary Festival Calendar www.whatsonintipp.ie was regularly updated during the year and will continue to be developed to highlight and promote festivals and events taking place in County Tipperary.



Artist Jenny Fox in residence at The Terryglass Arts Festival

During 2017, 44 local community and voluntary groups were allocated funding under the Arts Act Grant Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county. Tipperary County Council views the creative practitioner as central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. Direct financial assistance to artists supported development initiatives to 25 artists in 2017 in video, circus, visual arts, theatre, literature, music and sound art. In addition, two professional development events took place in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and local venues in Roscrea and Clonmel. Support, advice and/or funding was also provided to a range of arts festivals and organisations throughout the County in 2017.

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HERITAGE PROGRAMME

HERITAGE PLAN

The first all county Heritage Plan 2017-2022 was launched in April as part of a joint launch with the Arts Strategy and a Creative Ireland workshop at the Source Theatre in Thurles. The work of the Heritage Office is based on the objectives of this document which are

- Promoting Awareness and appreciation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Promoting active Conservation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Support the gathering and dissemination of information on the Heritage of Tipperary

Heritage Plan Actions for 2017 included a continuation of the Built and Natural heritage audit of the River Suir between Knocklofty bridge and Cloghabreedy bridge. Over 364 monuments were identified of which 234 had been previously recorded. Our Raising Awareness programme saw training initiatives supported for Tidy Towns groups on pollinator projects and swift surveys. We embarked on a film project with the Heritage Officers in Galway and Clare in conjunction with the Galway Film Centre where 9 short films, 3 per county were produced on aspects of Heritage. In Tipperary we featured the community initiatives on Schoboy Bog, The Legend of the Goban Saor in Tipperary and 'Dancing the Culm' in Slieveardagh.



Róisín O Grady Heritage Officer, Cathaoirleach Cllr Siobhan Ambrose and Cllr Roger Kennedy Chairman of Tipperary Heritage Forum with members of Cloughjordan Circus Club (Debbie Hickey)



Cahir Tidy towns with Ricky Whelan Birdwatch Ireland



Michael Cleere, Dancing the Culm, Stories from the Landscape

Heritage Week

The theme for Heritage Week 2017 was 'Notice Nature' and over 80 events took place across the county in the last week of August celebrating all aspects of our heritage. We returned to the Cabragh Wetlands on 23 August for 'Wild Child Day' with our friends in Birdwatch Ireland for another family wildlife discovery day where there was pond dipping, bug hunts, races and arts and crafts



Albert Nolan pond dipping with his children at Cabragh Wetlands (Heritage Council)



Fairy Walks in Templemore for Crinniu na Casca (Debbie Hickey)

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Creative Ireland

Creative Ireland is a culture based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. It is a five year initiative aiming to put creativity at the centre of public policy. It is also the main implantation vehicle for Culture 2025 - Éire Ildánach. The Creative Ireland team in Tipperary is coordinated by the Heritage Office in collaboration with the Arts Office, County Museum and Tipperary Library Service. A number of cultural initiatives were supported across the county including Crinniu na Casca in Templemore Townspark which saw almost 2000 people come out on Easter Monday to be entertained by Fidget Feet performing 'A Fairys Tale' and to take part in the Fairy Walks through the woods in Fairy Ashs Fairy trail. A community grant scheme also supported 20 projects across the county on a wide range of cultural initiatives.



Joe Mac Grath C.E.O Tipperary County Council, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Minister Heather Humphries, Róisín O Grady Heritage Officer



Fidget Feet entertaining the crowd at Crinniu na Casca Templemore (Debbie Hickey)

TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM PROGRAMME

In 2017 Tipperary County Museum were awarded the highest standard in the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland – ‘Full Accreditation’.

Engaging across Local Authority Departments, Limerick and Waterford Institute of Technologies, Junction Festival, Friends of Derry Walls, Heritage Council, GPO Dublin, National Museum of Ireland, North & South Tipperary Schools, Graffiti, Textile and Site specific artists and communities, we accomplished a diverse range of our planned objectives. Emphasizing once more, with additional investment in the Museum’s service, our stakeholders will support Tipperary County Museum as a significant tourism and cultural entity within County Tipperary.

A series of rotating community exhibitions ensured that the local community was at the heart of the museum’s programming.

Significant Projects:

- ‘Flights of Discovery’ Feasibility study completed: June 2017. A Tipperary Tourism product of scale to include the development of the Museum, Westgate, Bulmers Dowd Lane Site and the River Suir.
- Digitisation Programme: To digitise the museum’s Postcard and Coin collection.
- Edwardian Costume: The conservation of a local wedding dress and period accessories.



Derry Visit to Tipperary County Museum to hand over the Cromwell Seige Box in June 2017 in association with Tipperary Heritage Office, Derry Walled Towns Network, Tipperary County Museum and Planning.

Highlights included:

- The launch of our ‘Postcard’ inspired exhibition – ‘A Message in Time’ detailing the history of Irelands postal service, reflecting on the images used as postcards and using these as inspiration for our education programme of events: July 2017
- ‘Let’s Build’ is an educational room with sensory and self building elements which was devised by Tipperary County Museum staff to engage our visitors: Opened Oct 2017
- Our 5th Annual lecture Series Farm, Field and Fireside, The changing patterns of land and home ownership: Oct 2017 – May 2018.
- The production of an educational resource on ‘Siege Warfare in Ireland’ in association with Tipperary Heritage Office and Friends of Derry Walls.
- A free one day Seminar – ‘Owning a Historic Property’, a joint initiative between Tipperary County Museum, Heritage Office and the Planning Department of Tipperary County Council: Sept 2017.
- Famine workshops and talks as part of the National Famine Commemoration, Ballingarry: Sept 2017.

Tipperary County Museum is a significant tourism and cultural entity within County Tipperary



Tipperary County Council National Famine Commemoration Committee with Minister Heather Humphries at Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary.

- A Place in Time – based on architectural heritage of the area. Projects with WIT, St Mary’s BNS, Clonmel and St Mary’s Secondary School, Nenagh on architectural heritage of the area. Education room activities and work booklet.
- Culture Night with the Arts Service: Sept 2017



- Coordinating traditional calendar workshops
- Archaeology Dig Programme created in-house to outreach across community groups and schools around the county.



Exhibition Launch ‘A Message in Time’ July 2017

Museum Standards Programme of Ireland (M.S.P.I.)

Background

The Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (M.S.P.I.) was established by the Heritage Council to benchmark and promote professional standards in the care of collections and to recognise through accreditation the achievement of those standards within the Irish museum sector.

The Museums Standards Programme of Ireland (M.S.P.I.) is a priority for Tipperary County Museum, as it raises museum standards, training and increases funding opportunities within the sector.

There are 34 standards covering collections care, governance and visitor care and access. MSPI provides a series of training workshops to support the achievement of these standards covering topics that include:

- taking care of and documenting a collection; storing, displaying and exhibiting artefacts;
- risk assessment and disaster planning;
- visitor care and access;
- museum governance and policies;
- managing finances;
- marketing and
- developing an education policy.

Tipperary County Museums Journey

Tipperary County Museum began the M.S.P.I. process in 2007 and spent the next 6-7 years planning, preparing and putting into place their site specific policies, strategic aims and objectives. This could not have happened without the support of the Tipperary County Council, the Heritage Council and the Trojan work by our dedicated museum staff - sheer grit and determination enabled us to achieved full accreditation in June 2013. In 2016 we submitted ‘Maintenance’ of those standards through policy revisions and our new 5 Year Strategic Management Plan. In 2017, museum staff were joined by TCC Cathaoirleach Cllr. Phyll Bugler and Director of Service Sinead Carr to the M.S.P.I. Award Ceremony in Dublin Castle.



MSPI Award Ceremony at Dublin Castle left to right: Alice Tobin Museum, Sinead Carr DoS, Marie McMahon Museum Curator, Michael Starrett CEO Heritage Council, Julia Walsh Museum Education Officer, Jayne Sutcliffe Museum Collections Officer, Lesley Ann Hayden MSPI Coordinator and Cllr. Phyll Bugler TCC Cathaoirleach

LIBRARY SERVICES

Tipperary County Council Library Service offers a welcoming democratic space which is a cornerstone of family, cultural, and civic life. The Library Service has essential role in the community as a trusted resource preserving the values of the past and enriching the quality of life for all.

The library service aims to foster a culture of reading, literacy and lifelong learning in Tipperary by providing a range of services to schools, families and community groups, and promote the library as a place of culture and knowledge.

The service is responsible for the collection development, preservation and accessibility of all records of historic interest for County Tipperary. The library service develops and promotes access for all citizens to online and digital information resources, including broadband internet PCs, Wi-Fi, online resources and free access to e-government/ local authority information and services.

The service operates a network of twelve libraries throughout the county at:

- Thurles;
- Nenagh;
- Roscrea;
- Templemore;
- Borrisokane;
- Cloughjordan;
- Clonmel;
- Carrick-on-Suir;
- Tipperary;
- Cashel;
- Cahir and
- Killenaule.



MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2017:

In 2017, there were over 485,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary, 459,000 books were issued and 68,000 Internet sessions were booked. In addition, the Library Service ran a Membership promotion through our Primary Schools to register every Primary School child as a member of Tipperary Libraries. 160 Primary Schools were visited by Library Staff with over 3,000 new members registered.



Pat Glavin, Carrick-on-Suir Library hosting a science workshop



Illustrator and storyteller, Wayne O'Connor, Clonmel Library



Paul Finch - Pedal Power Lab, The Source Library, Thurles



From left to right: Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and children from Kilsheelan National School



Drumming workshop in Nenagh Library

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New Schools Mobile Van Launched

The new Schools Mobile Van was launched by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council in Kilsheelan National School in May 2017. Tipperary County Council received 100% grant aid funding from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in the sum of EUR 100,000 to cover the cost of fitting out this new Mobile Library. The Schools Mobile Service provides a range of titles to support teachers in their day to day activities and this integrated approach between the Library Service and Schools ensures that there are strong links between schools, the public library service and the community at large.



From left to right: Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive and Karl Cashen, Director of Services



Library Development Plan, 2017-2022



Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, launched Tipperary County Council Library Service Development Plan 2017-2022, a document outlining the vision for the library service in Tipperary over the next 5 years. Entitled Inspire, Share, Connect, the document reviews current library services and presents a strategy for the future under the key headings of Our Libraries, Our Virtual Libraries, Our Readers, Our Staff, Our Communities and Our Brand. The plan details the library service's aim of expanding minds, building communities and inspiring curiosity; the promotion of a lifelong love of reading, learning, and literacy.



Cashel Sheep Sale, August 17th, 1916 - Tipperary Studies digitisation project

Tipperary Studies Digitisation Project

The Tipperary Studies digitisation project aims to make available online a range of sources, both historical and genealogical, which are part of the fabric which makes up the history of Tipperary. Many of the documents are unique to Tipperary Studies and one of the aims of the project is to make these sources available to everyone, free of charge on the Tipperary Studies website www.tipperarystudies.ie. Key highlights from the project in 2017 include:

The digitisation of Murphy Papers and Photographs which were kindly donated by the Clifton Brown family of Ballinamona House and relate to previous owners, the Murphy family. Over 1,200 negative images taken between 1890s and 1932 by brother and sister Edmond & Kathleen Murphy may now be viewed on the Tipperary Studies website. Most photographs are of Ballinamona House, grounds and family, with several images of social life, farm animals, horses and families in and around Ballinamona.

All past issues of the Tipperary GAA Yearbook from 1965 to 2016 are now available to view online under a collaborative digital archive project involving Tipperary GAA County Board, Tipperary GAA Yearbook committee and Tipperary Studies



Catherina McKiernan (second from right) with Catherine Fogarty, Susanne Brosnan and Donie McGettigan at Healthy Ireland event in Cashel Library

Healthy Ireland at your Library

The Library Service participated in the national programme, Healthy Ireland at your Library. Healthy Ireland, a Government-led initiative, is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing, placing a focus on prevention, individual awareness and keeping people healthy for longer. Talks and workshops were held in Branch Libraries as well as exercise and yoga classes. In addition, new books, e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines on health and wellbeing, were purchased for all Branch Libraries



Limerick author Rose Servitova read from her recently published, debut novel, The Longburn Letters as part of Creative Ireland programme

Creative Ireland

The Library Service Creative Ireland 2017 programme was very successful. Almost 2,500 children, young adults and adults attended Creative Ireland events in the Library Service. Those events varied from writing workshops, which led to a writing competition and public reading of their work, to a hands-on Lego workshop where children had to create and problem solve using Lego. Other events included art workshops which delved into the themes of nature and heritage, and an energetic, participatory reading from Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'





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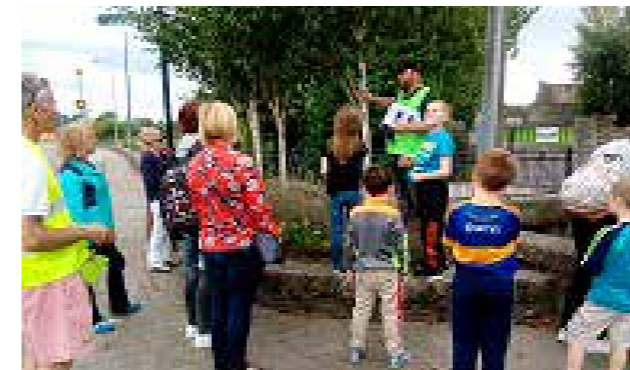


The Environment Section plays a key role in protecting and enhancing Tipperary's environment, and in delivering quality environmental services in the county. The section is responsible for environment protection, waste management and enforcement, infrastructure and maintenance, environment awareness and community services.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION WORK PROGRAMME

Under the Environment Protection work programme, the main area of work was the continued implementation of the Water Framework Directive and contributing to the River Basin Management plan.

In order to elicit the public's views, public meetings were organized and submissions made prior to the plan's publication.



The plan seeks to work with a number of community groups in the water catchment areas to implement schemes and projects to improve the water quality and to highlight the importance of protecting our rivers. Staff organized a biodiversity walk along the river Ara to give children an insight into the wildlife habitat and biodiversity along the river banks.

Pollution Investigation and Inspections

As part of the RMCEI plan, the Environment Section continues to investigate the factors causing poor water quality in stretches of rivers that have been identified as polluted or where monitoring shows a deterioration in quality. This investigative monitoring programme helps to identify the specific problems affecting water quality e.g. septic tanks discharges, agricultural activities and commercial activities. In 2017, 648 samples were taken from 150 monitoring points along 56 rivers.

Farm Inspections

108 farm inspections were carried out for the purposes of drinking water source protection, pollution investigation, catchment investigations and GAP follow-ups. A brochure explaining catchment friendly farming was produced and circulated to the farming sector.

Nutrient Management

38 nutrient management plans were assessed for the use of bio solids on agricultural lands and 60 inspections were completed.

Air Pollution Enforcements

Monitoring of sites to ensure compliance with air emissions licenses were carried out at 46 sites and are categorized as follows.

Sector	Inspections
Smokey Coal	3
Dry Cleaners & Pharmaceutical Sector (small scale use of solvents)	4
Vehicle Refinishers and Paint Retailers/Suppliers	20
Petrol Service Stations (Petroleum vapor emissions & petrol vapor recovery during refueling)	19

Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems

Inspections were completed at 43 Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems to meet our obligations under The National Inspection Plan 2015-2017

Licensed Facilities Inspections Discharge Licenses

Activities discharging wastewater directly to a river or large discharges to groundwater require a license, in accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 - 2007. Staff monitor these facilities regularly to ensure that all treatment systems are operating effectively and are not causing pollution. In 2017, 74 inspections were completed.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE WORK PROGRAMME

Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures

There were 44 sites listed on the Derelict Sites Register at the end of 2017. The section issued 45 section notices, which resulted in the restoration of 13 properties. Works were carried out on a number of dangerous structures.

Burial Grounds Maintenance

Grants totalling €143,249 were distributed amongst 223 Burial ground committees towards graveyard maintenance programmes. Further funding of €410,110 was allocated towards the maintenance of the larger urban burial grounds. Capital works for extensions to Boher, Crag and Shanrahan burial grounds were progressed. Minor capital works were completed at 12 burial ground sites.

Recycling Centres

Tipperary County Council has five recycling centres which accept paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, and metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling. The numbers visiting the sites, increased by 4% and revenue increased by 22%.



The Clonmel Recycling Centre was shortlisted for the PAKMAN Bring Centre of the year award in association with REPAK.

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The Clonmel Civic Amenity site at Carrigan was shortlisted for Bring Centre of the year at the annual Pakman awards. The selection was based on the design site layout, the level of recycling, environmental awareness and tonnage performance.

Services provided at the site include the disposal of black bag, dry recyclable waste, bulky items, metal, garden waste and plasterboard for which a fee is charged.

The disposal of cans, bottles, newspapers and WEEE items are free of charge.



Pictured at the presentation of the 3rd Annual Pakman Awards (Excellence in Waste Management and Recycling) for Bring Centre of the Year Finalist to Tipperary County Council on 26 October 2017 at the InterContinental Dublin Hotel, Simonscourt Road, Dublin are, from left to right: Mr. Séamus Clancy, Chief Executive, Repak; Councillor Dr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council; Mr. Denis Naughten, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; Ms. Anne Peters, Environment Section, Tipperary County Council; Mr. Pat Walsh, Environment Section, Tipperary County Council; and Mr. Tony Keohane, Chairman, Repak.

Recycling Centres	No of Visitors
Clonmel - Carrigeen	21,327
Cashel - Wallers Lot	19,987
Tipperary Town - Donohill	11,504
Roscrea	32,407
Nenagh	67,669

Landfill Restoration

Restoration works were progressed at the Donohill and Ballaghveny sites. Assessments commenced at the Carrick on Suir and Tipperary town historic landfill sites.



WASTE ENFORCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT WORK PROGRAMME

Waste Enforcement

The Dept Communications, Climate Action and Environment provided funding to local authorities to target illegal dumping at known black spots. The focus for Tipperary was the cleanups of the river walks and greenways along the Suir and Nenagh rivers. Other initiatives funded were the Moyne Bog walk in Glengoole and the Knockmealdown Hill walking paths. Voluntary groups played significant part in the transformation of these sites into community amenities.

The Enforcement team undertook a number of cleanups of illegal dumping sites and removed tyres from three historic stockpiles sites.

Number of waste enforcement actions	Number
Warning letters issued	19
Enforcement Notices Issued	38
Prosecutions Initiated	6

Complaints

The section received 2,508 Environmental complaints of which 2,270 were resolved, representing a 91% completion rate.

Litter

The section issued 143 litter fines during the year. According to the National Litter Monitoring System results, litter pollution indicators for Tipperary show a reduction in litter levels in 4 out of the 5 pollution categories.

Waste Management

According to the National Waste Statistical Data (published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)), 65% of Tipperary Household subscribe to a waste collection service. The Section carried out a number of inspections of households to check how they disposed of their household waste.

IBAL

At the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) awards, Clonmel was ranked 8th out of 40 towns in the IBAL Anti-Litter League and aims to improve on this placing in future years.



Pictured at the presentation of the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Anti-Litter League 2017 Award for 8th place to Tipperary County Council on 03 January 2018 at the Shelbourne Hotel, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin are, from left to right: Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Tipperary County Council; Mr. Denis Naughten, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; and Mr. Anthony Coleman, Senior Executive Officer, Clonmel Borough District, Tipperary County Council.

Gum Litter

In 2017 the Section funded the production of a video, promoting gum litter awareness which was launched by "The 2 Johnnies" in Cahir and showcased in local schools.



Pictured at the launch of the 2017 Gum Litter Task Force Campaign were Lto R John O'Brien & John Mc Mahon – Two Johnnies Anne Marie Clifford, Mayor Andy Moloney Clonmel Borough District, Stephen O'Brien, Green Schools Co-ordinator Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir Avril Donlon Gum litter Task Force and pupils from Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir

Inspections

The number of environmental inspections carried out under Waste Management legislation was 420, which consisted of planned and unplanned inspections.

Waste Management Legislation	Inspections
Facility Permit and Registration Regulations 2007-2015	33 inspections of 24 facilities authorised with Waste Facility Permits. 13 inspections of 9 facilities authorised with Certificates of Registration.
Collection Permit Regulations 2007-2015	52 Waste Collection Permit inspections.
Packaging Regs. 2014	3 inspections of a Packaging Major Producer.
End of Life Vehicles Regs 2014	12 inspections of ELV Producers.
Tyres/Waste Tyres Regs 2007	58 inspections of tyre suppliers.
EU (WEEE Regs 2014 & EU Battery Regs 2014)	47 WEEE & 59 Battery inspections of WEEE / Battery suppliers.
Farm Plastics Reg 2001	18 Retailers inspected for farm film plastic levy. 2 Farm Plastic recycling inspection days with IFFPG. (Cahir & Roscrea)
Plastic Bag Levy Regs 2001-07	23 Retailers inspected for plastic bag levy.
Food Waste Regs 2009	37 inspections of commercial food waste producers.
Household Food Waste	41 Household waste surveys. 2 Pay by Weight Provider inspections 11 Brown Bin inspections
Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Regs 2009 – 2015	141 Declarations of Notice of agricultural burning 12 inspections of controlled burning were carried out.
Road Checkpoints	5 Checkpoints
Multi Agency Inspections Hazardous Wastes	20 Inspections NTFSO -9 & 11 Other
CCTV operations	8 Inspections
Unauthorized Waste Activity	45 CCTV installations 12 Unauthorised waste activity inspections



COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME

The Community Services work programme delivers projects with a community focus. The Strategic Policy Committee met on three occasions and initiated a review of burial ground policies.



The section supported a number of groups in sustaining the environment through grant aid and the provision of materials; these include tidy town groups, schools and voluntary committees. In 2017, 150 wildflower seeds and 1800 trees were distributed.



300 community groups registered to participate in the National Spring Clean initiative. Tipperary County Council provided clean-up packs to all participants.

Tidy Towns Grant Scheme

Tipperary's success in the Supervalve Tidy Towns Competition continued in 2017, following Birdhill selection as the overall winner. Many towns and villages improved their marks over 2016. Grants totalling €172,420 were distributed amongst 90 towns and villages.

Local Agenda 21 Grants

Grant aid of €31,400 provided assistance to 49 community groups to undertake small-scale environmental projects.

Schools Programme



184 schools registered with An Taisce as part of the Green Flag programme. During the 2016/2017 school year, 52 Tipperary schools received a Green Flag.

The annual Tidy School Competition received a total of 60 entries and shared a prize fund of €8,200.



Grange National School garden project, Clonmel

Control of Dogs Services

This service is provided by two dog wardens and dog shelter facilities at Kilsheelan and Knockalton. A total of 644 dogs were surrendered or seized by the Dog Wardens. Of this number 505 were re-homed. The number of dogs licensed in the county was 9,343. Tipperary County Council works with a number of animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

Control of Horses

The number of horses seized in 2017 was 97. The section worked with the Tipperary Traveler Horse Owners Association on a number of projects.

Food Safety

A total of 732 inspections were carried out in 22 abattoirs, to ensure compliance with animal welfare standards and hygiene standards in abattoirs prior to slaughter and also post mortem. A total of 2,426 cattle, 7,673 sheep, 787 pigs, 10 goats and 3,766 deer were inspected in these abattoirs.



ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS WORK PROGRAMME

Public Awareness Trailer

The Public awareness trailer visited a number of shows in Bansha, Clonmel, Nenagh and Dualla to raise public awareness and to provide information on a range of environmental issues. Staff members visited 8 cattle marts to raise awareness about burning. Recycling workshops and stop food waste initiatives were organised in association with local companies and agencies.



Pictured Anne Marie Clifford distributing information at the Clancy Festival

Dog Fouling Awareness Initiative

38 Mutt Mitt Dispensers were installed along routes used by dog owners. Stencil notices were placed on footpaths in Carrick on Suir & Thurles. Awareness campaigns were conducted in Thurles and Roscrea.

Energy Management

In 2017 Tipperary County Council signed up to an energy partnership with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to adopt cost saving and efficiency measures to ensure its energy consumption is reduced in line with the 2020 public sector energy efficiency target of 33%. The partnership programme helps public bodies to save money, improve the environment and meet national obligations by making significant reductions in their energy usage.

In partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency, and Tipperary County Council, the second annual Energy in Agriculture event was held on 22nd August 2017. 2,500 people attended to learn about energy generation, and energy efficiency in agriculture from 60 trade exhibitors and industry experts, over 30 talks and 4 live demos.



Public lighting upgrades took place at 72 locations, across all 5 municipal districts, following on from the inventory which was conducted of all public lights in Tipperary. In total 1,106 lights were upgraded. The project increased energy efficiency, while improving the quality of light

Energy Performance Reporting in accordance with S.I. 542 of 2009

Tipperary County Council continues to reduce energy demand and increase their share of renewable energy in line with the Climate Change Strategy which aims to achieve savings in energy consumption and contribute to a lowering of the TCC carbon footprint.

In 2017 Tipperary County Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance. A significant programme of energy retrofit works was undertaken at two leisure centres (Roscrea and Thurles), under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Programme. Making these facilities more comfortable for the public and saving Tipperary County Council 78,284 kWh and €10,959 annually. Tipperary County Council also undertook major retrofitting of public lights, across all five municipal districts, savings 321,450 kWh and €36,323 annually.

In 2018, Tipperary County Council intends to further improve our energy performance by continuing the building energy retrofit programme in offices and leisure centres, investigating the potential of electric car charging points, as well as investing in a solar PV system to generate renewable energy. A public lighting inventory was completed in 2016 and we intend to conduct further LED street lighting projects this year. We are also working on a Strategic Energy Management Plan to guide us towards our 2020 targets.

If implemented, the 2018 Energy Action Plan will deliver 277,732 kWh and €41,864 annual savings. This represents 1.03% further towards the 2020 target.

The following table summarises the annual cost and consumption of electricity and fuel by Tipperary County Council in 2016:

2016 Electricity - Total Annual Spend	€2,141,307
2016 Electricity - Annual Spend on Public Lighting	€1,179,422
2016 Transport Fuels (diesel / petrol / biofuel) - Total Annual Spend	€858,405
2016 Heating Fuels (Gas / oil / biomass etc) - Total Annual Spend	€500,125
2016 Electricity - Total Annual kWh	13,340,958 kWh
2016 Electricity - Annual kWh used by Public Lighting	8,629,724 kWh
2016 Renewable Electricity Generation	168,217 kWh

Tipperary County Council is on track to meet their target of reducing energy by 33% by the year 2020. The SEAI report on Energy Use in the Public Sector, published in August 2017, outlined energy data from across the public sector and confirmed Tipperary is making good progress towards targets.

It is on this basis that SEAI ranked Tipperary County Council 1st out of 31 Local Authorities who have submitted data.



FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES



The Council maintains fire brigades in twelve fire stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick on Suir, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Tipperary, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel. The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensure delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective responding to between 1588 incidents on a 24/7 basis in 2017. This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre located in Limerick City Fire Station, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

Services such as administration, fire safety activities, dangerous substances licensing, building control, major emergency management etc., are delivered from the Fire Service Headquarters at Limerick Road, Nenagh and from the Clonmel Fire Station at Heywood Road, Clonmel.

Work commenced on a new fire station in Templemore in 2017 with a projected finish date in Mid 2018. In addition to this a site for a new fire station in Cashel has been procured and tenders for a design team were issued in late 2017.

Training and Quality Management

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2017 by all members of the service. 2017 saw the commissioning of the state-of-the-art command and control training facility in the Clonmel Training Centre. This facility has been funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and has been designated as the National Centre for Command Development Training by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management. The Service continued to be certified to the International Quality Management Standard ISO 9001 following external audit by the NSAI.



Clonmel 'HYDRA' Suite - Control Room

Fire Safety

In addition to the operational activities, the Fire Service was also very active in promoting fire safety and continues to inspect public-assembly buildings in an effort to meet the obligations under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003.

Activities undertaken in 2017 include;

- Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service operate a Community Smoke Alarm Scheme in conjunction with community alert groups, neighbourhood watch schemes, An Gardaí, HSE and other local community and voluntary groups. The aim of the scheme is to identify those that are most vulnerable from fire in the community and ensure that they are protected by smoke alarms. As vulnerable households are identified arrangements are made for two firefighters to visit the household, complete a home fire safety checklist with the occupant(s), fit a minimum of 2 smoke alarms and provide a smoke alarm 'testing stick'. The scheme was piloted in two stations in 2016 and was rolled out across all 12 stations in 2017 with 82 home fire safety visits being completed.
 - Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service is the most followed/liked retained fire service on Facebook in Ireland and is often used to brief members of the public on operational incidents and their impact on traffic, the environment etc. In recent years we have shifted its emphasis towards the fire safety area, recognising that we have potential to reach an audience which we may not be hitting with our traditional approaches through radio, television and the printed media. In 2015 we set a target of 5000 followers on our page and we reached 8,330 followers by the end of 2017. We run campaigns on our facebook page focusing on a number of key areas including fire safety at christmas, fire safety at halloween, know your fire extinguishers, chip pan fires, teaching children on use of 999/112 system, awareness around fire safety issues with chargers and candle fires.
- We run a reminder through the page every Tuesday advising people to test their smoke alarms - this 'Test it Tuesday' campaign reaches an average of 2361 people every week. On average our posts reach an audience of 11,075 people every week with our single biggest 'reach' being a post on chip pan safety which reached 385,000 users.
- A Community Halls Fire Safety Seminar was held in the Anner Hotel in May 2017. A total of 25 persons attended from Community Halls sector in Tipperary.
 - A total of 203 Fire Safety inspections were carried out throughout the County.
 - Fire-fighters from all 12 brigades in Tipperary visited every 3rd class in Tipperary in 2017 to deliver the Safety Team programme. The objective of the programme is to educate children about the dangers of fire so that they in turn will bring the message home and thus enhance fire safety in the home and in the community.



Front Row (L-R): Dave Carroll (CFO), Paul Gallagher (ACFO), Declan Troy (SSO – Cloughjordan), Murtagh Crawford (ACFO), Liam Quinn (Safety Officer). Back Row (L-R): Harry Galvin (President – NISO), Joe MacGrath (Chief Executive), Cllr. Phyll Bugler (Cathaoirleach), Steven O'Donnell (FF – Clonmel), John Hoctor (ACFO), Eddie Ryan (SACFO), Ted O'Keeffe (General Manager - NISO)

Health & Safety

Tipperary Fire & Rescue was successful at the 2017 National Irish Safety Organisation awards winning the award for best Safety Management System in the Public Service for the fourth year in a row demonstrating the very high emphasis that we place on the safety of our firefighters. In addition we achieved a 'Consistent High Achiever' award which recognises companies that have performed at the highest level for each of the last five years. We are the only Local Authority, or emergency service, to have ever won such an award.

Building Control

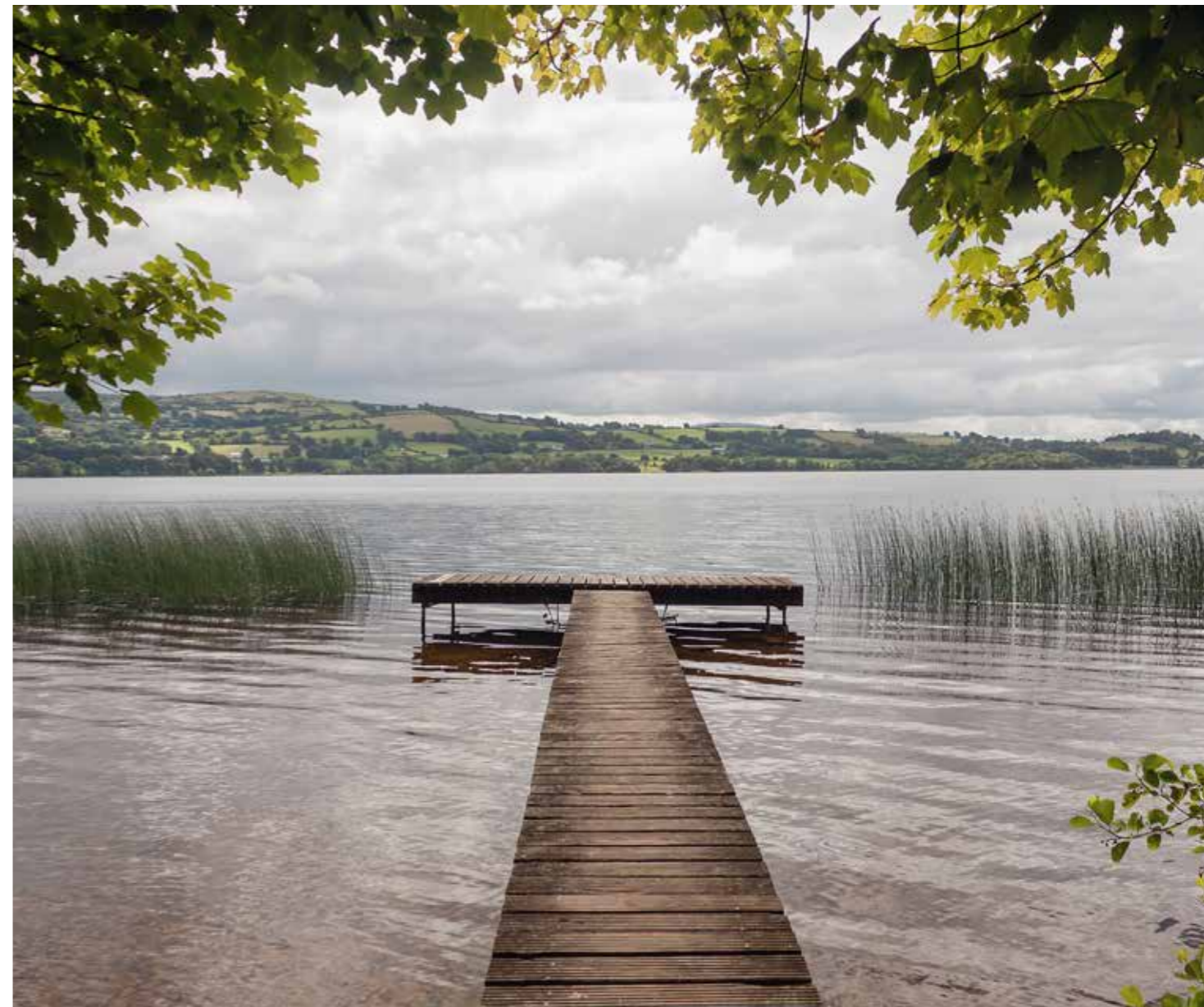
There were 86 Fire Safety Certificate applications, 70 Disability Access Certificate applications and 386 Commencement Notices received in 2017. A total of 45 Building Control inspections were carried out in 2017.



Tipperary Fire and Rescue win the award for best Safety Management System in the Public Service for the fourth year in a row demonstrating the very high emphasis that we place on the safety of our firefighters



WATER SERVICES



INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPITAL DELIVERY

During 2017 the Burncourt and Fethard Regional Water Supply Scheme was completed. The contract (which was a DBO-Design, Build and Operate) was carried out by Glan Agua Ltd. with Nicholas O'Dwyer and Co. as consultants.

In 2017, IW restructured the delivery of the CIP into two streams.

- Infrastructure Portfolio which includes major water and wastewater projects, both treatment plants and networks
- Capital Delivery which includes the implementation of a large number of smaller interventions that will target specific areas or bundles of assets

 *Burncourt and Fethard Regional Water Supply Schemes completed by Glan Agua Ltd during 2017*

Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for Tipperary (part of IW submission (IP2) to CER)

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Consultant	Contractor	Current scheme Status
Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh Town	Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh Town	JB Barry	Balfour Beatty	Contract ongoing.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Nenagh Wastewater Network Advanced Works	JB Barry	Balfour Beatty	Contract ongoing.
Water Conservation Stage 3 Fethard RWSS	Fethard RWSS Network Rehabilitation and Advance Fethard Sewage scheme	Ryan Hanly	David Walsh Civil Engineering	Scheme substantially complete.
Clonmel Town & Rural WSS (Advance Works)	Graigie Watermain & Borehole Contract No. 3	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Wills Bros.	Scheme substantially complete.
Thurles RWSS Contract 2 (WTP & pipelines)	Clodiagh Intake Advanced Works	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Glan Agua Limited	Scheme substantially complete.

B. Schemes at Pre-Construction / Design	Contract Name	Current scheme Status
Clonmel Town & Rural WSS (Advance Works)	Storage North of Clonmel and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant. At contract award stage.
Thurles RWSS Contract 2 DBO WTP & Abbey road pipelines	Thurles RWSS Contract 2 DBO Water Treatment Plant & pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant. At contract award stage.
Ardfinnan RWSS/Burncourt RWSS	M&E Works Ballylooby Springs including Drumroe & Kilroe Reservoirs	JB Barry Consultant appointed. Design review ongoing.
Clonmel Town & Rural WSS (EIS & Water Abstraction Order)	Clonmel Town & Rural WSS -WTP, Reservoirs, Intake Works and Pipelines DBO Contract.	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointment. Design ongoing.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	WWTP & Network Upgrade	ARUP Engineering Consultant appointed. Design ongoing. IW has propose ECI (Early Contactor Involvement).
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant appointed.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant appointed.
Cashel Wastewater Treatment Plant	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant appointed.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant appointed.
Tipperary Town Wastewater Treatment Plant	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant appointed.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant appointed.
C. Schemes under IW Review		
Coalbrook WTP - New source		IW reviewing
Fethard RWSS Upgrade Mullinbawn Springs		IW reviewing

IRISH WATER CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMS

These ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, to identifying where funding is most needed through 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, H&S, regulatory compliance (EPA), 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.

Networks Portfolio Delivery (Water)

IW has established a new Contractor Framework to replace the existing Frameworks.

IW has appointed Shareridge Ltd. to the Mid-West region which includes Tipperary, Limerick & Clare.

The scope of services covered by this framework include the following

- New Mains and Service laying
- Below Ground Network Rehabilitation work
- Backyard Lead Replacement
- DMA Establishment
- PRV Works
- Minor Works to include
- Leak Repair, Public Side Lead Works and Metering
- Crotty's Lake, Carrick-on-Suir 5km at construction
- Design works has commenced for replacement of mains in Ballina Town

Treated Water Storage Programme

IW has appointed RPS Consultants RPS to assist them progress the assessment, design, planning, procurement and construction administration/ supervision of treated water storage reservoirs for public water supply schemes across the southern region. The six approved sites in Tipperary are Lorrha Annagh Pump Station, Springmount, Bouladuff, Toomevara, Drumroe & Fethard.

Networks Portfolio Delivery (Wastewater)

IW are currently procuring Contractors 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 LA Engineers, CCTV surveys etc., to identify and prioritise asset upgrade requirements.

Wastewater Inlet Works, Storm Tank and Sludge Program

IW are currently procuring Consultants to assess a number of WWTP sites to see if the provision of a 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, Mullinahone and Limerick Junction.

Sludge Dewatering Satellite Centre Program

IW has procured Jacobs Consultants to assess of a number of WWTP sites to assess their suitability for a Sludge Dewatering Satellite Centre. The data gathering stage is ongoing.

The SDC Programme involves the assessment and feasibility study of 15 sites Nationally (includes Thurles & Roscrea) and the advancement of priority sites to construction.

 *The GWS is a wonderful community asset and will continue to benefit the Members for years to come. 39 GWs come within the requirements of the European Union, Drinking Water Regulations, 2014*

Other Programs

Programme	Project Name	Current Status of approved schemes
Countywide Disinfection. Program in conjunction with limerick	43 sites Countywide	IW to appoint contractor
Network Flow monitoring & Rehabilitation Programme	Templemore OPW scheme	IW reviewing Tobins optioneering report for diverting Irish Water infrastructure.
Network Flow monitoring & Rehabilitation Programme	Riverstown pump station	IW appointed RPS to assess.
WWTPs flow monitoring & sampling	North Sites	TCC to provide data
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Kilrush to Ragg, Tullys cross to Birdhill, Beggars Seat	Contractor started January 2017
WWTPs flow monitoring & sampling	South Sites	Works near completion - Sierra
Water Conservation Find & Fix	Tipperary Town	Works now under Shareridge.
WTP upgrade	Galtee WTP new flocculation tank	Veolia started contract.
Quick win programme	Lisvarrinane WWTP - ICW	Design Ongoing. SI completed.
Small WWTP Plant Improvement Programme	Mullinahone WWTP	Mullinahone - Tender ongoing
Building Fabric Upgrade Works	Dundrum WTP	IW prepared works schedule.
Borehole development and civil works	Coalbrook	IW to review
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Countywide upgrade to PRVs	Contractors to visit sites to prepare tender bid
Countywide Disinfection. Program in conjunction with limerick	43 sites Countywide	IW reviewing tenders.
HSQE	Water program	Ongoing
HSQE	Wastewater program	Ongoing

Water Conservation

2017 SLA KPI	December 2017 Databook
Maintain UFW at 51.20% by OPEX	50.79% or 32,675m ³ /day
Maintain lower UFW achieved after CAPEX intervention	(49.72% or 31,493m ³ /day - Oct 17)

The baseline figure for water consumption is now agreed between IW and TCC.

TCC are now using the IW method of calculating UFW.

IW is now using a domestic property consumption of 395 l/property/day. IW calculated this figure based domestic meter readings.



RURAL WATER PROGRAMME 2017

True community heroes, Voluntary Group Water Scheme Committee Members serve their GWS tirelessly for extraordinary periods.

William Campion, a prime example, is pictured here being congratulated by Paschal Norton, Chairman of Fennor ~ Inchorourke GWS on Willie's retirement from the position of GWS Treasurer. Willie has given an excellent 40 years service to his community - Míle buíochas! The GWS is a wonderful community asset and will continue to benefit the Members for years to come. Daily Tipperary County Council's Rural Water Team is impressed and inspired by the generosity, expertise and commitment of our voluntary GWS colleagues. GWS Committees appreciate the seriousness of their role as food producers and of their responsibilities arising as a result.

Our focus in 2017 has again been on Drinking Water Quality for GWSs and Private Wells, and improving the effective management and operation of GWSs in Tipperary. With this in mind we have employed the Grant Schemes noted as follows.

39 GWSs come within the requirements of the European Union, Drinking Water Regulations, 2014. With a Planned Monitoring Schedule in place these water supplies are monitored by the Council throughout the year. Tipperary's compliance rate is 97% for 2017 with one Boil Water Notice having been placed for a short period. It is especially important to maintain the high compliance rate of drinking water quality present in Tipperary GWSs. Capital Grants are made available to GWSs under the Rural Water Programme Measure 1 for this purpose.



Figure 1 Paschal Norton, Chairman of Fennor ~ Inchorourke GWS congratulating Willie Campion on his retirement the GWS Committee.



Rural Water Projects 2017.

The Rural Water Programme, 2017, provided €506,566 for improvements to GWSs infrastructure. Working together GWSs Committees, the Council, the DHP&LG and the National Federation of Group Water Schemes achieved a great body of work in 2017. An 11% increase in funds invested on 2016 figures indicates the volume of work completed. 34 GWSs carried out Projects under the headings below.

- provision of treatment and disinfection facilities, (€107,736), (Measure 1);
- source protection measures, (€22,100);
- the rehabilitation and upgrade of distribution systems, (€368,026.26);
- Feasibility Study on Taking in Charge by Irish Water, Amalgamation, Rationalisation of GWS, €9,963.63; and
- Innovation and Research, (€3,696.23).



Figure 2 Kilbarron GWS Committee, NFGWS staff, Pupils and Principal Teacher of Kilbarron N.S. and Tipperary Rural Water Team Members visit to Kilbarron Pumphouse Sept 2017.

To foster Committees for the future, promote respect for water and grow awareness of conservation the Rural Water Team, NFGWS and GWSs Committees visited 6 National Schools in Tipperary. These Schools are Members of a GWS. In all our visits we found enthusiastic, interested pupils and staff and the challenge to “Beat the Shower Timer” has begun with great zeal. Our young people are bringing the message home to their families and to their wider contacts and we are grateful for their help.

Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

Our Rural Water Monitoring Committee met 3 times in 2017. The Committees purpose is to assist in a structured approach to the work carried out under the Rural Water Programme.

With 14 members, the Committee reflects the interests of a broad group, as follows:

- 5 County Councillors;
- 3 GWS Representatives;
- 2 Representatives of rural organisations in the county;
- One Representative from NFGWS; and
- 3 Council Officials.

Working with the RWMC the Council makes a submission in January to the DoHPLG for block grant funding for the year ahead. 2017 was the second year of the 2016 – 2018 Multi-Annual Programme. Funds were sought in January.

Annual Maintenance Subsidy.

GWSs are invited to apply for the Annual Maintenance Subsidy to assist with day to day expenditure of the GWS. 66 GWSs were assisted under this Subsidy, in 2017, (€325,369.32).

Grants for the Provision or Necessary Improvement of an Individual Water Supply to a House:

Under this Scheme assistance can be made available to persons who have a private water supply. The focus is on water quality and supply. During 2017, there was continued interest in the scheme, with 66 applications received and 46 approved. 50 Grants were paid to applicants with 83% of applicants receiving the maximum of €2,031.58. A total of €93,204.15 was invested in the community by way of this Grant. Responsibility for the administration of the measure remains with the Council. Grants paid are recouped from the DoHPLG.

Grants payable pursuant to the domestic wastewater treatment systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013:

One Application was received, approved and paid in 2017. Expenditure under the scheme was €4,000. This is not a “demand led” scheme and it is focused on the areas where water quality is at risk. These are notified to the Council by the Environmental Protection Agency annually. Responsibility for the administration of this scheme remains with the Council. Grants are recouped from the DoHPLG.

Grants Payable Under the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 56 of 2016).

Under this Grant Scheme 2 applications were received, assessed and Grants approved. €4,500 was paid out under the Scheme. Again responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme remains with the Council and Grants are recouped from the DoHPLG.

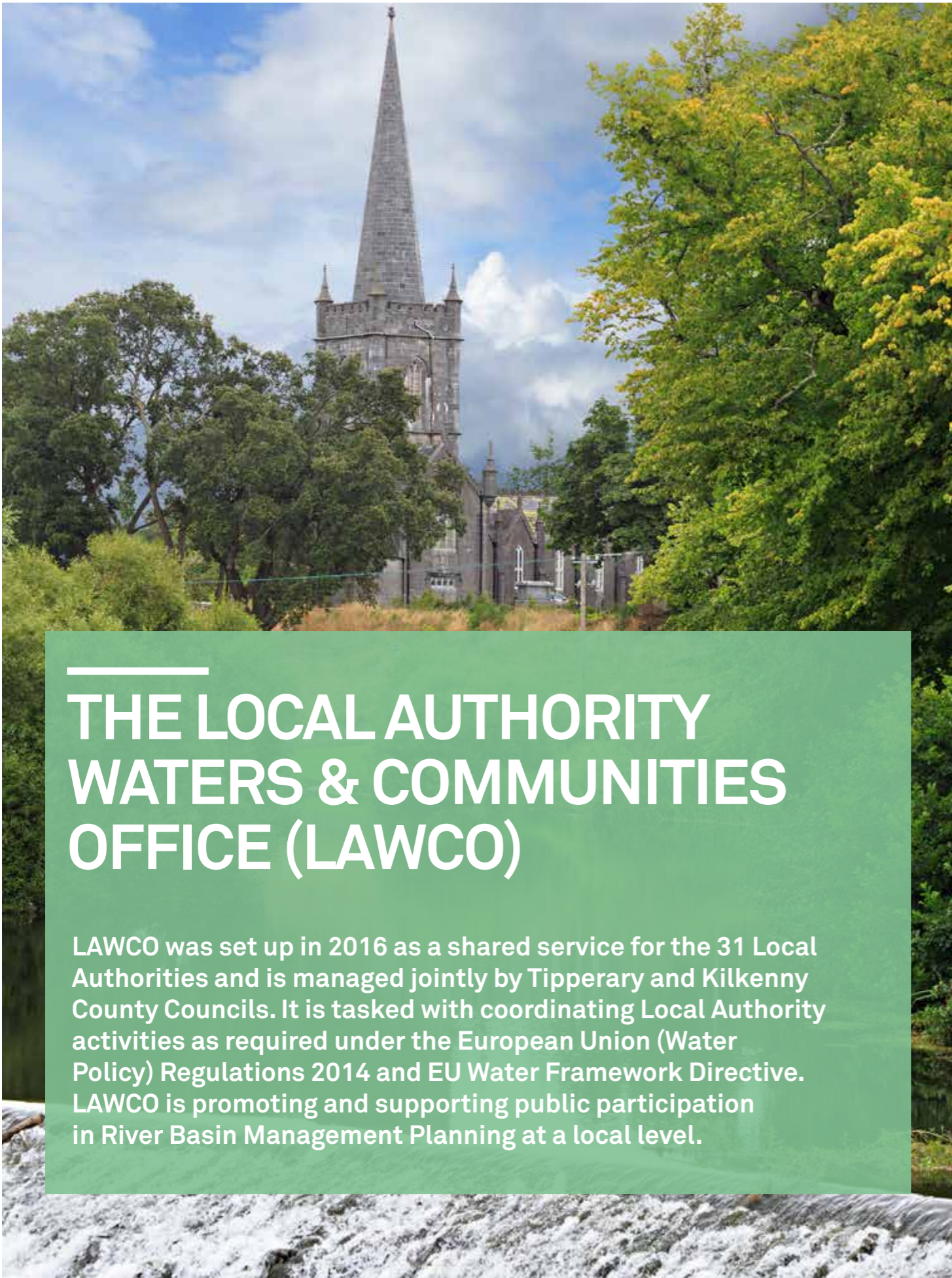


Pictured at the opening of Fethard Regional Water Supply Scheme DBO, Water Treatment Plant, located at Cloran Old, Cloneen, Clonmel, held on the 31st of March, 2017 at the Cloneen Sports and Social Club, Cloneen, Clonmel were: Front row (L-R): Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive; Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Leas Chathaoirleach; Mr. Simon Coveney, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government; and Mr. Jerry Grant, Managing Director, Irish Water. Back row (L-R); Cllr. John Fahey; Cllr. Marie Murphy, Chairperson of the Strategic Policy Committee for Environment and Water Services; Cllr. Eddie O’Meara; Mr. Tom Hayes, former TD and Minister of State; Deputy Michael Lowry; Deputy Mattie McGrath; Deputy Alan Kelly; Cllr. Michael FitzGerald; and Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.



Pictured at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on the 3rd of March, 2017 at the water treatment plant, located at Cullenagh, Burncourt, Cahir serving the Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme DBO were (L-R): Cllr. Martin Lonergan; Cllr. Pat English; Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Chathaoirleach; Mr. Damien English, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with responsibility for Housing and Planning; Cllr. Marie Murphy, Chairperson of the Strategic Policy Committee for Environment and Water Services; Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Leas Chathaoirleach; and Cllr. Eddie O’Meara.





THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS & COMMUNITIES OFFICE (LAWCO)

LAWCO was set up in 2016 as a shared service for the 31 Local Authorities and is managed jointly by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils. It is tasked with coordinating Local Authority activities as required under the European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014 and EU Water Framework Directive. LAWCO is promoting and supporting public participation in River Basin Management Planning at a local level.



RBMP public meeting Nenagh, June 2017



River Festival Carrick on Suir, June 2017 (Clancy Brothers Festival)

Implementation of EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) in Ireland is the shared responsibility of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Local Authorities (LAs).

To help achieve WFD objectives LAWCO is coordinating interagency networks between LAs and public agencies across five regions; Border, Midlands & East, West, South East and South West.

Senior management from LAs, the EPA and LAWCO sit on five Regional Water and Environment Management Committees to agree WFD work programmes. Information from these committees is then transferred back to the respective LAs for dissemination.

Staff from the LAs, public agencies and LAWCO are represented on five Regional Operational Committees where knowledge is shared and activities coordinated at a catchment level.

The draft River Basin Management Plan (dRBMP) for Ireland 2018 - 2021. 123 public participation meetings were held across the 31 LA's at Municipal District Level

During 2017 LAWCO was tasked with driving public consultation on the draft River Basin Management Plan (dRBMP) for Ireland 2018 - 2021. To this end 123 public participation meetings were held across the 31 LAs at Municipal District level. Submissions on the dRBMP were received in both hard copy and online via LAWCO's website. In total 956 local submissions were received by LAWCO, which were collated and submitted to DHPLG to inform the RBMP.

Catchment characterisation workshops took place over the summer of 2017, facilitated by LAWCO and the EPA. In this way management and staff from LAs and public agencies shared detailed knowledge of the pressures impacting on specific waterbodies. This process produced a list of Recommended Areas for Action (RAA) for targeting available resources over the period of the RBMP. A further public consultation on the RAA was held in October providing opportunity for submissions by members of the public and elected members.

Throughout 2017 LAWCO continued to raise awareness and engage with local communities. The twelve Community Water Officers are supporting community involvement in the protection and management of local streams, rivers and lakes across the entire country. This is highlighted by national initiatives such as 'Water Heritage Day', which took place during Heritage Week 2017 in collaboration with the Heritage Council, and the Tidy Towns 'Waters and Communities' special award which commenced in 2017 as a collaboration between LAWCO, Waterways Ireland and Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Community groups and local business interests are seeing the benefit of working together at a catchment level to protect and manage local waterbodies, and Rivers Trusts or Catchment Groups are emerging in many parts of the country, supported by LAWCO and Local Authorities.

A new team of 35 scientists will join LAWCO in 2018 to provide support to LAs, the EPA and public agencies in the implementation of the 2nd cycle River Basin Management plan for Ireland and the programme of measures.



CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence is a second line emergency service which provides a back up the Primary Responses agencies in times of Emergency. Civil Defence will where possible lend support and assistance to local Communities with the provision of First Aid and Ambulance cover in support of historic, cultural and sporting events.



2017 was an exceptionally busy and successful year for Tipperary Civil Defence. Training of our now multi skill volunteers continue throughout the County in Nenagh, Clonmel, Ballingarry, Ballyporeen, Kilcash, Killenaule, Carrick on Suir and Bansha. Training is conducted by Qualified Instructors certified by the Civil Defence College and outside approved agencies such as the National Ambulance Service, QQI, The Food Safety Authority, and Rescue 3.

Tipperary Civil Defence took part and were the overall winning team in the Regional Multi Skill Competitions held in Limerick organized by the Civil Defence College in Roscrea. Teams from Kerry, Clare, Limerick and Wicklow participated on the day. Volunteers were tested in their knowledge of search & rescue, Casualty, communication, and leadership. There was a special category competition for uniform, dress and foot drill, this was also won by Tipperary Civil Defence on the day.

As in previous year's Civil Defence responded to incidence of adverse weather and had crew available to assist local communities and the primary response agencies through the County especially with Storm Ophelia



One of the core activities of Civil Defence is in the Search for and recovery of missing persons. Civil Defence assisted the Garda who are the lead agencies for missing persons in the search and or recovery of a number of people on both water and land based searches. This is a very important service that Civil Defence provided and great credit is due to the volunteers who commit themselves to such specialized work.

In 2017 a special ceremony was organized by the Civil Defence College to recognize the long service commitment of volunteers to Civil Defence. The ceremony was held in Croke Park and medal were awarded to Volunteers with 40 year service and 30 years service to Civil Defence and their local Communities. Tipperary Civil Defence was well represented at this event with 3 members in receipt of 40 years service medals and 15 members in receipt of 30 year service medals. This was a very special occasion for the members. Medals were presented by Minster Paul Keogh. The Government of Ireland in 2017 commissioned a special 1916 commemorative medal which was awarded to all Civil Defence members that were active in 2016. These medals were presented to volunteers at local ceremonies



Tipperary Civil Defence is now one of four Counties nationally that has a search and rescue Dog (K9) unit as an asset to assist in Search for missing person. The dog in Tipperary, Scooby, is an air scenting dog that works alongside his handler Mark. The K9 units around the Country are strongly supported by the Civil Defence College who in 2017 provide purpose build vehicle for the transport for the dog and handler to where they are required to attend a search area. This is a very useful asset to our search capacity. The dogs are trained and certified to a very high standard.



Tipperary Civil Defence continues to support community and charity events throughout the County in the provision of Ambulance First aid and transport services. Some of the major events supported were the cycle against suicide, Nenagh Classic, Suir Day three Day international cycle, Clonmel Horse Show, Gurteen Agriculture Show, In addition continued support with the provision of transport Senior Citizens groups, and meals on wheels.

Tipperary Civil Defence strongly support event organized by the local authorities sports partnership, museums, Art centers and cultural events.



Many thanks to the volunteers of Tipperary Civil Defence for their dedication, commitment and professionalism in all that they do.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

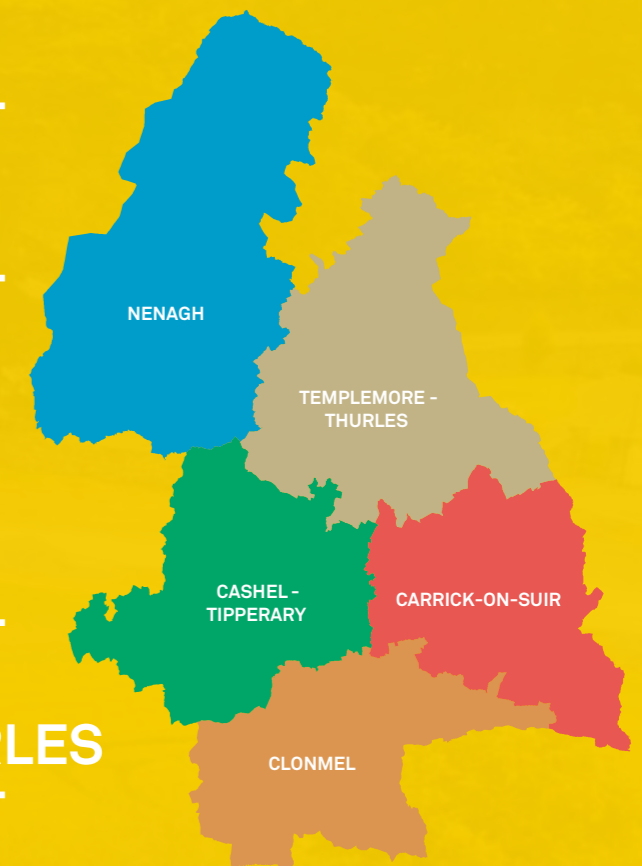
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✓ TEMPLEMORE-THURLES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT





CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CATHAOIRLEACH AND LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH



Cllr. John Fahey was elected as Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District Members on the 22nd of June, 2017. Cllr Fahey replaced Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, who had been Cathaoirleach since 2016.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

 Cllr John Fahey, Cathaoirleach of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District



PERFORMANCE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS

In 2017, the Municipal District Members held an Annual general meeting and eleven monthly meetings.

The Members also held two joint meetings with the Elected Members for the adjoining Piltown Municipal District in County Kilkenny to discuss issues of mutual interest, and two security committee meetings with An Garda Síochána.

A Schedule of Municipal District Works, totalling €5.4 million, was adopted by the members, who oversaw its implementation. The Schedule of Municipal District Works included the maintenance and minor improvement of the social housing stock in the District, the maintenance and improvement of the road network, the rehabilitation of bridges and the maintenance of open spaces.

Major work carried out in the district included the reconstruction of the N24 railway bridge at Carrick-on-Suir, the completion of the rehabilitation work on the Old Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir, rehabilitation works on the Five Eyes Bridge the islands Bridge, and the completion of flood prevention work in Mullinahone. Town improvement work was completed in Carrick-on-Suir, Mullinahone, Dualla, Drangan, and Cloneen. Strengthening work was carried out on 13.5 Kikometres of the road network, and resurfacing work was carried out on 16.6 kilometres of the network.

The Greenway between Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel along the River Suir Tow Path was substantially completed during the year, and opened to walkers and cyclists. Some minor works including new signage to promote the scheme remain to be undertaken in due course.



 Signing of contract for New Municipal District Offices

The contract for the extension and renovation of the Municipal District Offices was signed in May, and work commenced shortly thereafter.

The year also saw the reopening of the renovated Ormond Castle in Carrick-on-Suir.

The District was involved in the successful hosting of the National Famine Commemoration at the War House, Ballingarry, on the 30th of September, 2017. Significant roadworks were undertaken in advance and we also assisted with Traffic Management & Parking arrangements

In addition the members received reports from each Director of Service in relation to activity in the District, considered 33 notices of motion, and corresponded with the Garda Síochána, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue, The Irish Coast Guard, The Department of Rural Affairs, The South East Patients Group and the The Office of Public Works, relation to matters concerning the Municipal District.

ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 66 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

The Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District assisted the following bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). The Association provides a heritage centre at the Main Street in Carrick on Suir, a community centre in Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir, and is involved in a number of training schemes in the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee

A grant of €1,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC). The committee has representatives of the Local Authority, the Business Association and the Development Association. It has prepared a strategic plan for Carrick-on-Suir and is involved in a number of different measures to promote the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performed in public without charge on six occasions in 2015.

Clancy Festival Committee

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Committee of the Clancy Festival. The festival is held every year over three days on the weekend of the June bank holiday. It commemorates the Clancy Brothers who were born in the town, and attracts thousands of attendees.

Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day Parade Committee

A grant of €500 was made to the St Patrick's Day Committee. The committee organises the St Patrick's Day Parade each year. In an innovative departure, the parade was held after dark on the evening of St Patrick's Day. A highlight of the Parade was the illuminated Carrick Tractors, which was followed by a fireworks display. The event attracted approximately thousand spectators.

Sean Kelly Sports Centre

A grant of €15,000 was made to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Tidy Town Committees

Tipperary County Council sought submissions from Tidy Towns associations in relation to their plans for 2015. As a result, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members decided to make eighteen grants as follows:

Glengoole Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€2,350.00
Coalbrook Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Clooneen Tidy Villages & Graveyard Committee	€2,350.00
Carrick on Suir Business Association	€2,350.00
Mullinahone Tidy Towns Committee	€2,350.00
Killenaule Community enhancement Association	€1,000.00
Ballinure Community Group	€2,350.00
Kilusty Tidy Village Development	€200.00
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€875.00
Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Drangan Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Rosegreen Tidy Towns Association	€2,350.00
The Commons Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€2,350.00
Coalbrook Tidy Towns	€2,350.00

The total value of grants for Tidy Towns Committees in the Municipal District was €37,325.00.



Community Grants

The County Council invited submissions from clubs and other organisations providing facilities, or engaging in community based projects. Projects assisted included new facilities, Christmas lights, sporting facilities, and so on. Grants were made under the scheme as follows:

Group or Body	Items Assisted	Amount
Glengoose Tidy Towns	Information Signs	€1,500.00
Dualla Community Association	Playing Field	€1,000.00
Slieveardagh United	Soccer Field	€500.00
Coolquin Athletics	Sports Equipment	€350.00
St Nicholas Boxing Club	Renovations	€2,850.00
Mr Tom Walsh	Publication of Book	€900.00
Castle Heights Residents Association	Residents Association	€650.00
Clairin RA	Residents Association	€625.00
Ballylynch Residents Association	Residents Association	€500.00
Manors Gate Residents Association	Residents Association	€700.00
Dualla Show	Festival	€5,000.00
Cluain Ard Residents Association	Residents Association	€350.00
Cluain Cregg Residents Association	Residents Association	€500.00
Carrick-on-Suir Boxing Club	Insurance and Utilities	€350.00
Rosegreen Development Association	Insurance and Utilities	€2,600.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement group	Notice Board	€535.00
Tinvane Park Residents association	Residents Association	€350.00
Deerpark residents Association	Residents Association	€500.00
Kilcash Tidy towns	Equipment	€500.00
Aheny Restoration Group	Equipment	€400.00
Ballingarry Community Centre	Upgrade of Facilities	€3,000.00
Ballypatrick Sports Committee	Utilities and insurance	€750.00
Ballingarry Playground Committee	Upgrade of Facilities	€3,000.00
Moyglass Community Centre	Upgrade	€500.00

Group or Body	Items Assisted	Amount
Moyglass Athletic Club	Upgrade of facilities	€1,000.00
Carrick Swans	Utilities and Insurance	€600.00
Galteemore Kickboxing Club	Equipment	€2,000.00
Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	Christmas Lights	€10,000.00
John Croke, Mullinahone	Painting Scheme	€950.00
O'Sullivan Terrace Residents association	Painting Scheme	€1,000.00
Colm O'Shea, Mullinahone	Painting Scheme	€600.00
Mullinahone Community Council	Painting Scheme	€1,100.00
Suzanne Edwards, Mullinahone	Painting Scheme	€550.00
Ballynonty Community Field	Professional Fees	€1,600.00
Crangemockler Community Sports Field	Running Costs	€1,000.00
Kilusty and Fethard Ballroom Ltd.	Startup Costs	€700.00
Ard Ailinn Residents association	Residents association	€750.00
Carrick United Football Club	Insurance Costs	€500.00
Lois Dubhail Management Committee	Residents association	€500.00
Kilcash Community Centre	Equipment	€1,900.00
Kilusty and Fethard Community Council	Christmas Lights	€2,900.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement Group	Christmas Lights	€1,400.00
Collins Park Residents Association	Residents association	€340.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	Christmas Lights	€500.00
Mullinahone Christmas Lights	Christmas Lights	€1,000.00

Tidy Towns Awards

A tidy towns competition was held for those committees in the district which participated in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Prizes were offered in two categories, one for smaller settlements, and the other for larger settlements.

Prizes were awarded for the best new entrant and the best improvement in marks awarded. A prize was also awarded for the best performing committee in the Municipal District.

An awarded night was held in the Scoil Ruan, Killenaule in December, 2017. Awards were made as follows:

Glengoose	Most improved, Category A	€500.00
Killusty	Best new entrant, Category A	€500.00
Rosegreen	Most improved, all other Categories	€500.00
Ballingarry	Runner up, All other Categories	€500.00
Cloneen	Best overall result, All Categories	€1,000.00

The total value of grants for Tidy Towns Committees in the Municipal District was €37,325



CASHEL - TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CORPORATE

The Annual Meeting of the Cashel- Tipperary Municipal District was held on 26th June, 2017. Councillor Michael Fitzgerald was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor John Crosse was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

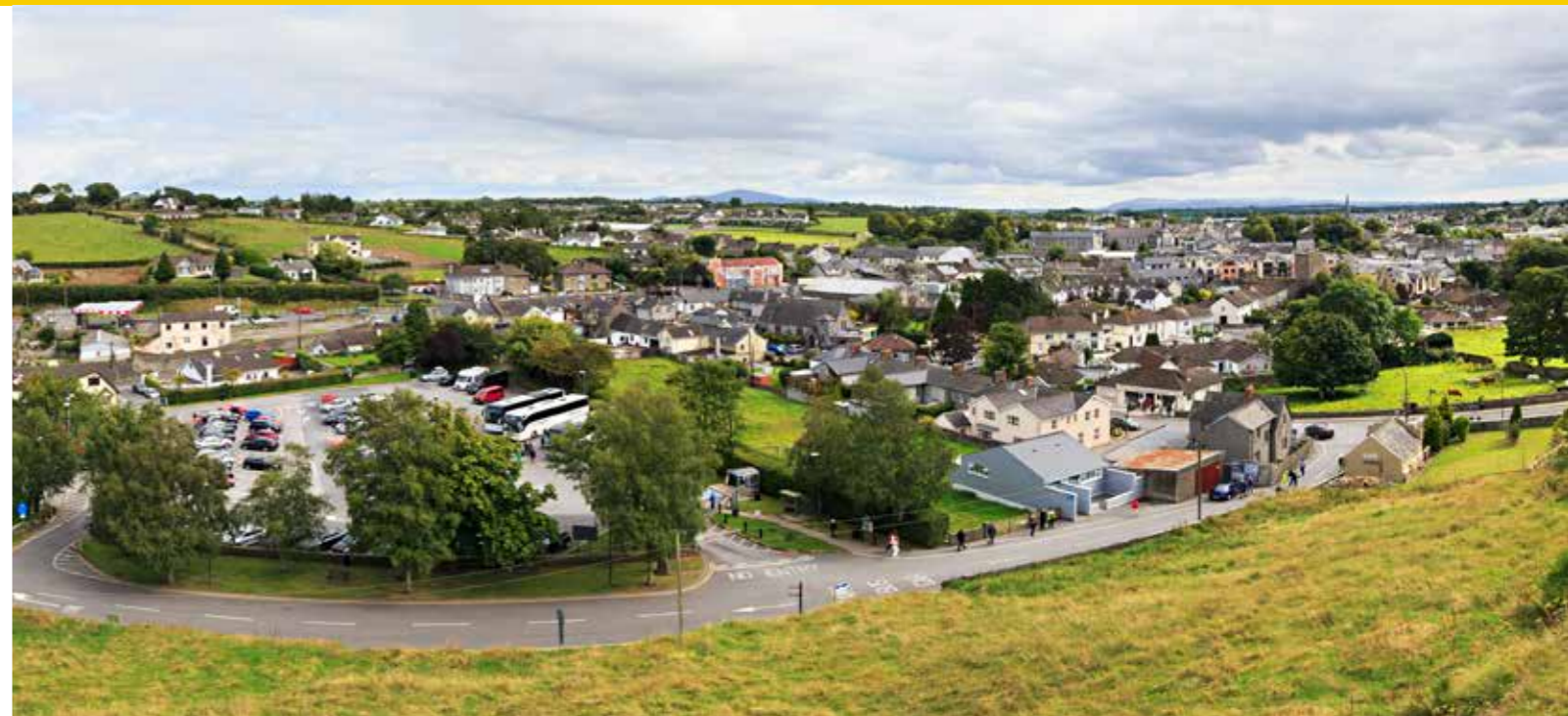
ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH



Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald.



Cllr. John Crosse.



CIVIC RECEPTIONS/WELCOMES/AWARDS

- Her Excellency, Kristi Karelsohn, Estonian Ambassador to Ireland - Cathaoirleach Reception on 16th March, 2017.
- Mr. William Barry, Community Development Worker
- Mr. Gerard Ryan, President of Irish Beekeepers Association
- Mr. Michael Sweeney, President of Muintir na Tire. - Civic Reception on 12th May, 2017.



Photographed on the occasion of the Civic Reception to William Barry, Gerard Ryan and Michael Sweeney. From Left to Right:- Back Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Nora Sweeney, Mary Ryan, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Una Barry and Deputy Jackie Cahill. From Front :- Left to right:- Michael Sweeney, Gerard Ryan and William Barry.

Pictured at Cathaoirleach's Reception to Her Excellency, Kristi Karelsohn, Estonian Ambassador to Ireland.



From Left Back Row:- Fr. Eugene Gerard, Archdeacon, Tipperary Town, Aidan Finn, District Engineer, Cllr. John Crosse, From Left Front Row:- Clare Curley, District Director, M. McGivern, District Administrator, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Her Excellency, Kristi Karelsohn, Estonian Ambassador, Cllr. Denis Leahy, Martin Quinn, Tipperary Peace Convention and Cllr. Martin Browne.



ROADS

Schedule of Municipal District Works

In February 2017, the members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Cashel Tipperary District. This provided for a total expenditure of €5,851,325.00 in respect of Housing Maintenance; Road improvements; Street Cleaning; Maintenance of Burial Grounds and Maintenance of Amenity Areas.

The main Programmes which benefited under their funding were:

- Strengthening and overlay on Cloughaleigh Road/ Rathduff Stud/ Athassal Abbey/ Greenfields & Crossayle/ Dualla Road Cashel/ Ballysheedy Annacarty/ Emlly to Cullen.
- Storm water separation from combined sewers between Aldi Plaza and River Ara, resulting in 40% reduction in load to Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- Flood Repair Works - Cullen Village; Ashgrove; Clonoulty; Glengar Springhouse Thomastown, Ballintemple and Curraghmarky.
- Low cost safety Schemes at Lisbohane; Cappaghtratin, Scalagheen and Dundrum.
- Bridge Rehabilitation at Cluen Bridge.
- Surface dressing at various locations including Monard, Solohead and Regional Roads emanating from Tipperary Town.
- Community Involvement Schemes at Camas & Glenough.
- Road Strengthening in vicinity of Windfarms at Rossmore/Piperhill. Public Lighting improvements Tipperary Town (Murgasty Roadabout, St. Michael's Street and Rosanna Road.
- Upgrading old Son/Sox Lights to more efficient LED lights in Lisverneane Village and Cappawhite Village.

Junction realignment works being undertaken at Scalagheen

Before



From Left:- Noel Walsh, Declan Morey and Eamonn Quinn.

After



Taking in Charge of Estates

In 2017 the Cashel Tipperary Municipal District took charge of Tudor Court, Garryskillane, Tipperary Town and The Crescent Court, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary.

eParking for Tipperary Town



eParking was unveiled in the Town of Cashel & Tipperary 2017. This new system enables users to pay for parking via credit/debit card. Methods of payment include smartphone app, website or phone call.

Uptake of this facility in both Towns has been positive as user numbers continue to increase.



WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY/ ENHANCING TOWNS & VILLAGES

Tidy Town Grants

In 2017 the successful grants applicants were:

Grant Recipient	Allocation
Aherlow Road Residents Association	€ 880.00
An Duiche Residents Association	€ 880.00
Cappawhite Tidy Towns Associations	€ 880.00
Cashel Tidy Towns	€ 3,620.00
Churchview Residents Association	€ 880.00
Clonoulty/Rossmore Development	€ 880.00
Crescent Court Residents Association	€ 880.00
Cullen Tidy Towns	€ 880.00
Donohill Tidy Towns Association	€ 880.00
Dundrum Tidy Towns Association	€ 880.00
Emly Tidy Towns	€ 880.00
Golden Tidy Towns	€ 880.00
Kilnamanagh Court	€ 880.00
Kilross Tidy Towns Association	€ 880.00
Lattin Tidy Towns	€ 880.00
Murgasty Hills Residents Association	€ 880.00
Murgasty Residents Association	€ 880.00
Spafield Family Resource Centre	€ 880.00
Summercove Residents Comm	€ 880.00
The Steeples Residents Association	€ 880.00
Thomastown Tidy Towns	€ 880.00
Tipperary Tidy Towns Committee	€ 3,620.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	€ 24,840.00

Kilross Tidy Towns

Before



After



Planting and new approach sign

Installation of a Pump by Kilross Tidy Towns.

Before



After



Pictured Cashel Tidy Towns with Summercove Residents working together to environmentally enhance the Estate



Tipperary Tidy Towns at work.



From Left:- Eamon Ryan, Noel O'Meara, Krzystof, Walter Hennessy, Nick McCarthy, Tommy O'Brien, Paula Hickey, Rose Ryan, Helen O'Dwyer, Josephine Delaney, Michael Ryan



Cashel Tidy Towns Meets Daithi O Se

Cashel Tidy Towns were delighted to be involved in a local enterprise night and meet with broadcaster Daithi O Se.



Left to Right:- Ned O Toole, Aidan Downey, Daithi O Se, Paddy Downey, Willie Gorman & Cliff Cope.

Members of the Cashel Tidy Towns also met with Ricky Whelan of Bird Watch Ireland who was undertaking a study of Swifts and Swallows in and around the Rock of Cashel. He shared with the group his knowledge in relation to wild flowers on the Dublin Road.



From Left:- Patrick Currivan, Ricky Whelan, Stephen Forgarty, Patrick Downey, Aidan Downey.

A special highlight of the year for Cashel Tidy Towns was their achievement in securing a Bronze Medal in the 2017 Tidy Towns Competition (they increased their marks from 306 in 2016 to 312). They received the Medal when they attended the awards ceremony at the Helix, Dublin in September.



Pictured at the Helix from left: Patrick Downey, Pat Buckley, Jean O'Dwyer, Cliff Cope and John Ryan.

Also in 2017, Cashel Tidy Towns started a new initiative with the recently opened Starbucks restaurant on the Cahir Road, Cashel. Starbucks are saving all their used coffee beans which the Tidy Towns group are using for fertiliser on shrub beds around the town and this initiative has helped to reduce waste going to landfill.



Pictured below are Kiera and Megan of Starbucks handing over the first load of used beans to Paddy Downey of Cashel Tidy Towns.

“Light It Up Gold” - Cashel City Hall, Cashel

In support of the “Light it Up Gold” Campaign for Childhood Cancer Awareness Cashel-Tipperary MD supported this worthy cause by lighting City Hall, Cashel in gold.



Picture of City Hall “Lit up gold”.

Wallers Lot Estate

The residents of Wallers Lot in Cashel can now look with pride on works that culminated in a now well maintained green area with hanging baskets and flowers. The estate of four houses, which is home to members of the traveller community, underwent a major transformation during the summer months 2017, which has resulted in a very pleasing environmentally enhanced Estate.

Those involved in the initiative included Anthony Wynne, County Council’s Environment Enforcement Officer, local Councillor Martin Browne and local residents of the Estate.

It shows what can be achieved by people working together in a spirit of co operation.



From Left:- Cllr. Martin Browne, Mr. Anthony Wynne and Mary O’ Reilly.

Circle of Friends Cancer Support Centre Tipperary

Cashel Tipperary Municipal District facilitated the provision of a site for the building of a €1million Cancer Support Centre at the Knockanrawley, Tipperary and the turning of the sod commencing works was on 31st March 2017.

Below is picture of contract signing.



From left to right:- Jennifer Jones Hickey (Circle of Friends Founding Member), Patrick Jones (Circle of Friends Chairman), Seamus Butler (Marhill Construction), Kenneth Hennessy, (Kenneth Hennessy Architects).

Burial Ground Grants

In 2017 the successful grants applicants were:

Grant Recipient	Allocation
Annacarty - Kilpatrick BG	€ 1,425.00
Ardmayle Burial Ground	€ 750.00
Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€ 780.00
Ballintemple Burial Ground	€ 750.00
Cappawhite Old / New	€ 1,530.00
Cashel Cathedral	€ 600.00
Clonbeg Church St. Sednas	€ 600.00
Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher B.G.	€ 2,025.00
Cullen	€ 645.00
Dangan - Dargan Maintenance	€ 645.00
Emly O'd/New Burial Ground Comm.	€ 1,425.00
Garranlea Burial Ground	€ 600.00
Hollyford Burial Ground	€ 780.00
Kilshane Burial Ground	€ 645.00
lagganstown Burial Committee	€ 645.00
Lattin New Burial Ground Committee	€ 780.00
Monard Church of Ireland	€ 600.00
Old Donohill Burial Ground Comm	€ 645.00
Shronell Graveyard Committee	€ 600.00
Solohead Burial Ground	€ 750.00
St. John the Baptist	€ 600.00
St. Marks Famine Graveyard	€ 600.00
St. Mary's Church of Ireland	€ 600.00
St. Marys Church, Dundrum	€ 600.00
St. Senans Burial Ground	€ 780.00
Templenoie Burial Ground	€ 645.00
Toem Burial Gound	€ 600.00
Total Allocation	€21645.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tipperary Town - Sky Innovation Park

In mid May 2017 the developers of Sky Innovation Park submitted an application for Planning Permission to Tipperary County Council. Sky Innovation Park is a 100,000sq ft building on a 1.5 ha site adjacent to Dunne's Stores on the Limerick Road. The development is seen as an exciting opportunity for Tipperary Town and its environs. It is hoped that the development will bring jobs and spend into the area. It is envisaged that IDA and Enterprise Ireland will market the development .



Pictured below Cathaoirleach Cllr. Roger Kennedy at the Innovation Park,

Cashel Palace

During 2017, a Planning Application was submitted to Tipperary County Council in respect of the former Cashel Palace Hotel. The application proposed a complete renovation of the existing hotel, with plans for a new town park and the re-instatement of the famed Bishop's walk. It is anticipated that when this facility is operational it will create more than 100 jobs.

The existing Council car park to the left of the Hotel will be expanded and landscaped and will offer car parking for the Town and Hotel guests. A new town park will be created to the rear of the car park area.

The Developers held a public display of the plans in March.



Pictured below at the viewing of the proposed plans are locals Paddy Downey, Cashel Town Centre Forum, Seamus King, T.J. Ryan and Declan Burgess, Cashel Town Centre Forum.

Tipperary Town Enterprise Town

Business & Community Expo.

A Business, Community and Sports Expo., was held in the Cannon Hayes Centre on the weekend Friday 24th and Saturday 25th of March 2017. The evening included a showcasing of 200 plus local Businesses, clubs and societies.

The weekend saw a busy schedule of presentations, panel discussions and demonstrations, including a business panel discussion hosted by Marty Morrissey.



Pictured at the event Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Joan Ormond, Golden Kilfeacle GAA Club and Marty Morrissey.

RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development)

The Three Drives.

The Three Drives Family Resource Centre, one of the lead partners on the RAPID implementation team, continued to provide a range of programmes and services to meet the needs of the Community in its catchment area.

Tipperary Residents Network – Pop up Open Day.

Tipperary Residents Network held their “pop up” open day in association with Tipperary County Council in the premises beside Dorothy's Flower Shop on Main Street, Tipperary Town on Friday, May 19th.

This “Pop Up” Open Day allowed residents groups to show case all of the great work going on in Tipperary Town estates. Each year the Tipperary Town Residents Association carry out estate enhancement projects ranging from grass cutting, painting and planting, to larger projects such as community gardens and remedial works to address safety and anti-social issues within the estates.

Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach presented certificates of Appreciation to all of the Residents Associations to acknowledge their excellent volunteer work.



From Left:- Superintendent Patrick O' Connor, Jean Nelson, Co-ordinator of the Tipperary Residents Network, Catriona Crowe Community Liaison Officer with Tipperary County Council, Catherine O'Connor Community Liaison Officer Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Chairperson Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District, Garda Laura Coffey and Garda John Kingston

Development Of Green & Blue Infrastructure Master Plan Roadmap For Tipperary

As part of the Council's involvement in the EU INTERREG EUROPE part funded SWARE Project the consultancy firm Analytics Consulting Ltd., were appointed by Council in January 2017 to complete a Green & Blue Infrastructure Master Plan Roadmap for Tipperary Waterways. The overall objective of the Project is to foster integrated management of natural and cultural heritage within inland waterway regions by improving the partner regions' related policy instruments in order to create a better balance between the protection and sustainable use of the natural resources and the built heritage sites.



From Left to Right Ruth Hennessy, Executive Scientific Officer, Marie McGivern, District Administrator, at consultation meeting on 24th April, 2017 with Consultants regarding development of Green & Blue Infrastructure Master Plan Roadmap for Tipperary.

Christmas Retail Support Programme 2017

In October, Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Tipperary Local Enterprise Office invited applications from Traders Associations, Chambers and Community Groups under the Christmas Retail Support Programme.

The grant scheme provided support for towns and villages to implement strategies designed to attract new customers, retain existing customers and encourage increased spend in Tipperary towns and villages over the Christmas period.

Successful groups in Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District were:

- Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre / TIRD, Tipperary Town whose events included the Excel Film Festival Programme, and Christmas Lights switch on.
- Chamber of Commerce, Cashel who hosted a Christmas Entertainment Event.
- Hollyford Community Council, Hollyford who hosted a Council a Christmas Market.
- Donohill Development Council Ltd., who hosted a Christmas Fair.
- Tipperary Christmas Market Group who hosted a Christmas Market.
- Annacarty Social Enterprise Tea Rooms who hosted a Christmas Market.

ENVIRONMENT

Zero Waste

In 2017, Cashel Town continued moving towards a cleaner, greener future as it began the process of becoming Irelands' first Zero Waste Town.

This is an 18 month pilot initiative, which promotes reducing waste and repairing and repurposing items. This pilot initiative was officially launched in 2016 at the Rock of Cashel. The project is led by the environmental charity VOICE, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and supported by the Southern Region Waste Management Officer (SRWMO) and Tipperary County Council.

During 2017, the Zero Waste Group were involved in a number of projects to encourage and change behaviour when it comes to dealing with waste. These projects included making people more aware of the proper segregation of waste; reducing the amount of single use items in the community; promotion of repair of goods, up-cycling, charity shops, car boot sales and second hand markets.

During the Summer months, they also teamed up with the newly formed Cashel Playground Development Group to assist in their fund raising activities. Other activities included;

- recruited a team to manage the newly launched Recycling Ambassador Programme and ran waste management workshops with the local community.
- had a stall at the Food and Craft Fair during the Cashel Arts Festival, where people had an opportunity to find out more about the project.

Pictures from the Official Launch of Zero Waste Project.



From Left- Paul Monks, Tidy Towns and Breda Ryan.



From Left- Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, M. McGivern, District Administrator, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald.

In April 2017 the Green School Committee of St. Johns the Baptist Boys National School, Cashel, under the guidance of their teacher organised a very successful Biodiversity Day as part of the schools effort to obtain it's Biodiversity Flag.

Pictured below are the boys of the school in their amazing costumes together with their school teacher Ms. Sharon Sheahan.



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St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tipperary Town / Cashel Town

Cashel St. Patrick's Day

In keeping with the 'Keep it Green' theme for Cashel St. Patrick's Day Parade, a new category was introduced and sponsored by Zero Waste Cashel. The new category was 'Best use of Recycled Materials' was won by the Lawrence Academy Dance Company (LADC) who received a trophy and one hundred euro.



Pictured from Left- Derry O' Donnell (Zero Waste Cashel), Michelle Lawrence & Carmel Lawrence (Lawrence Academy of Dance), Sean Laffey (Chair St. Patrick's Parade).

Tipperary Town

St. Patricks Day Parade 2017 in Tipperary Town was a huge success. The parade made it's way from O' Connell Road, down O' Brien Street, and up the Main Street to the reviewing stand. On the reviewing stand was her Excellency Kristi Karelsohn Ambassador of Estonia. The Grand Marshal for the day was actress Rachel Pilkington.

Below is a selection of images from the parade.



Civic Offices, Tipperary town went Green for St. Patrick's Day.

Streetscape/Shop Front Enhancement Scheme 2017

The Streetscape/Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners / occupiers of properties situate in the Primary Retail Areas of Cashel and Tipperary Town to improve the streetscape through:

- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage (with an emphasis on hand painted signage,
- Painting and general improvements to existing shop frontages,
- Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets etc or other environmental improvements.

In Tipperary Town, 9 applicants availed of the Scheme.

No. 5 Davis Street

Before Works



After Works



No. 51 Main Street.

Before Works



After works



In Cashel town 9 applicants availed of the Scheme.

No. 3 Friar Street

Before works



After works



Also, under the Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme, Tipperary Tidy Towns undertook two murals on what had been, poorly presented, high visibility gables of building one at Bridge Street, and the other at Youth Centre, Bank Place.

Both these Murals have resulted in a further enhancement of the Streetscape of Tipperary Town.



Mural at Bridge Street, Tipperary Town.

Before



After



Mural on wall of the Youth Services office building at Bank Place, Tipperary Town.

Before



After



Tipperary Wells

Two further wells were installed on the approach roads (Dundrum and Emly) to Tipperary Town. These works were completed in conjunction with Tipperary Regional Youth Services. The wells are based on the theme of Tiobraid Árann, which means "The Well of Ara", a reference to the river that runs through the Town.



Pictured at the Well at the Emly approach road are, from Left- Ger Kiely, Town Gardner with Martin Griffin and Tony Delaney.

Bulky Goods

In April 2017 Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District carried out a collection of bulky waste goods from householders in Tipperary Town. In association with WEEE Ireland two collections of electrical goods were arranged.



Pictured loading the electrical goods, from left Jimmy Glasheen and Noel Flavin

HERITAGE

Cashel City Walls Conservation

Cashel City Walls are a designated National Monument, and the area is given statutory protection under the National Monuments Acts (1930-2004). The Walls, enclosing 14.5 hectares and encompassing a perimeter of 1,550 meters were constructed of locally sourced, roughly coursed limestone blocks with rubble infill. Standing at an average 3 meters high, the Walls were built as a defensive rampart with gun towers at North, West and South east angles and contained 5 gates providing access points to the medieval town. Cashel, also known as Caiseal Mumhan meaning the “Stone Fortress of Munster” developed as an ecclesiastical and monarchical stronghold during the early 13th century.

In 2017, the Cashel City Walls Conservation Project successfully secured funding in the sum of €30,000 from the Heritage Council under the Irish Walled Town Network Conservation/Capital Fund. The aim of the project was to conserve and make safe internal face of Section K (see below map). The Walls here form part of the Heritage Trail for Cashel Town and the setting for St. John’s Cathedral and the Hackett Effigies.

Map Outlining Section K



Before



After



Pictured at the conserved portion are from left:- M. McGivern, District Administrator, Roisin O’ Grady, Heritage Officer, Holly Kearns, Heritage Council, Eleanor Dwyer, Cashel Arts, Dr. Niall Gregory, Clare Lee, Executive Planner, Patrick Downey, Tidy Towns, Cllr. Martin Browne.

Cashel Arts Festival

Cashel Shop Arts Project

In July 2017, Artist Andrew Motterhead asked owners, staff and customers of selected local shops to become involved in making the shops project art work and public exhibition.

The Art lies in looking at society through the lens of local shop and how the communities they form reflect the place and the people at that moment in time.

It is surprising the extent and complexity of the community that is associated with one shop. For example, when visiting a butcher’s shop, Mr. Mottershead discovered that one lady bought the same thing on the same day each week.



Pictured at Fahy’s Shoe Shop ... From Left:- Noel Fahy, Noel Fahy Shoes with Andrew Motterhead

Cashel Arts Festival opened on 21st September at the Rock of Cashel and launched its 24 page brochure in the medieval surrounds of the Vicars Choral. The Arts Festival celebrates the richness of art, crafts music and theatre that add light to our lives and homes. T

The central themes of the 2017 festival was HOME, COMMUNITY & BELONGING. The weekend was packed with events to suit all ages and interests and was the culmination of hard work, dedication and vision on the part of the entirely voluntary committee. Sponsors of the event included the Arts Council, Local Business, Tipperary County Council and others.

Around our fluid sense of identity, the festival programme included many artists whose work deals with the every aspect of belonging.

The headline guest speaker was the renowned journalist and correspondent Mr. Robert Fisk. Mr. Fisk was a Middle East correspondent for 41 years based in Beirut, first for ‘The Times’ of London and, since 1989, for ‘The Independent’.

Another highlight of the 2017 festival was ‘My Real Life’ a mesmerising 75 minute monologue by award-winning author Eoin Colfer performed by Don Wycherley.

Also included in the festival was:

- An acoustic gig by Steve & Joe Wall of the Stunning and the Walls at Bru Boru.
- A Food and craft fair at Cashel Palace grounds which incorporated an Ice Sculpture created by Daniel Doyle.
- Travel writer, documentary maker, and Irish language enthusiast Manchán Magan made a return to the Cashel Arts Festival in September.



Photos of the Events:



From Left:- Cllr Roger Kennedy, Ann Marie O' Donnell (CAF-President), Dr. Phyll Bugler (County Cathaoirleach), Cllr Michael Fitzgerald (Cathaoirleach- Cashel-Tipperary MD), and Petronelle Clifton-Browne, at the launch of the Cashel Arts Festival Brochure.



Group display by Dancers outside the Cashel Palace during the Festival.



Mr. Robert Fisk , Middle East correspondent.



Making Beehives on the Plaza in Cashel



Cllr. John Crosse



Flags at the Cashel Arts Festival



Art displayed on the local shop.

Cashel Arts Festival opened on 21st September at the Rock of Cashel

Tipperary Town Festival 2017

Tipperary Town's "It's a Long Way to Tipperary Festival" took place on the 14th and 15th July, 2017. The Events included, the Pride of Tipperary crowning, the All Ireland Churn Rolling Championships, a Food & Craft Market, Dog Show and Street Entertainment.

Pictures below from the festival



Town Centre Forums

Town Centre Forums which were established in Cashel in 2012 and in Tipperary in 2014 continued their work in 2017.

These Forums comprise representatives from various stakeholders including Chambers of Commerce; Tidy Towns; Heritage/Tourist Groups and the Council.

The purpose of the Forums are as follows:

- to increase the responsiveness from the Council regarding town centre management issues
- to develop and foster existing relationships between the stakeholders and the Council
- to co-ordinate and focus the actions of key stakeholders in the interests of the retail function of the town as a whole
- to develop a clear management charter for town core areas
- to create greater synergy and communication between key retail stakeholders and the Council.

Some initiatives undertaken were:

- Artistic feature for Cashel Approach Roads.

It is proposed over the coming years to provide one Art Feature on the approach roads to Cashel. In 2017 one of these features was installed on the Clonmel Road. Photo below depicting St. Declan arriving from Ardmore.



- Environmental Works undertaken i.e. street cleaning/ public lighting/gardening services and signage.

The first Cashel Gateway Sign being installed at Clonmel Road entrance to Cashel.....each of these signs will depict the Rock of Cashel from different angles



Pedestrian route on the Circular Road, Cashel. These works comprised of:

- Construction of a pedestrian footpath on the northern side of the Circular Road, Cashel, complete with Public Lighting, drainage, fencing and landscaping.
- The footpath is 2m in width with a tarmacadam finish.
- The roadside boundary in the form of stone walls (where still present) has been retained and forms a boundary between the roadway and the footway.

This transformation of the 'Circular Road' at the back of the Rock of Cashel has been welcomed by locals and visitors alike. It is regarded as an excellent facility for the local people, creating a loop around the town and gives a great view of the Hoare Abbey.

This project was part funded under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017.

Photos as follows

Before



Digging out of the Walkway.



Laying of Lighting ducts



Completed project



- Lighting & CCTV installed at St. Cormac's Cemetery, Cashel
- Grant Aid was provided for Tidy Towns Special Project, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Cashel Arts Festival and Christmas Lighting.
- Branding of Cashel i.e. logo



Tipperary Library at the Excel Centre

Construction works were undertaken during 2017 to facilitate the housing of the Library at the Excel Centre, Mitchell Street.

The works comprised of:

Demolition of the existing entrance canopy; construction of new single-storey extension to include entrance lobby, access ramp and access steps (67sqm); sub-division of existing ground floor space to include a change of use of existing book shop to new library (140 sq m) including a seating area, foyer and new reception area.

It is anticipated that the Library will move to this facility in early 2018.

Before



After



Tipperary Town Swimming Pool

The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool is a Council run facility in Tipperary Town, which adjoins the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. The pool is open to the public from 10am to 9.45pm Monday to Friday and from 10am to 6.45pm on Saturday and Sunday. It offers swimming lessons to adults and children on a group basis, one to one classes and 2 to one classes. The Pool Management have over recent years, in conjunction with the Tipperary Energy Agency, undertaken a range of cost saving measures in the energy efficiency area. 2017 was a busy year with 72,179 visitors to the pool.

Photo of Lifeguards at Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool as follows:



From Left :- Marie Cavanagh, Claire Devitt, Jackie Parles and Hazel Foley.



From Left:- Niall Fitzgerald and Andrew Joyce

The adjoined Canon Hayes Recreation Centre provides a state of the art leisure centre.

During 2017 a new strength and conditioning facility was installed. Former Munster and Ireland Rugby International, Alan Quinlan, performed the official opening of the new facility. This is a fantastic addition to the already huge facility.

Photo below:



Pictured at the launch from Left:- Jennifer Lyons, Cllr. Cross, deputy mayor, Martin Quinn and Alan Quinlan.

Cashel Tipperary Municipal District Retirements 2017

Pat Ryan, Tradesman



Pictured at Pat's farewell are from left:- Gerry Hayes, Eugene Maguire, John Gleeson, Willie Cranley, Declan Morey, Philip O'Dwyer, Richie Bourke. In Front:- Pat Ryan and Tim Ryan





CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT

Councillor Catherine Carey was elected Mayor and Councillor Richie Molloy was elected Deputy Mayor for the District for 2017/2018.



CIVIC RECEPTION

Clonmel Borough District accorded a Civic Reception on the 21st April 2017 in Cahir Park House Hotel to Tommy O' Donnell, Gerry Davis, Risteard O' Donnell, Melissa Hill and Kevin O'Sullivan, in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the fields of sport, arts, writing and drama.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A significant contribution continued to be made to social and cultural life at local level, through support for a wide range of groups and events, which included – The Junction Festival, Festival Cluain Meala, St. Patrick's Day Parades, Banna Cluain Meala, Halloween Festival and Christmas in Clonmel Festival.

Clonmel Junction Festival 2017

The Clonmel Junction Festival presented a world-class programme of events over 7 days from the 3rd to the 9th July 2017 in Clonmel and surrounding satellite locations.

The Junction Festival presented over 90 events in 30 venues throughout the town and surrounding areas, including music, dance, theatre, comedy, food, spoken word, visual art, film, public art, circus and was curated around the theme of the “Black Sheep”.

A strategic decision was made in the programming to make 50% of these events free to the public. The organisers estimate the audiences that came out for the festival events were approximately 20,000. In total 3,135 tickets were sold for events that charged a fee.

Festival Cluain Meala

Festival Cluain Meala was held between 5th and 13th August 2017 and attracted over 17,800 visitors to a wide variety of events, performances and venues.

There were 96 performances in 32 different venues over 3 nights during the second weekend of the festival. Up to 200 busking acts performed on the streets of Clonmel, attracting large crowds.

Highlights included the Sunday Family Day on 13th August, which attracted 7,000 visitors, held in Denis Burke Park and a Medieval Inn Trail.

The Suir Valley 3-Day Cycling Event which took place between Saturday 5th and Monday 7th August hosted a number of national and international teams with races throughout the region.

Halloween Festival

This year's Halloween Festival was successfully held with large crowds of children and families attending the costume parade and also the grand finale in Kickham Barracks.

A wide variety of performers, musical groups and community organisations contributed to the event which was coordinated by 2Cando Arts with support from Council staff, Civil Defence and a number of volunteers.

Christmas In Clonmel Festival 2017

The Christmas in Clonmel Festival 2017 involved a comprehensive programme with a wide range of activities and events throughout the town.

Santa came to town on 2nd December to turn on the Christmas lights and a variety of musical groups and performances were well received by large crowds in the town.

New initiatives included the Christmas Market stalls in Market Place and also a free shuttle bus on Fridays and Saturdays in Clonmel town supported by the County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce and the Council.

Flights Of Discovery

Clonmel 'Flights of Discovery' is a new tourism experience proposed for the town. There are four main attractions recommended and these include Bulmers site in Dowd's Lane, the West Gate, the River Suir and an upgrade of the Museum exhibition space.

Initial discussions have taken place with Bulmers / C&C Group regarding the redevelopment of Dowd's Lane as a visitor attraction. Preparatory work is also underway in relation to other elements of the tourism experience with the preparation of the Suir Island Masterplan, structural inspection of the West Gate with a view to developing the tower as an exhibition space and viewing point in the town and examination of options for upgrading the Museum.



St Patrick's Day Parade

Maureen Purcell, South Tipperary Art Group was our Grand Marshall for the day as STAG celebrated its 50th year in existence. There was a great turn out with over 40 floats entered from all types of community, school, sporting, musical and cultural backgrounds. Clonmel Bianconi Twinning Committee organised the morning parade which went from the old Town Hall building to St. Mary's Church for 12 noon mass which was celebrated in Irish. This parade was led by Banna Chluain Meala and included Councillors, representatives of town organisations and visitors from Reading (Twinned Town). The day commenced with a flag raising ceremony at St. Patrick's Well.



STAG celebrated its 50th year in existence

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Anti Litter League

Clonmel finished joint 6th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed in the IBAL Anti Litter League, with Clonmel being deemed cleaner than European Norms.

All of the routes leading into Clonmel got the top litter grade and this set the tone for the majority of other sites surveyed. Sites including Oakville Shopping Centre, O'Connell Street and Carrigeen Recycling Facility were particularly well presented.



Town Centre Forum

Clonmel Town Centre Forum and Clonmel Borough District worked together in 2017 in order to achieve the following objectives -

- Promote development and marketing of Clonmel town centre;
- Promote an increase of car parking availability in the town centre;
- Devising strategies and activities that convert footfall into business revenues;
- Act as a communications channel regarding the provision of information to the public.

Clonmel Town Centre Forum and Clonmel Borough District recruited a Marketing and Media Co-ordinator to update the www.clonmel.ie website and assist businesses in the town with their social media. Promotional material and brochures were also produced to highlight various activities during the year and the wide variety of shopping and retail offering in the town centre.

Cahir And Clonmel Town Centre Initiatives

Clonmel Borough District, as part of its Town Centre Initiative, sought to improve Clonmel and Cahir streetscapes through an enhancement and painting scheme which supported owners in improving and enhancing their properties and public areas by painting and carrying out general improvements to commercial and residential building frontages. 15 applications were received under the scheme.



Car Parking Bye Laws

The revised pricing schedule for parking in Clonmel was fully introduced and the roll out of pay and display to new areas including Upper Irishtown, Old Waterford Road and Davis Road is in place. Notifications were issued to residents and businesses in these areas informing them of the various parking options and permits available.

Clonmel Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Scheme

Tenders were sought for the supply and installation of a CCTV System in Elm Park and Cooleens Close, Clonmel. The contract was awarded to Educom Ltd. and the company has substantially completed the project with the installation of 35 cameras, wireless transmission equipment and associated civil engineering works for new camera poles.

The cameras will be monitored in the communications room at Clonmel Garda Station and equipment has been installed and awaiting final connections to the main communications mast in the station.

Eileen Anderson Award

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr. Catherine Carey, along with Clonmel Rotary Club President Brendan Nyhan officially launched the 2017 Eileen Anderson Unsung Hero Award, an award that honours people who carry out invaluable voluntary work in their community.

The 2017 Eileen Anderson Unsung Hero Award was awarded to Ms Amanda Quigley at a ceremony on Friday 10th November in the Town Hall, Clonmel.

Amanda was acknowledged as a person who always volunteered in the community either through organisations or just giving time and sometimes direction to individuals dealing with a number of issues. She spent a number of years volunteering and working with youths through Waterford and South Tipperary community youth service, the local community based drug initiative in its early years and subsequently volunteering for a number of years with the local drop in service. She also worked as a volunteer advocate and support person through the National Irish Foster Care Association, supporting and advocating for foster parents through a number of situations. In more recent years she has been a volunteer counsellor with Care Cancer Support Centre in Clonmel and Circle of Friends in Tipperary Town.

The annual award is in memory of the late Eileen Anderson, who was deeply committed to community development, social inclusion and volunteer work in her native Clonmel and in particular her community of Cooleens Close.



Tidy Towns

The seven Tidy Towns committees in the District who competed in the National Competition in 2017 Clonmel, Cahir, Marlfield, Ardfinnan, Kilsheelan, Grange and Newcastle all received increased marks with a variety of awards being presented across the District.

Clonmel received another Gold Medal Award in category G with 326 points and Cahir a first Bronze Medal Award with 312 points.



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2017 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District.

Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2017 were;

- Surface dressing works were carried out at Ballyglasheen, Newchapel Cross, Carrickcaneen, Newcastle to Goatenbridge, Knockagh to Cahir, Ballydrehid, Curraleigh West, Shanrahan Carraigmore.
- Road strengthening works were carried out at Ardgaiothe - Heywood Road, Moloughnewtown (Newcastle), Brackford-Thorny Bridge, Shanballyard-Ballinattin, Toolone, Ballyglasheen, Ballyvaughan, Loughloher, Marlhill, Ardfinnan to Neddens, Knockagh/Loughloher, Rossrehill, Bohernanae/Kilcoran, Ballyboy, Gorteeshal, Curraghatoor
- Footpath replacement works were carried out in Clonmel Town, Cahir Town, Newcastle and Carrigeen Cottage.
- Community Involvement Schemes were completed at Kildanogue -Ardfinnan, Croughkeal - Clogheen, Cappa - Bansha, Castleview - Ardfinnan
- Flood Relief Works were carried out at The Mill Race, Cahir, Newcastle, Graigue and Knockballiniry, Goatenbridge
- Bridge Rehabilitation works were carried out on Tar Bridge and Newcastle Bridge.
- Road resurfacing works were carried out on the carpark at Sandybanks, Marlfield, Clonmel.
- The Blueway Project saw the construction of slipways at Ardfinnan, Kilsheelan and Sandy Banks, Marlfield.
- Extension of St Patricks Burial Ground - Phase 1 of the extension of St Patrick's cemetery was completed, providing additional grave units.
- Suir Island Amenity Plan has now advanced through to initial design stage and a master plan will be presented in early 2018.
- Construction of a new public convenience facility in Cahir town commenced in 2017 and is expected to be completed in early 2018.
- Access upgrade works were carried out the Inch Field and Haha Walkway in Cahir.
- A Roundabout Upgrade Sponsorship Programme commenced at Toberaheena, Bugagery and Carrigeen roundabouts.
- New approach signage was erected across Clonmel at approaches to the town and various mini roundabouts were upgraded.
- CLÁR safety works were carried out at Ballylooby, Clogheen and Goatenbridge.
- Local Improvement Scheme works were carried out in Ruan, Castlecloque and Thomastown.



Community Grants


Applicant	Approved
St. Pauls Community Centre	€700
Clonmel & District Wheelchair Society	€750
FEI Sheehy Challenge	€500
Newcastle Tidy Towns Committee	€300
Powerstown Lisronagh Comhaltas	€500
Clonmel Town Football Club	€500
St. Pauls Community Centre	€500
Burncourt Community Council	€750
Elm Tree Communities Ltd	€500
Clonmel Bridge Congress	€500
Dolphin Swimming Club	€300
Tir Na Nog Community House	€300
Duhill Community Centre	€500
Clonmel Mountain Bike Club	€400
Knockmealdown Active	€1500
South Tipperary Autism Support Group	€500
South Tipperary Beekeepers Association	€500
Marlfield Village Assoc.	€350
Cuan Saor Womens Refuge & Support Services CLG	€738
Vee Rovers Football Club	€350
Friends of Bridgewater House & Knocklofty Rural Day Service	€1000
Cahir Development CLG	€1000

Total Community Grants Funding €12,938

Tidy Town Grants

Applicant	Approved
Ardfinnan Tidy Towns Association	€3,005
Ballyporeen Community Council	€600
Cahir Tidy Towns Association	€4,250
Clogheen Tidy Towns Association	€2,031
Clonmel Tidy Towns Association	€2,750
Grange Tidy Village Group	€1,000
Kilsheelan Tidy Towns Association	€4,140
Marlfield Village	€2,150
New Inn Tidy Towns Association	€1,350
Newcastle Tidy Towns Association	€1,500

Total Tidy Town Grants Funding €22,776

 *Clonmel 'Flights of Discovery' is a new tourism experience proposed for the town*

Burial Ground Grants

Applicant	Approved
Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€700
Ballybacon BG	€560
Ballydrennan Burial Ground Maintenance	€500
Ballysheehan Burial Ground Committee	€560
Burntchurch Burial Ground	€500
Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€500
Cahir New Burial Ground Committee	€700
Cahir Quaker Burial Ground (Ballybrado)	€500
Clerihan Old Burial Ground Mtce. Comm.	€500
Clerihan New Burial Ground Mtce. Comm.	€700
Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€560
Duhill Burial Ground Committee	€670
Grange New Cemetery	€700
Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€560
Kilcommon Cemetery Cahir	€500
Killaloan Burial Ground	€670
Knockgraffon Burial Ground Committee	€560
Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€500
Lady's Abbey BG	€500
Lisronagh Old Graveyard	€500
Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€560
Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce. Comm.	€500
Marlfield Burial Ground Maintenance	€500

Applicant	Approved
Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€500
New Chapel Burial Ground	€670
Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€560
Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€700
Old Church Street, Cahir	€560
Old Kilsheelan Burial Ground	€560
Old Mollough Abbey, Newcastle	€500
Rathronan BG Committee	€670
Donoughmore BG Committee	€560
Baptistgrange BG Committee	€560
Rochestown Burial Ground	€500
Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€700
St. Mary's Churchyard, Mary St. Clonmel	€500
St. Nicholas Church & Graveyard	€670
St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€500
Templetney Graveyard Committee	€560
Tubrid Burial Ground Committee	€500
Tullaghmellon BG	€560
Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€500
Whitechurch Burial Ground Committee	€560
Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€560

Total Burial Ground Grants Funding €24,950



NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Cathaoirleach



The Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District was held on 15th June 2017. Councillor John Carroll was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Séamus Morris was elected Leasathaoirleach.

Members of Nenagh MD at Annual Meeting on 15th June 2017

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2017 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District. This provided for a total expenditure of over €7 million on housing maintenance, roads, drainage, amenity areas, street cleaning and burial grounds.

The key projects affecting the Nenagh Municipal District in relation to Roads and infrastructure during 2017 were:

- Completion of 30.3 kilometres of road pavement overlay work
- Completion of 27.4 kilometres of road pavement surface dressing work
- Ongoing gas, water and sewer network infrastructure in Nenagh town including full pavement restoration on town centre streets (Pearse Street, Kenyon Street, Kickham Street, Abbey Lane and Friars Street).
- The completion of Low Cost Safety Schemes at Walsh Park Cross, Rathcabbin and Fortmoy Cross, Aglish.
- Improvements to the District's footpath infrastructure under its ongoing footpath restoration programme in Nenagh, Newport, Ballina, Rearcross, Portroe, Newtown, Silvermines and Cloughjordan.

Tertiary Roads at Cooleen, Silvermines and Gortnagowna, Templederry were selected for improvement works under the Department of Transport's Community Involvement Scheme and Non-public roads at Coolbawn, Nenagh and Killeen, Roscrea were selected for improvement works under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Local Improvement Scheme.

In addition to the above, an allocation of €39,600 was received for 2017 Clár Schemes under the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and provided the following facilities:

- A pedestrian crossing at Rathcabbin School
- Public Lighting at Redwood GAA sports centre
- Public lighting at Templederry National School car park
- Public lighting at Lackamore National School, Rear Cross

The District completed the surfacing of a car-parking area at Townlough, Portroe to service the Millennium Cross and Graves of the Leinstermen amenity sites, under the Lough Derg Stimulus Fund. An application for a Town and Village Renewal Scheme at Lewis Lane Nenagh was also successful and it is planned to complete works in Q2 2018.

Over €7 million was provided by the District in the schedule of Municipal District works for 2017



Nenagh Leisure Centre White Flag

The White Flag is a National Quality Standard awarded by Ireland Active based on four areas of operation of Leisure Centres or Spas:

- Safety
- Hygiene & Maintenance
- Customer Engagement
- Human Resources

The award is designed to encourage continuous improvement and approximately one hundred facilities around the country have attained this prestigious accolade. Nenagh Leisure Centre first entered this programme in 2016 and is the only facility in County Tipperary to have achieved this accreditation.

In 2017 Nenagh Leisure Centre was awarded a Gold Medal in the White Flag Programme and a Silver Medal in relation to accessibility. This was the second year of participation in this programme and the level of award has improved from bronze medal in 2016 to gold in 2017.



📎 Presentation of White Flag Award



Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening

On the 23rd November 2017, the Nenagh Municipal District held its annual Awards Evening. The evening was a great success, recognising the hard work being carried out by community groups across the District under a number of categories.



Presentation to Musical Theatre Academy, Nenagh in recognition of their achievements in the World Championships of Performing Arts In Los Angeles



Presentation to Tullow Residents Association in recognition of their achievement on being selected as Best Presented Estate in the Nenagh Municipal District

💬 *Nenagh Leisure Centre was awarded a Gold Medal in the White Flag Programme and a Silver Medal in relation to accessibility*



Working with the Community

During 2017 the Nenagh Municipal District continued to work with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included provision of funding through grants and contributions, liaison with voluntary groups and associations, liaison with business groups, provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.

The following contributions were allocated to local organisations and residents groups:

- Local Organisations - €25,000
- Residents Associations - €12,000
- Special Grant Scheme for Sports Clubs & Voluntary Groups - €5,000.
- Events supported included:
 - St. Patrick's Day Parades
 - Spleodar
 - Nenagh Castle Fest
 - Visit Nenagh Classic
 - Taste of Nenagh



📎 Visit Nenagh Classic



📎 Dancing in the rain on St. Patrick's Day



📎 Prize winners in the recipe competition at the Taste of Nenagh

Enhancing our Towns & Villages

Nenagh Municipal District assisted property owners in the Primary Retail Area of the town of Nenagh to improve and enhance their properties by facilitating grant aid towards painting and enhancement works.

A Window Box Scheme continued for 2017 in Nenagh Town. This scheme improved the streetscape and public realm through supporting owners of properties and public areas. Window boxes were erected, watered and maintained by Nenagh Municipal District.

Additional grant funding was given to the five centres in the District who achieved the highest level of marks in the national Tidy Towns Competition. This funding enabled the voluntary committees in Terryglass, Kilbarron, Silvermines, Ballina and Birdhill to undertake additional enhancement works.

Further grant assistance was given to Killoscully, Ballinderry, Curreeny, and Carney to help them in their efforts to enhance their areas.



Refurbishment of Village Pump in

Killoscully

2017 was an impressive year for all the Tidy Towns Committees in the Nenagh District. In particular, special recognition goes to Birdhill on being awarded the highest accolade of the competition, namely Ireland's Tidiest Town and Ireland's Tidiest Village. Birdhill and Terryglass retained their gold medal status. Silvermines and Nenagh retained their silver and bronze medal respectively. Ballina also received a bronze medal.

26 tidy towns groups participated in the competition and all achieved increased marks, from a minimum of +3 to a maximum of +11.



Presentation to Mr. Denis Floyd of Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee



Members of Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee at The Helix, Dublin following the results

Birdhill was awarded Ireland's Tidiest Town and Ireland's Tidiest Village



Newport Town Park

Nic de Jong Associates were appointed as consultants for the design of Newport Town Park which is being provided at Mulkear View, Newport.

Nenagh Tourist Office

A consultant was engaged regarding the design of a new tourist office to be provided in the former Town Hall, Nenagh.

European Allianz Group

Members of the European Alliance Group visited Nenagh on 11th September and met with members of Nenagh Municipal District and representatives of Tipperary County Council.



Members of the European Alliance Group at the Civic Offices, Nenagh

Visit by Minister Moran

Minister Kevin Moran, Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief visited Nenagh to discuss progressing to Stage 2 of the Castle project. The Minister has committed to looking at the old feasibility study which included pedestrian access from Pearse Street.



Minister Moran with Cllr. H. McGrath in the grounds of Nenagh Castle



Minister Moran at Nenagh Genealogy Centre & Museum



Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan

Works to develop Garden of Remembrance to commemorate Thomas MacDonagh commenced in June 2017.



Entrance to Garden of Remembrance

Public Consultation

Nenagh Municipal District held a public meeting in Newport Community Centre where a presentation was given on the proposed Newport Town Park development by Nic de Jong Consultant.

A public meeting was also held in Nenagh Municipal District Chamber where a presentation was given on the proposed Traffic Management Plan for Nenagh by Dermot Donovan of Roadplan.

The Members of Nenagh Municipal District approved the following Part 8 developments:

- N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works
- Realignment of the R498 Regional Road at Latteragh.

Taking in Charge

The following were taken in charge in the Nenagh Municipal District during 2017:

- Part of Cluain Caoin, Borrisokane Road, Nenagh
- The Coachyard, Cloughjordan
- Farmleigh, Riverstown
- Ashgrove Meadows, Ballina
- Youghalara Way, Newtown

Declaration of a road to be public

- Lackabrack, Killoscully, Newport

Twinning

Members of Basse Goulaine Twinning Committee visited the Ballina/Killaloe area and met with representatives from both Nenagh Municipal District and Killaloe Municipal District. The aim of the twinning initiative is to promote Tourism, Heritage and School exchanges between the towns.



Presentation to the Members of Basse Goulaine Twinning Committee



A visit to Garrykennedy



Community CCTV

Grant funding was secured for the provision of Community CCTV at Burgess, Birdhill and Littleton. The contract for the provision of these facilities was awarded to Stalwart Security.

Launch of GoCar

Nenagh Municipal District was part of a pilot scheme introduced by Irish Car sharing company GoCar. In Nenagh the scheme was launched on Wednesday 27th September, 2017. The location of the GoCar at Nenagh Railway Station gave people the opportunity to use public transport and then have a car available for their convenience.

Works to develop Garden of Remembrance to commemorate Thomas MacDonagh commenced in June 2017



Launch of the GoCar car sharing service at Nenagh Railway Station



TEMPLEMORE - THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Election of Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach



Councillor Seamus Hanafin was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Eddie Moran was elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District at the Annual General Meeting which was held on 21st. June, 2017.

CIVIC AWARDS

An exceptional crowd turned out to honour the following recipients who were accorded Civic Receptions by the Members of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District in the Templemore Arms Hotel on 23rd. November, 2017:

- Peter Ryan on representing Ireland in the Paralympic Games in Rio in 2017.
- The Cummins family on winning Ireland's Fittest Family 2016.
- Alan Tynan on representing Ireland at the Under 20 Rugby World Cup 2017.
- J.P. Cooney on attaining a PRO-12 winners medal with Connaught RFC in 2016.
- The Management of Lisheen Mines & Vedanta on their excellent closure plan and their efforts in seeking an alternative use for the Lisheen site.
- Loughmore Tug of War Club on winning Munster and National Titles.
- Achievements of Thurles Boxing Club.
- Achievements of Marting Leyden with Templemore Athletic Club & Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Grants/Contributions

The generosity of the Members of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District in the allocation of a total of €119,574.00 to 159 organisations in the following categories is positively recognised:

- 40 Residents Associations for enhancement works such as shrubs, tree planting, erection of estate name plate, enhancement of green area and purchase & maintenance of grass cutting equipment.
- 39 Sporting Bodies for the provision of playing facilities for young people and promotion of female participation.
- 22 Tidy Towns Associations
- 50 Burial Ground Committees in the sum of €35,000.00
- 4 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees towards the running costs of the St. Patrick's Day Parades which were held in Littleton, Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles. Photo shows prize winners that participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Thurles.
- 4 Voluntary organisations who provide invaluable assistance to the Council.



SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES IN OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Christmas Lighting

Templemore

The District in association with Templemore Development Association developed a very impressive Christmas Lighting Plan for Templemore town which resulted in exceptional improvements in the Christmas lighting display with the official switch on taking place on Friday, 8th, December, 2017. The District staff received very positive feedback from the public on the night.

The Members of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District approved an allocation of €15,500.00 from the General Municipal Allocation 2017 to community groups to assist with the provision of Christmas Lights in Roscrea town and villages in the District:

Roscrea	€9,000
Borrisoleigh	€1,000
Littleton	€1,000
Moyne	€1,000
Clonmore	€1,000
Holycross	€500
Clonakenny	€500
Templetuohy	€500
Gortnahoe	€500
Two-Mile-Borris	€500



Town Enhancement and Painting Schemes

Templemore-Thurles Municipal District provided financial support to 10 property owners in Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles under the Town Enhancement & Painting Schemes 2017 to undertake painting, general and environmental improvements to the frontages of commercial and residential buildings in accordance with the terms of the Schemes.

Schedule of Municipal District Works

The Members adopted the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District on 22nd. March, 2017. This provided for a total expenditure of €7,165,350.00 covering road maintenance, housing maintenance, street cleaning, maintenance of amenities, drainage works and burial ground maintenance.



A summary of projects carried out under the Schedule of Municipal District Works is as follows:-

- The District has responsibility for the repair and maintenance of 1,225 social housing units across the District. Normal housing maintenance repairs were undertaken on 674 houses at a cost of €532,226.00. Pre letting repairs were carried out on 70 houses at a cost of €399,606.00, the majority of which was recouped from the Department under the Voids Programme.
- 12 roads improved under the Restoration Maintenance Programme.
- 30 roads upgraded under the Restoration Improvement Programme.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works undertaken to Shanahan's Bridge, Drombane and Kilawardy Bridge. Improvements at Kilawardy Bridge included the construction of a fish pass in consultation with the Inland Fisheries Board to ensure that the fish had safe and ease of access upstream.
- Low Cost Safety Improvements at Castlemeadows, Thurles
- Replacement of boundary wall at St. Joseph's old Cemetery, Templemore.
- Village Enhancement Works comprising of footpath improvements in Gortnahoe, Holycross and Templetuohy which was funded by the Members through the General Municipal Allocation.
- River drainage maintenance works on the Clodiagh, Black, Cromogue, Farneybridge/ Ballinahow and in Roscrea/Templemore area.
- Replacement of wetpour surface in Templemore Playground, Thurles.



SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Opening of the District Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles

The relocation of staff and operations from the former District Offices at Slievenamon Road, Thurles was undertaken directly by the District staff on Friday, 13th. January, 2017 whilst ensuring continued delivery of services to the public during the changeover period with doors opening to our customers in the new District Offices on Monday, 16th. January, 2017. Cathaoirleach Siobhán Ambrose, Tipperary County Council and Cathaoirleach Joe Bourke, Templemore-Thurles Municipal District performed the official opening on 7th. March, 2017. The strategic location of the Offices within the County has proven to be very beneficial to the organisation as a result of the availability of state of the art meeting rooms together with workshop facilities for staff and Members. The building has also been shortlisted for three national awards.



2. Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles

The Part 8 process for the refurbishment of Liberty Square and the development of a car park off Liberty Square, Thurles was completed on 14th. April, 2017. The procurement process for the advance works contract pertaining to the demolition of Griffin's shop and clearance of the car park site off Liberty Square was finalised by the end of 2017.



3. Relocation of Public Convenience to Thurles Town Park

The public convenience was relocated from Parnell Street Car Park to Thurles Town Park due to the significant numbers of users who frequent the skateboard park, children's playground, multi use games area and walking trails within the park.

4. Templemore Town Park Wildflower and Landscaped Garden

The District was successful in securing a grant of €40,000.00 under the Town / Village Renewal Initiative 2016 to develop a Wildflower Garden and Landscaped Area on the old disused outdoor swimming pool site in Templemore Town Park. The completion of the garden in February, 2017 has greatly enhanced the visual appearance of the Town Park and provides a calming restful environment for all users.



Refurbishment of Liberty Square and the development of a car park off Liberty Square, Thurles was completed

5. Structures at Risk Fund 2017-Blackcastle, Templemore

Blackcastle is located on a small hillcock in Templemore Town Park and formed part of the Carden Estate in the nineteenth century. The ruin which is a recorded monument was selected for grant aid under the Structures at Risk Fund 2017 and conservation works consisting of removal of ivy/vegetation and repointing of the Arch and Bawn Wall was completed under the supervision of a conservation consultancy team.

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6. Repairs/Improvements to Templemore Town Hall

Kilgallen & Partners were procured and appointed in 2017 to design repair works to Templemore Town Hall which involve repair and restoration of the external fabric of this seven bay two storey protected structure.

7. Roscrea Enhancement Scheme

The District secured funding of €91,600.00 under the Town/Village Renewal Scheme 2017 for the provision and installation of interpretive and orientation signage and extension of the Butler Trail App which will enable visitors to fully experience the appealing character of the heritage of Roscrea town. The new signage will chime with the themes of Ireland's Ancient East focusing primarily on the theme of Sacred Ireland and Castles and Conquests, given the town's layers of ecclesiastical heritage and the key attraction of Roscrea Castle. The detailed design for the signage was at an advanced stage by the end of December, 2017.

Social Housing Support

Templemore-Thurles Municipal District supports the Housing Section in providing administrative assistance with regard to applications for social housing support, housing recommendations/allocations and Housing Assistance Payments for Thurles town and Templemore town. Rent review and rent assessments service is also provided for Thurles town.



ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

- ☑ CORPORATE SERVICES
- ☑ HUMAN RESOURCES
- ☑ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
- ☑ WEBSITE
- ☑ SPORTS AND SOCIAL

CORPORATE SERVICES

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) comprises the Cathaoirleach and the five Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy Committees and it is supported by the Chief Executive.

The role of the CPG includes advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and reviewing of policy for Tipperary County Council. However, full decision-making authority remains with the Elected Council.

The CPG may also make proposals for the allocation of business between the Strategic Policy Committees and for the general coordination of such business.

During 2017, there were 10 meetings of the CPG. Among the items considered at their meetings were:

- Ethics Framework Compliance
- Tipperary Festival Strategy
- Tipperary Playground Policy
- Tipperary CCTV Policy
- National Planning Framework Submission
- Tipperary Inward Investment Marketing Plan
- Service Delivery Plan 2017
- Harmonisation of Charges at Civic Amenity Sites
- Election of Chairs Designate Strategic Policy Committees
- Roadside Memorial Policy
- Annual Financial Statement 2016
- Annual Report 2016
- Arts Grant 2017
- Budget Process 2017
- REVAL 2019
- Broadband and TCC Digital Strategy
- Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Byelaws 2017
- Local Property Tax – Consideration of Local Adjustment factor
- Consideration of Civic Reception Conferrals by Municipal Districts
 - › **Clonmel Borough District**
 - › Civic Awards Night - Tommy O'Donnell, Munster Rugby Player in the field of Sport; Gerry Davis in the field of Art; Melissa Hill in the field of Literature; Kevin O'Sullivan in the field of Martial Arts; Risteard O'Domhnaill in the field of Visual Arts;
 - › **Cashel-Tipperary MD**
 - › Civic Awards night - Gerry Ryan, President of Irish Beekeepers Association; Mike Sweeney, President of Muintir na Tire; Willie Barry, Cappawhite in recognition of his role in the installation of water pipes across the county;
 - › Aidan & Joseph O'Brien in recognition of Aidan O'Brien's world record of 25 Group 1 winners in a season and Joseph O'Brien on training the winning horse in the 2017 Melbourne Cup;
 - › Tipperary Vintage Rally Group in recognition of their contribution to Tipperary;
 - › **Templemore-Thurles MD**
 - › Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore re Harty Cup victory
 - › Civic Awards Night - Loughmore Tug of War Team on winning the National Championship; JP Cooney, member of Connaught Senior Rugby Team winning Guineas Pro 12 Title in 2016; Conor Ivors, Ballingary, on winning Senior Irish Athletic Boxing Association Championships; Cummins Family, Rahealy on winning Ireland's Fittest Family 2016; Peter Ryan, Drombane who represented Ireland in the Paralympics in 2016;
 - › Mr Martin Leyden in recognition of his contribution to Templemore Athletic Club for over 40 years;
 - › Alan Tynan, in recognition of representing Ireland in the U20 Rugby World Cup;
 - › Management of Lisheen Mine and the company Vedanta for their closure plan for Lisheen Mine;
- Appointment of members to Committees/Boards
 - › Thurles Regional Arts Centre





CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES

The Council operates an integrated model for customer support in the form of a Customer Services Desk. There is a Service Level Agreement with each Section to provide clarity on the roles of CSD and the Section / Municipal District. The Council are operating the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) in order to relay messages from CSD to the Sections / Districts.

Customer Services Desk - Facts and Figures

In 2017 CSD (Clonmel and Nenagh together) handled in the order of:

- 130,000 phone calls
- 30,000 public counter queries
- 10,000 emails
- 100,000 items of post
- CRM s created 20,427

Training

Staff at CSD, together with the 5 Municipal Districts' Reception staff received further advanced professional Customer Services training during 2017. Other targeted staff from across the organisation also received Customer Services training as part of an ongoing process of striving for the gold standard in customer service excellence in Tipperary County Council.

Customer Services Desk - 1st Floor Clonmel Civic Offices

This is an integrated public office for Clonmel Borough District, Planning and Environment Sections, staffed on a rostered basis. Finance, Human Resources and Franchise also provide services at this desk. Meeting rooms are provided nearby, and public access is available to iPlan, planning application files and other online resources.



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of information Act 2014 was enacted on 14th October, 2014. It confers three very important rights on members of the public who seek access to information held by government departments, local authorities and other designated bodies. These rights are:

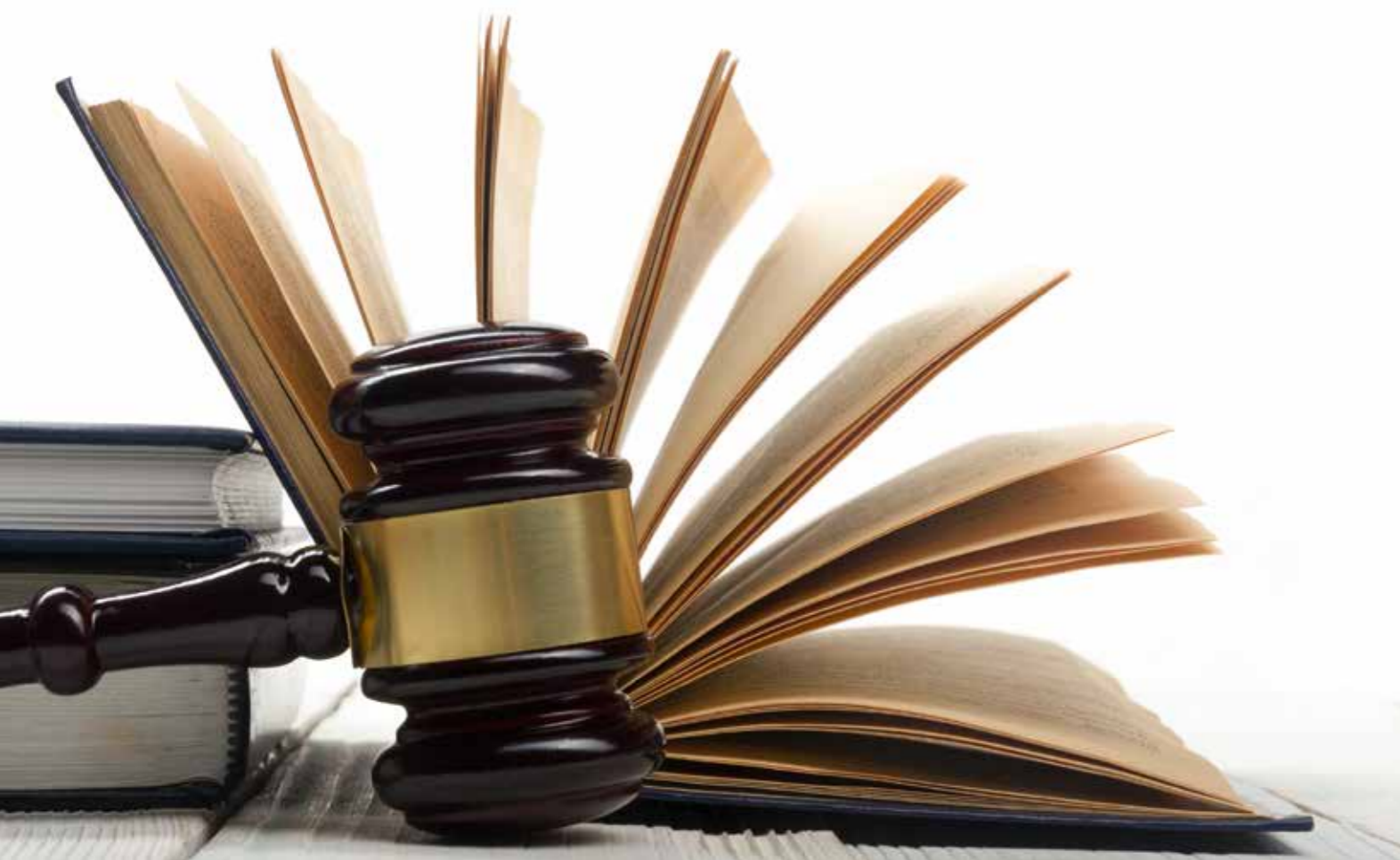
- The right of access to official records held by Public Bodies.
- The right to have personal information about them held by such bodies corrected or updated where necessary.
- The right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect them.

Since its inception in 1997 the Freedom of Information Act has been widely used by members of the public to access records held by Public Bodies.

A total of 118 Freedom of Information requests were received by Tipperary County Council in 2017.

The following table shows the number of FOI requests to Tipperary County Council in 2017 and the decisions made on those requests:

Carried Forward to 2017	2
No. of FOI requests received	118
No. of requests for personal Information	17
No. of requests for non-personal Information	100
Mixed	1
No. of requests granted	62
No. of requests part granted	16
No. of requests refused	22
Transferred to other FOI Bodies	2
Withdrawn/Handled outside of FOI	8
Carried forward to 2018	10



HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

In accordance with the Local Authority Higher Education Grants Act, Tipperary County Council provides higher education grants for eligible students.

The Council adopts a scheme of grant each year with the Minister for Education and Skills. Since 2012/2013 Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) has been processing all new applications. Accordingly, Tipperary County Council are no longer processing new higher education grant applications, they are processing applications for students continuing their current studies since academic year 2011/2012.

Total Applications Assessed 2017/2018	1
Approved and paid	1



CIVIC RECEPTIONS

A Civic Reception is the highest honour that the Council can confer on an individual, group or organisation who have achieved outstanding success in sporting, cultural, academic, scientific, political or other areas.

During 2017, Tipperary County Council conferred a Civic Reception to the following:

Her Excellency Anne Anderson, First Female Ambassador for Ireland on 26th May, 2017 in the Town Hall, Parnell Street, Clonmel



Tipperary County Teams in Hurling, Football and Camogie in the Dome, Thurles on Friday 20th January, 2017 in recognition and appreciation of their significant achievements during 2016 in the Dome, Thurles on Friday 20th January, 2017.



HUMAN RESOURCES

The unified Tipperary County Council is one of the largest employers in the county with a total of 1119 employees (full time equivalent and retained) at the end of 2017.

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the delivery of the following service areas:

- Recruitment, Remuneration and Conditions of employment.
- Development and Implementation of Staff Training/Development Programmes
- Superannuation (Pension Entitlements)
- Employee Welfare/Relations
- Family Friendly Policies and arrangements
- Industrial Relations.
- Maintenance of Personnel Records
- The CORE computerised Human Resources System.
- Performance Management and Development System (PMDS)
- Support to functional departments in all matters relating to Human Resources

Workforce Planning and Recruitment

Each Local Authority is required to have in place an approved workforce plan. As part of the Tipperary merger process, an extensive workforce planning exercise was carried out in 2013 and has been in the process of implementation since. Following the lifting of the embargo on recruitment and the issuing of Delegated Sanction by the Department, 2017 saw a dramatic increase in recruitment activity, in the context of open and confined competitions which provided a range of opportunities for existing employees and also new employees to this Authority. An unprecedented total of 66 recruitment competitions yielded 137 new starters across the full range of disciplines including Administrative, Engineering, Technical, Scientific, General Operative and supervisory grades.

Industrial Relations

The Council continues to work in partnership with trade unions and employee representatives to achieve harmonious working relationships and improved working conditions with safe, effective and efficient work practices. The main trade unions engaged with are F rsa (formerly IMPACT), SIPTU, LAPO, UNITE and CONNECT UNION (formerly TEEU).

Staff Training & Development

In keeping with current national policy and the objectives of our Corporate Plan we continue to ensure that staff at all levels of the organisation have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and acquire the appropriate level of knowledge and skills to carry out their job. The Human Resources Section has a dedicated training team which is responsible for drafting and implementing a comprehensive training programme. Training requirements are based on the needs identified through the Performance Management Development System (PMDS) and during the year, prioritisation was given to Health and Safety Training, training required for specific roles and also developing new skills. A number of staff members were also provided with funding for 3rd level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was mainly delivered in-house and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers.

Congratulations are extended to all employees who engaged in the training programme in 2017.

Superannuation

The Human Resources Department administers the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and associated Spouse's and Children's Scheme and Widows and Orphans Pension Schemes for all grades.

It carries out the following functions:

- Calculation of retirement lump sums and pensions, death gratuities, lump sums in respect of retirements, preserved benefits etc.
- Transfer of service to and from other Public Sector bodies
- Calculation of statements regarding service and estimates of benefits
- Registration of new scheme members.

Equality

The two main equality policies in place in Tipperary Local Authorities are:

- Dignity at Work Policy and
- Equality and Diversity Management Policy

There are a number of Designated Contact Persons in place and it is their role to provide assistance to employees as required in accordance with the equality policies. The list of Designated Contact Persons is attached to the Dignity at Work Policy on Sharepoint.



Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government. With the creation of revised directorates post merger and consequently new teams, increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees. The PMDS system has been further broadened to include performance rating and 2017 will see the first such ratings applied for all staff throughout the organisation.

Employee Welfare/Relations

We continuously strive to create a work environment that is conducive to promoting a healthy and progressive workforce. Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

- Staff Support Programme including Employee Support Staff
- Access to Occupational health Professional
- Employee Handbook
- Superannuation Handbook
- Information/Induction package to new employees
- Long Service Awards
- Pre-retirement Courses
- Return to Learning Project

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of the various Family Friendly leave arrangements including Work-Sharing, Parental Leave and Carers Leave.

CORE HR Payroll and Superannuation System

A new HR Payroll and Superannuation System (CORE) was introduced in 2010. In 2017 the HR section initiated the procurement of Data Analytics as a means of accessing, understanding and reporting on the data contained in the CORE system. This will enable the section to provide key strategic management reports across a range of business areas highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of those areas.

In 2016, following the Councils migration of the Payroll function to the Payroll Shared Service Centre – MyPay, we commenced preparation for the migration of the Superannuation Function to MyPay. This is a significant piece of work which involves gathering of service histories for all staff, identifying pensionable allowance, regular rostered overtime etc. It is anticipated that this function will move to MyPay in late 2018 or early 2019.

Retirements

During 2017 the following employees retired from service:

- Mai Walshe
- Margaret Murphy
- Thomas Kennedy
- Jim Bergin
- John Whelan
- Michael O'Donnell
- Cathy Halpin
- Michael Tierney
- Frank O'Brien
- Michael Devery
- Anne Burke
- Margaret O'Gorman
- Geraldine Hill
- Michael Horan
- Patrick Cullagh
- Angela Dillon White
- Tom McGrath
- John Kennedy
- Edmond Power
- Aidan Fennessey
- Joseph Mitchell
- Patrick Ryan
- Liam Burke
- John Kennedy
- Eileen O'Brien
- Donal Quirke
- David Poyntz
- P.J. Condon
- Olive Dwan
- Michael Murray
- David Dunne
- Mary R. Quigley
- Mary Morrissey
- Tony Brooks
- Noel O'Neill
- John Ryan
- Tom Kelly

Tipperary County Council and its customers have been well served by these employees who have given years of exemplary service. We wish each and every one of them health and happiness for many years to come. Our hope is that they remain in constant contact with their many friends and colleagues.

In addition to the above we fondly remember former colleagues who sadly passed away during 2017 and in doing so express again our sincere condolences to their families.



INFORMATION SYSTEMS

OBJECTIVES

- Provide an accessible, comprehensive customer service platform for the public, elected members and staff, through the use of information technology and the internet.
- Provide a technical support service to staff in the areas of Networks, Applications, eDev/Web and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
- Provide the tools, systems, solutions and infrastructure to enable the staff and the business sections achieve their business objectives.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The following was achieved by the Information Systems team in 2017:

Networks/Infrastructure team

- Delivered maximum uptime and performance of Networks, Business Systems and IT Systems across all offices for all Users.
- Kept our Network, Systems and Data safe and secure.
- Made significant progress on the project to exit the Local Government National Agency (LGMA) network. This is a significant project that affects all of the Users in the organisation. Work completed included: new domain created, group policies implemented, trust put in place between existing domains, testing completed, and migrated a significant number of Users to the new domain.
- Facilitated staff and office moves in several offices across the organisation, for example, the move of the staff into the Carrick on Suir temporary office, the new Thurles Municipal District office, etc.
- Security
 - › Protected our network and business systems against the international ransomware “Wannacry” attacks, and implemented relevant patches to protect against the security risks.
 - › Provided cyber security awareness sessions to our Users and Members (approx 50% of staff trained to date).
 - › Implemented new laptop encryption software for corporate laptops.
 - › Carried out a Security Audit carried out on the phone systems (pabx and ipoffice) and addressed the identified issues (no critical items indentified).
 - › Completed the upgrade our desktops to an appropriate operating system.
 - › Migrated mobile devices to a new Mobile Device Management platform to facilitate security on smart phones and tablets.
- Completed Disaster Recovery testing and documentation for all Tier 1 applications.
- Provided/Upgraded to high speed connectivity in several locations, e.g. the Thurles office, the Nenagh Civic Amenity site, the Roscrea Civic Amenity site, the Ballyveeney Civic Amenity Site and the Cashel Depot.
- Replaced several communication switches across the county, for example the mobile voice switch in Clonmel, the Library in Emmet St, Clonmel, etc.
- Facilitated phone move/changes and moved to IP telephony phones on an ongoing basis.
- Rolled out additional coverage areas for Wireless Network – Ballingrane, Tipperary MDO, Clonmel Civic Offices
- Upgraded the Audio Visual presentation facilities in Nenagh Council Chamber and the Management Suite meeting room.
- Migrated Elected Members to Corporate Wireless Network
- Completed upgrading of Library staff PC stock
- Prepared tender documentation and print audit information for Managed Print Service tender in 2018.

Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Team

- Commenced development of a Planning Enquiry GIS system based on ArcGIS Server Technology to replace the existing Mapguide system that has come to end of life. This system will support the planning function and make it easier to access Tipperary County Council planning information by citizen and staff
- Provided GIS analysis and reporting mapping services for the National Broadband Project, Water Services, Environment, Age Strategy and Music Strategy.
- Developed pilot geographical information maps for the Housing and Rates Sections.
- Updated elements of the web based Planning GIS Enquiry System to a more user friendly platform.



eDevelopment/Web Team

- Supported the use of the website and social media for communications.
- Upgraded the Council Intranet.
- Enhanced and refreshed the council web site www.Tipperarycoco.ie
- Configured business systems to integrate with the Financial FMS Agresso Milestone 4 upgrade
- Updated the Legal Cases Management System
- Provided support for communications for Emergency Weather Events -Road Closure information, Mapping, etc.
- Continued with the enhancement of the map based and Alerts system called Mapalserter and linked it in to our web site.
- Commenced the migration of Sharepoint (internal system management software) to newer platform
- Upgraded the Online Payments system (WebPay)
- Redeveloped the web site www.whatsonintipp.ie.
- Progressed uniform delivery of Online Consultations service across all sections in line with Web Publications Policy.
- Supported the branding re-launch of Tipperary.com
- Supported and assisted in the implementation of the FDI investment project for www.Tipperary.ie
- Facilitated implementation of new travel rates for staff and elected members in the Travel and Subsistence system

 *Over 6,300 calls were logged in helpdesk*



Applications Team

- Facilitated the Financial Management System Agresso FMS Upgrade project.
- Applied upgrades, patches and enhancements to the business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-House, Impala, I Docs, CRM, etc.
- Rolled our further the new Housing repairs module, in the CRM system.
- Continued to rollout the Customer Relationship Management System across the organisation
- Continued with management of smart and mobile phones and the billing process.
- Installed and configured a module for the Housing HAP system (API link to the Department of Social Protection)
- Configured and installed the Housing Irish Credit Bureau (ICB) module
- Managed the SQL Servers database environment.
- Support the Business Sections in the customised extract of information from business system e.g. I-House extract for the Housing Needs Assessment.

All Teams

Provided a technical support service to our staff and elected members across the organisation. In 2017, over 6,300 calls were logged in helpdesk.

Continued to provide technical support and maintenance for:

- the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Networks, Desktops, Servers, Database systems, etc.
- our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.
- our web sites and web systems e.g. www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.Tipperary.com; and the Intranet and Sharepoint
- our geographical and CAD information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc; and training in same.
- phone systems, mobile phones and fixed lines phones.

SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Sports & Social Club (Clonmel Branch)

Once again the Sports and Social Club organised many events and outings in 2017. Included among them were Hill Walks to the Comeraghs and Knockmealdown Mountains in March, July and October.

The July Walk was followed by a BBQ in Four Mile Water which was a great success. We also ran our annual trip to the children's Panto at UCHL in January, a trip to a Munster Rugby Match, a shopping trip to Dundrum Shopping Centre and the Annual 25 Drive.

A new event for 2017 was the Mystery Tour which was enjoyed by over 20 members.

The Cycle outing to the Dungarvan Greenway has now become an Annual Event. This year's outing took place in July, was a big hit with all that attended and was followed by a lovely meal and a few sociable drinks in Dungarvan.

In addition we sponsored a Night at the Clonmel Races which was an all-in package including entry to the Races, Race Card, Free Bet, BBQ & Music. Over 50 staff attended this very successful outing.

If you are interested in organising an event or joining the Sports & Social Committee please contact any member of the committee as follows:

- Marian Scully, Chairperson
- Rosemary Purcell, Secretary
- John O'Mahoney, Treasurer
- Mick McCarthy
- Tom Byrne
- John Fitzgerald
- Mary O'Mahoney
- Lisa Condon
- Fiona Crotty
- Geraldine Tobin
- Jimmy Kelly
- Gerard Quigley
- Anne-Marie O'Flynn

Social Club - Nenagh

2016 was a successful and enjoyable year for our Social Club (Nenagh). Our fortnightly lotto, Easter and Christmas Draws yielded a total of €10,600 in prizes for our members.

Events organised and attended during 2017 included, attending the Musical "Nine to Five" performed by Nenagh Choral Society, the Bloom Festival in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, the hit musical "Hairspray" in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre, as well as our regular events such as indoor soccer, the annual Mass (and meal) in remembrance of deceased staff and members, and the Christmas Panto, Cinderella, In University Concert Hall, Limerick.


Tickets for all shows and events were subsidised for club members, and we also contributed to the annual Kiddies Party.

We also continued to operate our 'Holiday Fund' for those members who want to save for a break away, for a special family occasion or just to have funds to meet annual bills.

Thanks to all our members, especially those who participated in events. A special word of thanks to those who organised events during the year.

The committee is comprised of

- Peter Cleary (Chair)
- Rosemary Joyce (Treasurer)
- Paraig Cantwell,
- Brian Dunne,
- Nuala Freeman,
- Maureen Grace,
- Siobhan King
- Linda McSherry,
- Auvén Melia,
- Mary Murphy,
- Miriam Ryan,
- Mary Stephens
- Olivia Madden.

 *We would like to thank all our members for their continued support. We would appeal for new members with new ideas to continue the valuable and enjoyable work of the Committees. As always we would welcome new members to join the committee and would love to hear new suggestions for events coming from our members*



The Protected Disclosures Act 2014 was enacted on the 15th of July 2014. Each Council is obliged to establish and maintain procedures for the making of and dealing with protected disclosures under the legislation.

Protected Disclosures is a framework within which workers can raise concerns regarding potential wrongdoing that has come to their attention in the workplace in the knowledge that they can avail of significant employment and other protections if they are penalised by their employer or suffer any detriment for doing so.

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

a	S22 Annual Report for period 1st January 2017 to 30th December 2017.	Number of Protected Disclosures made to Tipperary County Council	Nil
b		Action (if any) taken in response to those protected disclosures	N/A
c		Such other information relating to those protected disclosures and the action taken as may be requested by the Minister from time to time.	N/A



FINANCIALS

- ☑ FINANCE
- ☑ MOTOR TAXATION
- ☑ FRANCHISE SECTION

FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System - Agresso
- All payments including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Maintaining financial records and the making of various reports and returns
- In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.

MAIN SECTIONS WITHIN FINANCE:

Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.

Revenue

This section mainly deals with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Loans and the Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge.

Revenue Collection

Debtor type	% Collected
Rents	99%
Housing Loans	84%
Rates	81%

As per Annual Financial Statement (AFS), 2017 – Appendix 7, after allowing for specific doubtful arrears relating to:

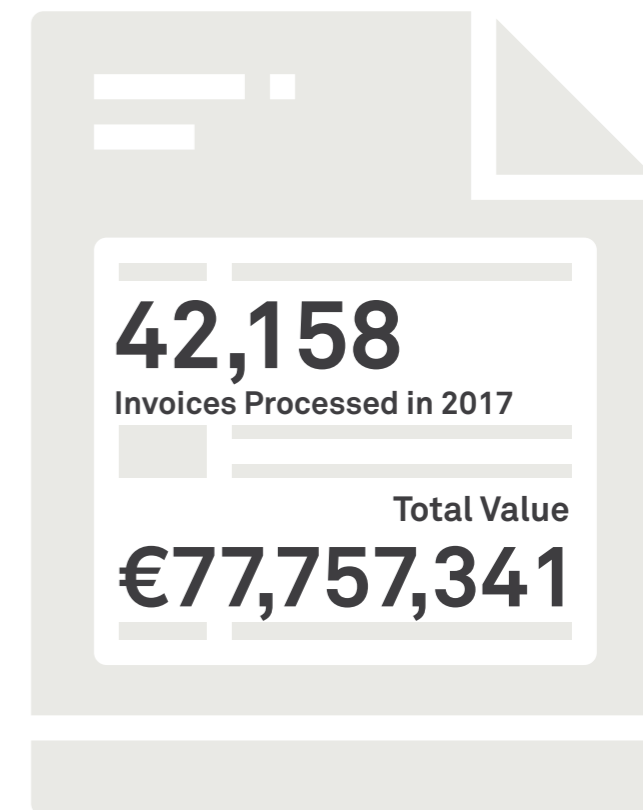
- i. Vacancy applications pending or criteria not met, and
- ii. Accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation, and no communication.

Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the council and forwarded to the Finance Department. These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of "Professional Services" and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.

Invoice Statistics





Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2017, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit also undertook follow up audits to assess the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.

Procurement

The Procurement Section has a role in ensuring that Tipperary County Council has good purchasing practices in place. Procedures are designed to maximise value for money and to provide that all potential suppliers have a fair opportunity to tender. The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality. The procurement sections works to provide high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement guidelines and legislation.

It is government policy that all contracts above €25,000 for goods and services and over €50,000 works are formally advertised on eTenders. www.etenders.gov.ie is the key national website where potential suppliers and service providers need to be registered in order to be kept informed of upcoming tenders. There is a range of guides on the www.tipperarycoco.ie website to assist potential suppliers find where to register and maximise their opportunities to tender for public sector contracts.

Agresso Financial Management System

The Agresso Support Team maintains the Council's Financial Management System, helping to ensure proper control over all the organisations' assets and liabilities.

In 2017, a dedicated Project Team was put in place to implement an upgrade to the Agresso Financial Management System. The Agresso system was originally implemented in 2001, and had its last major upgrade in 2005. Software by its nature has a defined shelf life, with changes and improvements in technology. Consequently, after 12 years the Agresso system needed to be upgraded.

Tipperary County Council upgraded to Agresso Milestone 4 (MS4) in October 2017, in line with 26 other local authorities.

Agresso MS4 comes with greatly enhanced features for the user that will allow Tipperary County Council to capitalise on an ever improving FMS and will assist in the achievement of our business goals.

With the introduction of automated Workflow, Agresso MS4 helps to enhance operational efficiencies throughout the organisation.

It has facilitated the gathering of Procurement data across the Local Government sector, and it facilitates Procurement compliance checks.

It is web service enabled which gives the opportunity to deliver new web based functionality to the Agresso users.

It enables tighter controls on system access.

It delivers tighter financial control with real time budget checking & commitment accounting.

Agresso MS4 also includes improved functionality in modules such as Fixed Assets, Bank Reconciliation, and enhanced functionality is available in other modules.

MAIN REPORTS PRODUCED BY FINANCE:

The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the County Manager and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

These financial statements undergo an independent audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting and audited by the Local Government Auditor.

Council & Management Reports

The management report provides details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the council, and is compared to Budget for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Management reports are provided to the Management Team on a monthly basis and to the Council on a bi-monthly basis.

Department/IMF Quarterly Reporting

All Local Authorities report financial performance quarterly to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the councils activities.

Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested. The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code for Tipperary County Council was published and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) on 31st May 2017.

 *Tipperary County Council upgraded to Agresso Milestone 4 (MS4) in October, 2017, in line with 26 other local authorities*





FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Revenue Account details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

- **Commercial Rates;**
- **the provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;**
- **the Local Property Tax and**
- **Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.**

The Council's Capital Account, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets. These include the building of council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account. _

Draft Revenue Account 2017

	Expenditure	Income	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)
	€	€	€
Housing & Building	29,415,431	29,499,891	84,460
Road Transport & Safety	40,546,346	25,232,644	(15,313,702)
Water Services	13,048,783	12,805,767	(243,016)
Development Management	14,090,806	4,725,563	(9,365,243)
Environmental Services	19,838,755	4,826,527	(15,012,228)
Recreation & Amenity	11,688,226	2,622,589	(9,065,637)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,118,018	618,444	(499,574)
Miscellaneous Services	13,603,666	6,361,864	(7,241,802)
Local Property Tax / LGF		25,951,602	25,951,602
Rates		30,732,493	30,732,493
	143,350,031	143,377,384	
Transfer from / (to) Reserves			27,353
Surplus for Year			
General Reserve at 1st January 2017			5,542,326
General Reserve at 31st December 2017			5,569,679

Draft Capital Account 2017

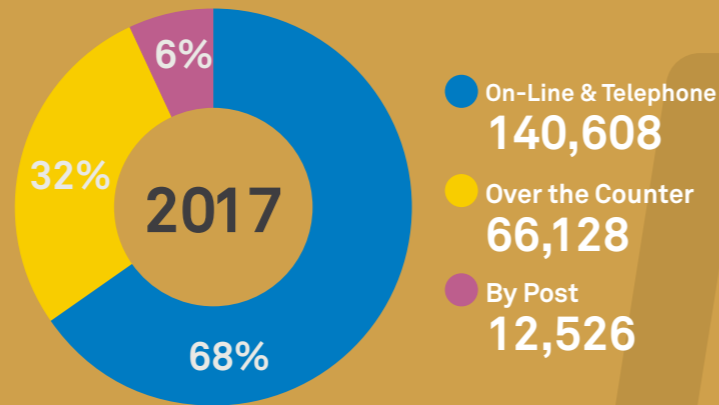
Programme	Expenditure	Income
	€	€
Housing & Building	14,811,592	14,911,415
Road Transport & Safety	6,693,440	3,065,513
Water Services	4,317,767	4,169,044
Development Management	1,993,261	5,426,104
Environmental Services	2,365,991	1,320,101
Recreation & Amenity	1,568,713	725,744
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	0	16,804
Miscellaneous Services	2,804,239	943,138
Totals	34,555,003	30,577,863



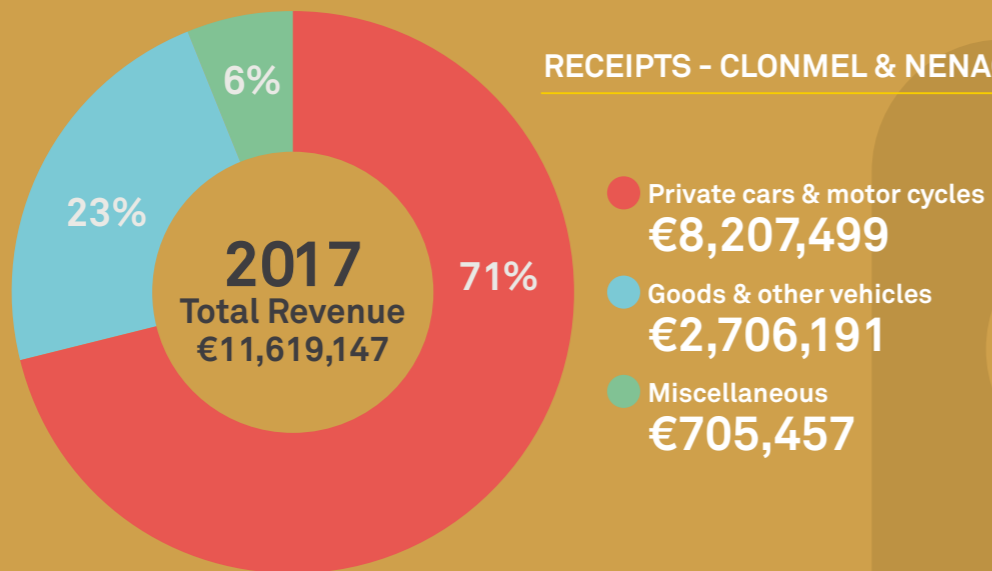
MOTOR TAXATION



NUMBER OF TAX DISCS ISSUED



RECEIPTS - CLONMEL & NENAGH



Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application

	No	%
On the same day	12,065	96.32%
On the 2 nd or 3 rd day	396	3.16%
On the 4 th or 5 th day	17	0.14%
Over 5 days	48	0.38%
Total		

*M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:

	2015	2016	2017
Are dealt with over the counter	30.88	27.81	25.94%
Are dealt with by post	8.11	6.83	6.05%
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	61.01	65.36	68.01%

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application

	2015	2016	2017
(a) on the same day	16,724	13,908	12065
(b) on the 2 nd or 3 rd day	261	140	396
(c) on the 4 th or 5 th day	39	20	17
(d) over 5 days	81	46	48

M.3 Public Opening Hours

	2015	2016	2017
Average number of opening hours per week	20.00	20.00	20.00



Motor Tax On-line

The usage of the on-line motor tax facility www.motortax.ie continues to grow incrementally across all local authorities and Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting this facility.

The total number of Tax Discs issued to the 31st December 2017 amounted to 206,736. In percentage terms the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was 68.01% thereof.

A percentage of 65.36% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2016.

In addition the Council also has facilities available at Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal District Offices. These outlets cater for persons who do not have a Laser or Debit Card available to them. Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order and the on-line aspect of the transaction is carried out by a member of staff.

A total number of 4,037 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

Computers with internet connection are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at the Libraries in the County and at the Main Reception Areas of the Civic Offices in Clonmel and Nenagh.

FRANCHISE SECTION



The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register, prepared annually, is a list of persons registered to vote in elections/referenda. The following are the relevant dates in the process.

1st November	Publish Draft Register
1st February	Publish Live Register of Electors
15th February	Register comes into force

The Register of Electors for 2017/2018 had a total electorate of 125,132 and a breakdown of the total electorate in each local electoral area is as follows:

Carrick on Suir	17,112
Cashel-Tipperary	21,800
Clonmel	27,521
Nenagh	29,829
Templemore-Thurles	28,870
Total	125,132

Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act, 2017 Revision of Dáil Constituencies

The Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act 2017 (No. 39 of 2017) was signed into law by the President on 23rd December, 2017. The Constituencies set out in the Schedule to the Act are those recommended by the Constituency Commission in its report dated June 2017 and will become the constituencies for Dáil and Presidential Elections and referendums on and after the next dissolution of the Dáil. In the meantime, the constituencies established by the Electoral (Amendment) Dáil Constituencies) Act 2013 will continue in force.

Following the Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act, 2017, the Lower Ormond area of Tipperary is reverting to Tipperary Dáil Constituency, and the Electoral Divisions of Birdhill, Kilcomenty and Newport are transferring to Limerick City Dáil Constituency after the next dissolution of the Dáil.

APPENDICES

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on location and theme of JPC

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- Cllr. Roger Kennedy
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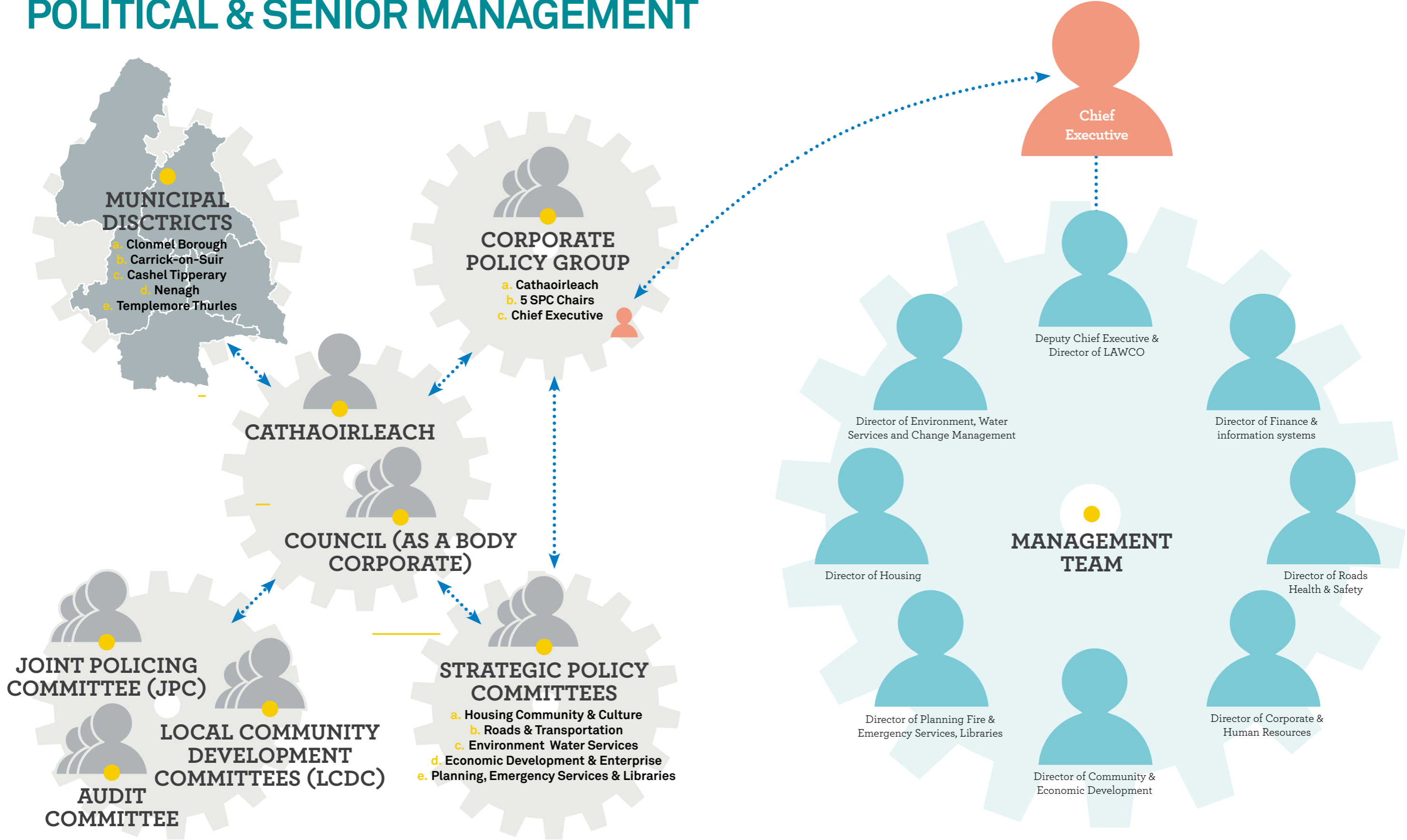
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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE - POLITICAL & SENIOR MANAGEMENT




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Finance General	IT	Revenue	Motor Tax
<p>Section Head SEO/SE Analogous</p> <p>Gerry McGarry Financial Accountant</p> <p>Paddy Brennan Management Accountant</p> <p>Section Head Other grade</p> <p>Breda Moloney AO Jacqueline McGrath AO</p>	<p>Section Head SEO/SE Analogous</p> <p>Gerard Lynch Head of IS</p> <p>Section Head Other grade</p> <p>IS Project Leaders Yvonne Byrne Dermot Tobin Ruth Maher Eddie Meegan</p>	<p>Section Head Other grade</p> <p>Peter Cleary AO (A)</p>	<p>Section Head Other grade</p> <p>John Doyle AO Olive Dwan AO</p>

Liam McCarthy
Director



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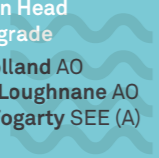
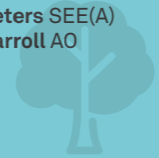
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Section Head
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Donal Purcell SEO(A)

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DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Rita Guinan
Head of LEO

Section Head
Other grade

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Attracta Lyons AO
Margo Hayes AO
Ann Ryan Commins AO
Melanie Scott
Arts Officer
Roisin O'Grady
Heritage Officer
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Marie Phelan AO
Marie McMahon
Museum Curator

Sinead Carr
Director

DIRECTORATE: ROADS, TRANSPORTATION & HEALTH/SAFETY

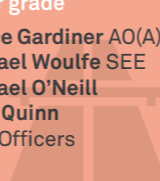
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John Nolan SE

Section Head
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Michael O'Neill
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Marcus O'Connor
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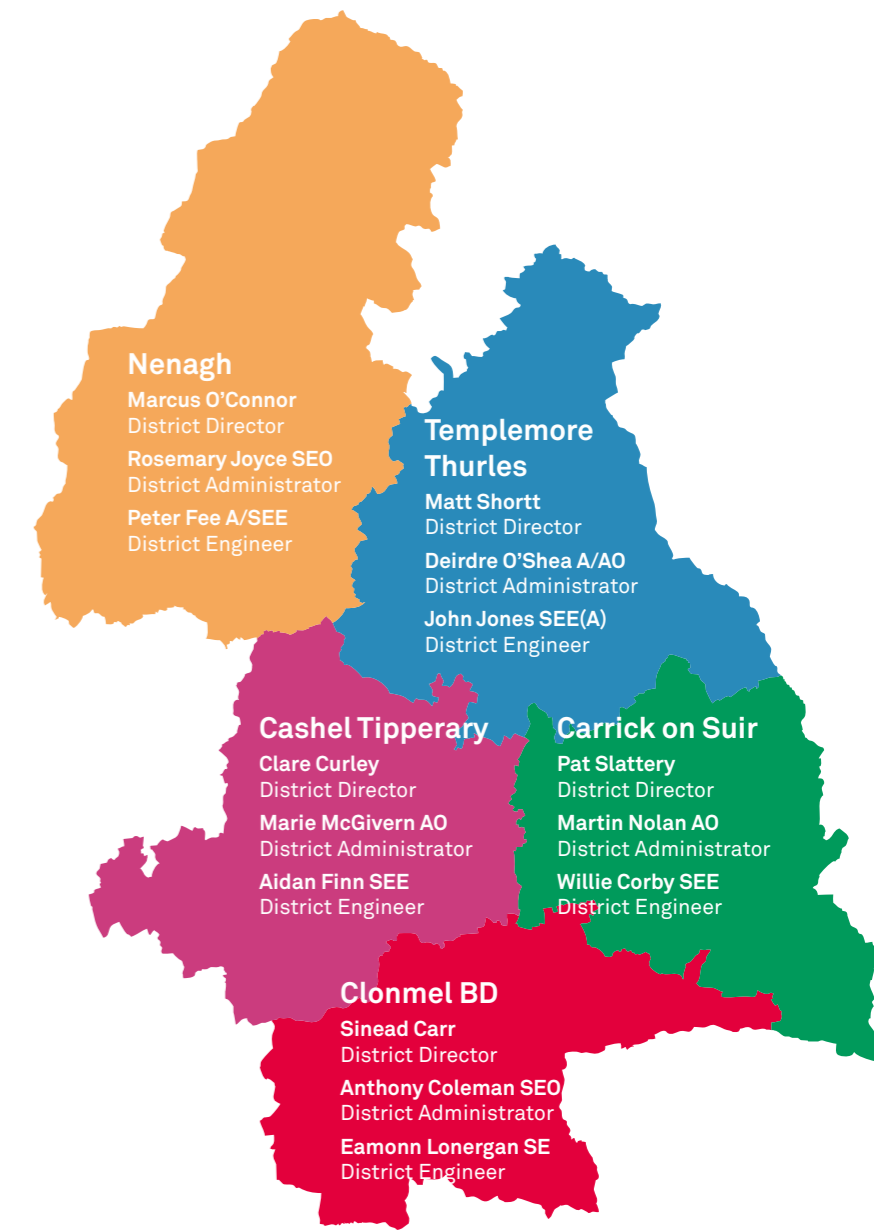
Matt Shortt
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DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE SERVICES & HUMAN RESOURCES

Corporate Services	Human Resources
<p>Section Head SEO/SE Analogous</p> <p>Ger Walsh SEO</p> <p>Section Head Other grade</p> <p>David Coleman AO</p>	<p>Section Head SEO/SE Analogous</p> <p>Paul Murray SEO(A)</p> <p>Section Head Other grade</p> <p>Marie O'Gorman AO(A)</p>

Pat Slattery
Director





PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2017

Topic	Indicator	Value	
Housing: H1, H2 & H4 Approved	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2017	4848	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2017 (whether constructed or acquired)	75	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2017	8	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2017	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2017	4915	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2017	2.89 %	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2017	142	
	A. Expenditure during 2017 on the repair and maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA compiled on a continuous basis from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, divided by the no. of directly provided dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2017	€618.50	
	Expenditure on repair and maintenance of LA stock compiled on a continuous basis from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, including planned maintenance expenditure but excluding expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes	€3039942	
	Housing: H3 & H5 Approved	A. The Time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2017 when a new tenancy had commenced in the dwelling, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2017	25.7 wk
		B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2017 ready for re-letting, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2017	€8127.09
		The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2017 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	232
The number of weeks from when the previous tenant vacated the dwelling up to the date of the new tenant's first rent debit totalled for all dwellings re-tenanted in 2017		5962.4 wk	
Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings		€1885486	
A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2017		8104	
B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2017		685	
C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2017 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations		88.91 %	
D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2017		81	
The number of dwellings inspected in 2017 that were found not to be compliant with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations		609	
Housing: H6 Approved	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2017	40.0 %	
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2017 as recorded on the PASS system	10	
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2017, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months	4	

Topic	Indicator	Value
Roads: R1 & R2 Approved	The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2017	96 %
	The % of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2017	70 %
	The % of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2017	41 %
	The % of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2017	60 %
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2017	7 %
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2017	12 %
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2017	45 %
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2017	35 %
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2017	15 %
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2017	16 %
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2017	45 %
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2017	20 %
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2017	25 %
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2017	19 %
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2017	30 %
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2017	18 %
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2017	26 %
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2017	12 %
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2017	16 %
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2017	8 %
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2017	16.6 km
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2017	€2199510.00
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2017	20.6 km
B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2017	€722589.00	
C1. Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2017	102.8 km	
C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2017	€7547639.00	
D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2017	74.0 km	
D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2017	€1660582.00	
Motor Tax: R3 Approved	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2017	71.41 %

Topic	Indicator	Value
Water: W1 Approved	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2017	1.00 %
Waste: E1 Approved	A. The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2017	22344
	B. The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	37.83 %
Environmental Pollution: E2 Approved	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2017	1570
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017	1366
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2017	204
Litter Pollution: E3 Approved	A1. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was unpolluted or litter free	1 %
	A2. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was slightly polluted	1 %
	A3. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was moderately polluted	1 %
	A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was significantly polluted	1 %
	A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was grossly polluted	1 %
Planning: P1 Approved	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	17.84 %
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017 by a builder or developer on the local authority	241
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2017 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2017 undertaken by the local authority	43
Planning: P2 & P3 Approved	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2017	27
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	77.78 %
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	21
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017 that were investigated	170
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2017	216
	C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	60.65 %
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0 %
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	39.35 %
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2017	611
	Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	131
	Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0
Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	85	

Topic	Indicator	Value
Planning: P4 & P5 Approved	A. The 2017 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€23.40
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2017	€3733898
	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	20.0 %
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	50.0 %
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	80
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	16
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	40
Fire Service: F1 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2017 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports	€48.20
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2017	€7707337
Fire Service: F2 & F3 Approved	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	5.5 min
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	6.01 min
	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes	48.22 %
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	40.0 %
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	11.78 %
	D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	26.21 %
	E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	53.88 %
	F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	19.90 %
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017	730
Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	352	
Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	292	
Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	86	
Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017	412	
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	108	
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	222	
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	82	

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Library Service: L1 Approved	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	3.01
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers in the year	340150
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017	480352
Library Service: L2 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2017 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€25.08
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2017	€4001424
Youth and Community: Y1 & Y2 Approved	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	78.79 %
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2017	33
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2017	26
	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register and the proportion who opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	11.41
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2017	1341
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2017	205
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	153
	Corporate: C1 & C2 & C4 Approved	A. The wholtime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2017
A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2017		3.46 %
B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2017		0.29 %
Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2017		8040 day
Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2017		737 day
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2017		86 day
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2017		252 day
If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave		70 (47 males: 23 females)
A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017, divided by the WTE no.		€2761.61
Total revenue expenditure on Account Elements		€2734404
Corporate: C3 Approved	A. Total page views of the local authority's websites in 2017	1520226
	B. Total number of followers at end 2017 of the LA's social media accounts	47634
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	29

Topic	Indicator	Value
Finance: M1 & M2 Approved	A. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2013 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5503094
	B. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5536783
	C. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5542326
	D. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5547270
	E. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5550224
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2017 as a percentage of Total Income from the AFS statement	3.88 %
	G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2017	€862.76
	The 2017 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€143214845
	The 2017 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€137656428
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	77.0 %
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	72.0 %
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	78.0 %
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	81.0 %
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	81 %
Economic Development: J1 to J4 Approved	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	93.0 %
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	92.0 %
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	95.0 %
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	97.0 %
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	99 %
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	77.0 %
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	76.0 %
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	77.0 %
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	79.0 %
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	84 %
	A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017	217.5
	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2017	37
	B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2017	13
	A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017	319
A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	

MEMBERS CONFERENCES IN 2017

Conference	Venue
The Finance Act 2016	Carlingford
Housing and Inequality	Dublin
Rebuilding Ireland	Carlingford
Cross Border Tourism	Carlingford
The Faire Deal Scheme	Carlingford
All Ireland Forum Seminar	Newry
Brexit and Ireland	Carlingford
Money Matters after Death	Clonakilty
TASC Annual Conference	Dublin
LAWCO	Clonakilty
Brexit	Clonakilty
Corporate Governance	Wexford
Douglas Hyde Conference	Ballaghaderreen
La Touche Legacy Conference	Greystones
Rebuilding Ireland	Carlingford
Audit Committees in Local Government System	Carlingford

MEMBERS TRAINING IN 2017

Training	Venue
AILG Module 1	Cavan, Waterford, Athlone
AILG Annual Conference	Ennis
AILG Module 2	Ballina/Killaloe, Westport
AILG Module 3	Killarney, Dundalk, Bundoran
AILG Module 4	Tuam, Cork, Meath
AILG Autumn Seminar	Sligo
AILG Module 5	Carrick on Shannon, Kilkenny
AILG Module 6	Gorey, Dunboyne, Carrickmacross
Energy Strategies in the Public Sector	Dublin
Places Matter	Dublin
National Sustainability Conference	Dublin
National Tidy Towns Conference	Westport
Wind Energy Projects	Dublin
Energy Show	Dublin
Lama Spring Seminar	Meath
Association of Irish Regions	Newtownmountkennedy
Irish Council for Social Housing	Dublin
TASC Regional Meetings	Cork, Dublin
Building Sustainable Communities	Listowel
Gurteen Energy in Agriculture	Roscrea
LAMA Autumn Training Seminar	Clonmel
Irish Council for Social Housing	Limerick
Irish Wind Energy Research	Dublin
National Federation of Group Water Schemes	Claremorris
PPN National Conference	Sligo
IPI Autumn Planning Conference	Dublin
Sustainable Urban Development	Dublin
National Planning Framework Submission	Thurles

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE ROSCREA

The Roscrea Regional Training Centre continued with its commitment to providing quality training and development to both Public Sector Staff and the Private Sector. Training grant assistance for Roads, Water and Environmental sectors all contributed to another successful year. Continued expansion of our training programmes ensured our workforce received current knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their duties in a professional and safe manner.

Training Statistics

A total of 5,221 person training days were delivered in 2017 to both public and private sector employees. This represents an 8.5% increase on 2016. Outturn for each constituent Local Authority is shown in graph below.



Basic Trench Reinstatement



Tipperary Local Authority Training

554 employees from Tipperary County Council attended courses run by the centre.

	Person Training courses received 2016	Person Training courses received 2017	Person Training days received 2016	Person Training days received 2017
Tipperary County Council	988	1,019	1,307	1,261

Tipperary County Council employees completed accredited courses as follows:

C.S.C.S.

Signing, Lighting & Guarding at Roadwork's - Completed by	15 employees
Health & Safety at Roadwork's	45 employees
180o Excavator	2 employees
Site Dumper	6 employees
Telescopic Handler	8 employees

F.E.T.A.C. Certificate:

Waste Water Plant Operators Course	4 employees
Water Plant Operators Course	9 employees
Occupational First Aid	5 employees

I.O.S.H.

Managing Safety in Construction	11 employees
Safety Rep. Training	6 employees

City & Guilds

Chainsaw Training	8 employees
Confined Spaces	19 employees

Funding

Training Grant assistance for the constituent Local Authorities was available as follows:

UISCE Éireann (water training grant)	= €338,250
Tipperary County Council allocation	= € 69,000
DTAS (regional & local roads training grant)	= €472,500
Tipperary County Council allocation	= € 97,500
Environment Training Grant	= € 30,000

With the continued support of Management, Tipperary County Council employees can look forward to further training in 2018, leading to improved personal development and a healthier / safer work environment for all.

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