



Management Report to Council



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<u>8</u> 10 am TCC Plenary Mtg	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
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**Community and Economic Development Directorate
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)**

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u>			
Policy Changes/Updates		Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
LEADER 2023-2027		Public Consultations have taken place and the results of which along with an online survey will combine with policy documents, relevant strategies and area data to form the Local Development Strategy – consultant in place to support the process. Draft LDS due by May 5 th , further consultations will be carried out based on feedback – full LDS due by July 15 th .	
Local Economic and Community Plan		The LECP Advisory group is in place and meets monthly. High-Level Goals and Objectives have been agreed. Phase 1 consultations (both geographic and thematic) have taken place in conjunction with the Local Development Strategy. Documents are prepared for E-Tenders for consultant procurement. All delivery agencies have been contacted with regard to their ability to commit.	

Local Community Development Committee

The LCDC continues to draw on the expertise and experience of public and private stakeholders within the local authority area to provide effective and efficient services to citizens and communities, particularly those most in need of those services including Rural Communities

Current priorities for the LCDC are

- The development of the Local Development Strategy for LEADER to support Rural areas
- Development of the Local Economic and Community Plan
- Procurement of SICAP (post-2023)
- Implementation of Healthy Ireland and Slainte Care Programmes
- Effective management of Community funds, including the Community Support Fund, Community Recognition and the Ukrainian Health and wellbeing support fund as well as schemes such as CLAR, Town and Village and ORIS
- Implementation and progression of the Age Friendly Tipperary Programme
- Adoption and Implementation of Diverse Tipperary Integration Strategy



Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)

2023 is the final year of the current SICAP programme and procurement of the next SICAP programme from 2023-2028 will commence shortly. In addition to supporting local community groups in marginalised communities and supporting individuals back to training or

employment, SICAP also has a significant role in supporting the Ukrainian Community.

Key achievements from North Tipperary and South Tipperary Development Company over the past 3 months are below

NTDC

- Roscrea Direct Provision Men's Shed – the group was formed in Oct
 - Finished 10-week Woodcarving Course on Dec 15th.
 - -Finished 4-week *Bike Maintenance Course* Dec 12th
- Long-Term Unemployed - Meetings with Training providers and business mentors have resulted in starting the process of putting together a framework for the Employers Fair in September / October '23.
- Conversational English -Development of new English Classes in Coolbawn and Ongoing Conversational English Classes in the New Institute Nenagh
- Social Farming Ireland collaboration supported funding of 3 Long Term Unemployed individuals to engage.
- Dress your Best – Fashion over 50 - workshops to take place in Terryglass Hall in March/Dress your Best Fashion over 50 - workshops to take place in Templemore Library in April
- Mechanics Course Collaboration with SICAP and TETB - Roscrea began with 9 learners on the QQI level 3 course - met all learners twice and shared info and guidance on the course and pathways after the course. Arranged to meet again in April to discuss options once the course finishes at the end of April
- NTDC provided a Kick Start with Your Own Business Workshop in Roscrea on January 23, which had 10 in attendance, leading to 7 progressing on to starting their own business since the course.



STDC

- Working closely with Tipperary County Council Community Liaison Officer in the establishment of a Residents Association for Glenconnor.
- SICAP Team were invited to a meeting with members of the Tipperary rural
- Traveller project - men's health & engagement Project to look at how to better engage men within the Travelling Community
- SICAP has been in contact with three new community groups. It is hoped that through initial work, we will engage with these communities and bring them onto the caseload.
- On 28th February a Careers Fair was held in Clonmel and was hosted by The Department of Social Protection, TETB and Jobs Ireland.
- On Wednesday 8th February a meeting took place in Dundrum House Hotel. This meeting provided an opportunity for local groups to meet with the residents of Dundrum House Hotel and gain some understanding of the needs of this new community and the opportunities for integration and collaboration within their community.
- SICAP provides support to clients around Job Readiness, Personal Development Supports in order to improve their current situation or set of individual circumstances
- Established a Failte Isteach Group to support refugees from Ukraine to develop their English language skills. The group mainly comprised residents who were staying in an IPAS Accommodation Centre in Clonmel,
- Start Your Own Business programme for 2023 has commenced and will run for 5 weeks. There are currently 10 participants all of whom are:
- SICAP had several meetings with Premier Sensory, a new business based in Ballingarry, set up to provide high-quality affordable products and services to support those with sensory/neurodiverse conditions.

SICAP is supporting the business to establish itself as a CLG in order to pursue its objectives as a social enterprise

Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing Support Fund

Activities facilitated by NTDC, STDC and Tipperary County Council Arts Office took place up to March 31st under this fund. These included health & wellbeing interventions, music and drumming workshops and other activities in settings including Dundrum, Fethard and Thurles. The fund is closed and a report is due to the Department by the 30th of May.

Local Economic and Community Plan

Work has commenced on the Development of the next LECP/ The Advisory group is in place to oversee the development of the plan. High-Level goals have been identified and Stage 1 of the Consultation process has been completed in conjunction with Consultation for the Local Development Strategy. The next steps which are ongoing are

- Development of the online submission and consultation portal
- Procurement through eTenders of a Consultant
- Ensuring Commitment to Delivering partners or agencies for Implementation

Tipperary LEADER programme

The next LEADER programme will be delivered in partnership between the LCDC, STDC & NTDC. A new Local Development Strategy is underway and in-person public consultations took place across all MDs, along with 3 thematic webinars. An online survey is also underway. The results of these will be reviewed by the appointed consultant along with policy and strategy data, and area statistics to present a draft LDS to Pobal by May 5th. Further consultation



will take place on the draft and feedback before submission of LDS before the July 15th deadline.

Community Enhancement Programme.

The Community Support Fund is now closed and a listing of all proposed grant amounts and projects has been forwarded to DRCD. DRCD approval is required prior to notifying grantees and processing grants. Funding of over €330,000 will be awarded within County Tipperary.

Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund 2023 is a capital fund that aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. Funding is specifically targeted at projects located in communities, towns, and villages hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants (‘new arrivals’) including towns identified for the rapid build homes programme. The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. Tipperary County Council has been awarded €997,861 under this funding. Applications are now closed. The fund was oversubscribed and projects were scored and a proposed list of grant amounts and projects was submitted to DRCD by the March 15th deadline. All projects must complete by 1st November 2024 and approval from DRCD is awaited to notify projects.

Department of Rural and Community Development Funding Update

Calendar 2023

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Local Authority Action Plans under PEACE Plus • Call for applications under the PEACE Plus Reimaging Communities Investment Area – Large Capital Spaces. • 2023 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme to open for applications
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town and Village Renewal Scheme to open for applications – main scheme and Project Development Measure

Town and Village Renewal 2023 – Building Acquisition Measure

The Building Acquisition Measure was introduced in recognition of the urgent need to transform and regenerate town centres, this measure is to immediately acquire derelict or vacant buildings, with the intention of using these projects for town regeneration purposes in line with the aims of Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS). Buildings purchased must be for use as multi-purpose community spaces. The measure allows for the purchase of up to 3 vacant or derelict buildings with a total fund available per Local Authority of €500,000. The term of the scheme requires that the drawdown of this funding must be completed by 9th October 2023. Applications had to be submitted to the DRCD by 28th April with final selection being made by the DRCD.

Clár Funding 2023

The 2023 Clár funding is a targeted investment programme for rural areas in designated Clár areas. The scheme provides funding for small infrastructural projects under the following measures:

- **Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities**

A minimum grant of €5,000 and a maximum grant of €50,000 will apply to this measure. The scheme will provide up to 90% of the cost. The remaining 10% must be provided by match funding. Measure 1 will support a variety of capital projects provided they contribute to the enhancement of existing or development of new, accessible Community Recreation Facilities. In 2023, Measure 1 will prioritise funding applications in respect of small-scale renovation works to community centres (e.g. floors, windows, doors, heating upgrades, kitchen upgrades) and in particular community centres that did not receive funding under the Communities Centres Investment Fund (CCIF). This measure is being dealt with by the local authorities and allows each local authority to submit 15 applications. The Council sought expressions of interest for this scheme with a closing date of 26th April, the 15 successful applicants are being invited this week to submit a full application which will be submitted to the DRCD by Tuesday 6th June 2023 for consideration.

- **Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport**

These applications are made directly to the Department of Rural and Community Development via e-mail to CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie by Friday 12th May 2023.

- **Measure 3: Our Islands**

These applications are made directly to the Department of Rural and Community Development via e-mail to CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie by Tuesday 6th June 2023.

The details of the 3 schemes are available on the Council's website and the DRCD website.

Tipperary Age Friendly



EXPO 22nd June 2023

Tipperary Age Friendly will host its second Age Friendly EXPO in the TUS Campus on Thursday 22nd June 12 noon to 3 pm. In 2022 this event showcased over 120 stands that contribute to positive ageing in the county and we would anticipate that we will increase that number in 2023 and also provide informative talks and taster sessions on community education and technologies in your own home. Information on the event will feature on www.tipperarycoco.ie, Tipperary Together newsletter and in local media in the coming weeks. Tipperary Age Friendly will support community groups' transport provision to enable attendance at the event.

Housing Options

On 16th May the Lions Club and Thurles Lions Trust in Thurles will showcase the Stanwix Village, Kickham Street, Thurles from 12 to 2pm.

Bealtaine

Tipperary Age Friendly are delighted to support Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. Tipperary Arts and Tipperary Library Service have scheduled a vibrant mix of online and in-person events across the county in May.

Back in My Day Volume 2

The second Volume by the Tipperary Age Friendly Older Peoples Council project captures stories and tales of the past, listening to the voices of older people across County Tipperary. The Launch will take place in Clonmel Library on 9th May at 11 am.

Age Friendly Alliance

Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance agreed a proactive work plan for 2023 encompassing actions to achieve the objectives of the Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy. This action plan can be viewed on www.tipperarycoco.ie

Tipperary Older Peoples Council (OPC)

In May Tipperary OPC will circulate a newsletter to all community groups, through the local library network, daycare centres and nursing homes on their participation with age-friendly how to become involved and promote upcoming events. The OPC will also go on the radio and participate in pop-up events to promote involvement and participation.



Dementia: Understand Together launch new dementia inclusive community symbol

We're proud to be part of the Dementia: Understand Together campaign and be supporting the launch of the new dementia-inclusive community symbol.

The symbol has been developed with people with dementia at its heart. By displaying the symbol in our communities, it's hoped that organisations and services will help to raise awareness for dementia and also show support for more than 64,000 people living with the condition in Ireland.

The campaign, which is led by the HSE, working with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI), Age Friendly Ireland, the Dementia Services Information and Development Centre, Age & Opportunity and Healthy Ireland, aims to create an Ireland that embraces and includes people living with dementia, and displays solidarity with them and their families.

Community champions and their alliances have been active in their towns and villages to make their communities inclusive. These actions range from holding dementia awareness and training sessions for local groups, and setting up dementia cafes, to working with local sports clubs and linking in with county councils and Age Friendly Ireland networks. The use of the symbol locally can support these initiatives and show how they are interlinked

New Dementia Café in County Tipperary

Knockanrawley and Millennium Family Resource Centres have recently setup a dementia café on a monthly basis, this supports the existing café in Roscrea, Thurles, Nenagh and Ballina <https://dementiacafe.ie/cafe-finder/>

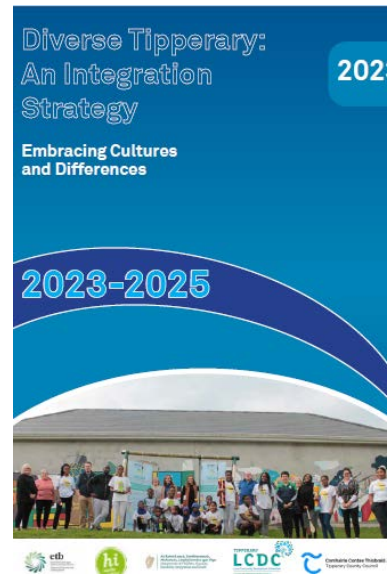
Tipperary PPN

Tipperary PPN held its Plenary, on Thursday 20th April at Rosegreen Community Hall. The title for the Plenary is “Let’s Strengthen Our Voices Together” Tipperary PPN has a number of rep vacancies which can be found on <https://www.ppntipperary.ie/current-rep-vacancies/>

Migrant Integration



Work is ongoing to encourage the participation of Migrant communities in decision-making structures and to strengthen Community Development Structures in the Migrant Community. Ring-fenced funding of €10,000 was provided through the recent Community Support Fund for Migrant projects. Among those funded were the Thurles-based Islamic Cultural Centre and the Federation of Indian Communities of Ireland. Plans are underway to organise Africa Day 2023. Events will take place in Thurles, Roscrea, Nenagh and Carrick-on-Suir. Diverse



Tipperary Integration Strategy to be adopted by the LCDC and endorsed by Tipperary County Council. The Strategy aims to progress forty actions across eight identified thematic areas,

Sláintecare Healthy Communities - Clonmel



Minister Hildegard Naughton’s visit to Clonmel

A warm welcome was extended to Minister Hildegard Naughton Government Chief Whip and Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy when she visited Clonmel on Monday 20th February, to visit the Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Healthy Ireland area.

Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative (ECTC) who delivered a Home Energy Assessments Pilot in Clonmel presented an overview of the project to Minister Naughton.



National Engagement of Clonmel Area

The Local Development Officer (LDO) provided a presentation at the Cross-Departmental Principal Officers Oversight meeting of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. The pilot projects of Fuel Security and Hygiene Security were presented and the health inequities within these areas were identified. The agreement was made for bilateral collaborations and partnerships to be considered between government departments to support the progression of pilot projects coming from Sláintecare Healthy Communities.

Working with Residents Groups

The LDO is currently working with two resident groups in Oldbridge and Marlfield. Funding allocated in 2022 is still available to the Oldbridge residents to develop a community space on a derelict site. The LDO is linked with Active Travel and the Clonmel District Borough Administrator on progressing this development project for the community of Oldbridge. The residents of Marlfield would like to develop a local community space where

they can hold activities, and meet up as a community without the need to travel to Clonmel town for such activities. If they can materialise their plans to a point where funding can be allocated the LDO will support the community with their project. Funding being allocated is dependent on such a plan being practical for funding to be spent in 2023.

Cancer Care Project

The Cancer Care project is a wellbeing response funded in 2022 which is currently being completed. This involved a researcher in TUS Clonmel engaging with people receiving cancer care support. A deck of affirmation cards has been developed with people receiving cancer care and artwork being designed by students in TUS Clonmel. This project will be completed in June 2023.

Inclusive Social Network

The network continues to meet and progress how social activities are delivered out of school and out of education in the community for children and young people with disabilities. There are plans for social activity opportunities to be piloted in July. The LDO is currently collaborating with HSE Development Officer from the Goldstar programme, Tipperary Volunteer Centre, Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Age Friendly Tipperary to develop a train the trainer and training programme for Inclusive Access and Disability Awareness training. The intention is to develop a panel of trainers who have disabilities in each MD area that will be drawn from to deliver training across the county, to businesses, schools etc. Cafes in Clonmel have shown interest in taking this training and becoming inclusive cafes. This was an aspect identified through the network in 2022.

Quality of Life Alliance Clonmel BD

The first meeting of the Quality of Life Alliance for Clonmel BD took place on the 17th of April. It was a workshop-style meeting to support the mapping of interagency stakeholders that have membership in the alliance. The alliance will be the implementing structure for Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel, Healthy Irelands delivery in Clonmel and Age Friendly Tipperary in Clonmel, along with other relevant areas of the remit of the Community and Rural section of Tipperary County Council in Clonmel BD. The alliance will meet quarterly and action initiatives for Quality of Life determinants in Clonmel BD. Local Representatives will be represented through the Mayor of Clonmel which will rotate in line with the role of the Mayor of Clonmel BD. A subgroup to address Substance Misuse was also addressed and the first meeting of this subgroup will take place on the 8th May. This will also be an interagency working group to action and implement substance misuse initiatives in Clonmel BD. This will be the focus area of the LDO in 2023. The subgroup will report to the overarching alliance structure on actions and initiatives for approval in Clonmel BD.



Healthy Ireland Strand 4 2023-2025

Application and strategy for the next three years submitted on 27th January 2023. €40,000 for the next three years with an additional €25,000 awarded for 2023. An additional €2000 was

allocated for Merchandise for 2023. Waiting for approval and should have a response from Pobal regarding Funding by the end of April. The new interim steering group for Healthy Tipperary to oversee 2023 fund., the group will meet on a quarterly basis.

Period Poverty Scheme

€10,000 awarded to Tipperary County Council from the Department of Health to roll out this scheme in 2023. Review to be undertaken and gather testimonials from Partners and services that took part in the scheme in 2022 in order to determine what services and partners would benefit the most from this scheme for 2023 and to see what worked best in 2022, once overview is carried out a press release will take place to announce 2023 funding and reflect on 2022 scheme.

Changing Places

In 2022 Tipperary County Council was awarded €80,000 for the provision of Changing Places in County Tipperary by The Disability Participation and Awareness Fund. This fund will provide a fully accessible toilet and appropriate changing facilities for persons with limited mobility or in a wheelchair. There are 19 such facilities in the country and the fund was awarded to provide two facilities in the County of Tipperary with €40,000 of a budget per facility. A consultation process took place as well as an expression of interest form sent through the PPN network in 2022. Following this process, no suitable partner was identified in line with the strict criteria. Following more local consultation with community groups 2 suitable partners were identified in December 2022. Work began on the two facilities in January 2023. The two Partners that were awarded funding for the Facility were FBD Semples Stadium in Thurles and Boher Community Development group

Ballina Killaloe. Work is ongoing on the two facilities with final touches been added and a launch date for the two facilities will take place in June 2023.

Tipperary JPC

4 meetings were held in 2022. At each, the current Chief Superintendent gave a presentation on the Tipperary Division Crime and Safety Statistics. Presentations were given on CareLink personal security alarms and the Clonmel Community CCTV scheme, which was approved by the JPC.

Tipperary JPC took possession of the property marking machine from Property Marking Ireland and now lends it to Gardaí and community groups holding community safety events.

Tipperary JPC prepared the applications for Garda Commissioners Authorisation under Section 38(3)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 for the following Community CCTV Schemes, all of which were recommended for authorisation.

Burgess/Birdhill/Cooleens; Littleton; Fethard; Borrisokane; Nenagh

Pride of Place

There were 2 Tipperary entries in the 20th Annual Pride of Place Awards 2022, with judging in September 2022 and the awards ceremony held in January 2023. Cahir Tidy Towns achieved runner-up in the Population Category 2,000 – 5,000. Tipperary Men's Shed entered under the Community Wellbeing Initiative category and was awarded a Special Award by the judges.

Tipperary Together

'Tipperary Together' Community Newsletter

'Tipperary Together', is a broad community-focused newsletter which showcases supports

and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

The *'Together Tipperary'* newsletter is issued online on the last Friday of every month and is shared on partner websites and social media.

We would also request that community groups who would like to provide content for the newsletter e-mail tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie or contact a member of the community team at 0818 06 5000.

Comhairle na n-Óg

Comhairle has been working hard in 2023 with the following events to date as well as their regular sub-group meetings.

- Youth Mental Health Conference
- Fund-raising Fashion Show
- Cyber Safety Day
- CYPSC Meetings
- World Health Day
- Full meeting in Nenagh Co. Chamber
- Presentation at PPN Spring Plenary.



Tipperary Sports Partnership implemented its 2023 Operational Plan and to date, successfully secured over €388,610 for sports and physical activities in the County in 2023. There continues to be support to assist clubs/groups to return to sports and physical activity.

Tipperary Sports Partnership currently has 2 Funding Schemes open – 1) Coaching,

Development Fund and 2) Return to Sport Funding Scheme. Applications are online and can be found on www.tipperarysports.ie, the closing date for both schemes is the 10th of May.

An 8-week Community Walking programme took place in Rosegreen to link with Operation Transformation Leader Marie Cleere. A Couch to Peak 'The Glen to Galtemore' programme is currently been planned.



Four 12-week 'Swim for A Mile' programmes are running in Sean Kelly in Carrick on Suir; Clonmel Swimming Pool; Nenagh Pool and Roscrea Pool, over 50 people are on their journey from 2 lengths to 64 lengths.



Currently cycling activities are been planned with 11 groups across Tipperary for Bikeweek 2023 which will take place from the 13th to 21st

of May. A Schools Cycling Challenge and a Community Challenge will be run by TSP during the week.

In the Community Sports Hub in Clonmel 4 Secondary Schools (Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, CBS Clonmel, Raheen College and Loreto) are participating in the 'Paddles Up Programme' 130 students are taking part. An Inclusive Paddling programme is also running with 12 young people from Scoil Cormac and 16 adults from the National Learning Network. TSP is continuing to support 5 leaving cert students to achieve their Leaving Cert PE with kayaking as their sport.



On the 22nd of April, TSP supported Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoeing Club with the hosting of the 'For the Love of It' Paddling Event in Clonmel with 60 participants enjoying Slalom, SUP, Freestyle, Canoe Polo, Open Canoe, Water Safety and River Skills. Clonmel was chosen by Canoe Ireland due to the facilities available to run different disciplines in one river location with car parking.

TSP, TCC and the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre are continuing the development of the Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town. So far this year, Inclusive Tennis and Soccer were supported by Moorhaven and Scoil Chormic. A 4-week activity programme was delivered to 12 boys from the youth services. Fundamental

Movement Sessions were delivered to 3 Primary Schools. Circuit Training for Older Adults is currently running for 8 weeks. As part of WIS week social soccer 6-week programme commenced for women.



In Nenagh, TSP is working with Silver Arch and the HSE to deliver 'Let's Get Moving Green Exercise' 12-week programme with 20 participants engaged.

TSP is working with Rowing Ireland & Clonmel Rowing Club to deliver 'Get Going Get Rowing' currently linking with Gaelscoil and St. Oliver's Primary Schools. Programmes have been delivered in Sisters of Charity, High School, Presentation Secondary School & Borrisokane Secondary Schools. TrY Rowing Programme was delivered with St. Aibles in Tipperary Town.



The Wobbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme has been delivered in 6 Preschool settings with 138 toddlers receiving their cycling licence. The programme is currently been rolled out in 6 more services with 144 toddlers.

48 Primary Schools are currently been supported to deliver the Schools Cycle Right programme for 1,221 children across Tipperary.

Sports Hall Athletic programme has been completed in 3 Primary Schools with 439 children and is currently in 3 schools with 695 children taking part.

TSP has linked with Community Training Centres across Tipperary to support their Youth Olympic Event which will take place on 27th April, it is expected over 200 young people will take part.

A Club support group has been established (WhatsApp) with 6 clubs currently providing inclusive activities. - "Inclusion Spotlight" social media campaign has started to highlight clubs and volunteers providing inclusive activities.

Boccia is due to commence in Borrisoleigh & Cannon Hayes, Tipperary Town on 16th May for 4 weeks, with a regional final to take place on the 5th week.

As part of the TSP Adapted Schools programme, St. Annes (Roscrea), Scoil Aonghusa (Cashel) and Scoil Chormaic (Cashel) are currently taking part in a 6-week activity after the Easter Break.

In April, TSP supported a Pilot Inclusive Golf4All Event held in Thurles in partnership with Golf Ireland, IWA and Thurles Golf Club, 30 PWD attended.



Movement for All virtual exercise is currently running for 8 disability services online with over 40 participants engaging weekly. Movement 4 All Exercise to Music will commence on 26th April.

Linking with MS society online activities commenced in April. Support was also provided to the Chronic Disease Centre in Carrick for their physical activity programme for clients with COPD.

Sports Inclusion Disability Awareness delivered in January with 20 participants to support clubs to include PWD in their club activities. Currently supporting Roscrea RFC to establish inclusive rugby and Peake Villa FC to establish Football4All programme in Thurles and Moycarkey Borris GAA to expand on their inclusive offerings.

Roscrea Autism Awareness group completed a learn-to-cycle programme that had 10 participants.

In January, TSP facilitated a new workshop in Clonmel for females over 40 'How to Train as a Midlife Woman' with 24 females attending. Following its success, a second workshop was delivered in March in Nenagh with 43 participants.



Coaching Teenage Girls workshop was delivered in March with 8 participants. Support was also provided to the FAI for the Soccer Sisters programme and delivered a presentation on female development.

In March & April a teenage 'Hoops for Girls' programme was supported with Knight Basketball Club with 186 girls.



In Newport a Secondary School 'Girls Active' programme is currently running with a 6-week Gym programme with 30 TY girls.

A new 'HerMoves' pilot programme for Tipperary Town is currently underway with 20 inactive girls are taking part, to date a consultation has taking place which was followed by taster sessions in Badminton, Tag Rugby, Table Tennis, Pilates, Netball, Yoga, Capoeira and Zumba. Following the tasters,

the girls have chosen to take on a further 6 weeks on Badminton, Basketball, Pilates and Zumba which is not currently running.



On the 8th May, the Annual Older Adult Festival will take place in the Anner Hotel in Thurles.

Sports Clubs were supported with Child Protection training with 6 Safeguarding 1 workshops were delivered with 73 sports volunteers receiving training, One Safeguarding 2 workshops with 13 participants and One Safeguarding 3 with 14 participants were delivered in March.

A new Research project *'Can Virtual Reality be used to coach canoeing skills to new canoeists and, if so, how effective is it compared to traditional canoeing coaching methods?'* has commenced with TUS.

Phase 2 funding for the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with TUS, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club was received in late 2022 and the development and enhancement of the experience is underway with an outreach programme to commence in the coming weeks. Consultations took place in April with the National Learning Network and Place for You in Clonmel.

TSP and the National Network with the support of Sport Ireland are sponsoring the Federation of Irish Sport - Volunteer in Sport Awards. The event will take place on 22nd March in Dublin. Niall O'Sullivan was selected by the FIS Judging Panel as the Tipperary VIS for 2022.



This report is an update on football initiatives and development within Tipperary between January and April 2023. Following on from Q3 and Q4 of 2022 several new programmes have been implemented helping grow participation as can be seen in the following portfolio of initiatives.

Club Development

The 'FAI Club Mark' is an award based on best practices in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. In embarking upon this process, a simple application is made to register to proceed with an application. Clubs then proceed upon their journey by applying for an 'Entry Level' status and can thereafter progress onto becoming a 1-star club. In order to achieve such a status, each award level challenges the club to implement policies and



procedures in line with best practices in football governance, management, and administration.

1-STAR AWARD

Lough Derg FC has led the way in progressing from the entry-level award and has become the first within Tipperary to achieve the FAI Club One Star Award. Moneygall FC has applied for the FAI one-star award and support will be ongoing with the club with the application and ensuring the club satisfies the criteria to obtain the award.

ENTRY-LEVEL AWARD

Most recently Birdhill FC achieved the entry level award in March 2023 placing them alongside Ballymackey FC, Lough Derg FC, Cahir Park, Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC, Holycross FC, Moneygall FC, Killavilla FC, Killenaule Moyglass FC and Carrick United FC who have all received the FAI Club Mark entry level award.

Club Project

Club project is a new initiative to further support clubs who have completed the club mark award or have applied for the club mark. Development officers will run a series of programmes throughout the year to support clubs with their development. This includes workshops, practical sessions, assistance with governance, volunteer training and committee support.

Club project workshops to date:

- 1x intro to football – Academy development workshop (19 participants)
- 1x injury reduction workshop (24 participants)

APPLIED

Most recently Slievenamon Celtic Fc and Killenaule / Moyglass FC have applied for club mark registration joining Club DC, Nenagh Celtic, Nenagh AFC, Rearcross FC Newport

Town AFC, Peake Villa FC, Arra Rovers FC, Knigh United FC, Cloughjordan FC, BT Harp FC, Birdhill FC, Borrisokane FC, Tipperary Town FC, in being supported towards fulfilling the criteria to make an application for an entry-level award.

Meetings are ongoing with Cashel Town FC, Silvermines FC and Clonmel Celtic FC to give information about the advantages of the FAI Club Mark and outline the steps in the process to help move toward an application. Throughout the process at all stages of the process, we as Development Officers are in constant communication with clubs via meetings, calls and emails to support clubs on their journey toward achieving the FAI Club Mark Award.

Women's/Girls Football

Women's and Schoolgirls' Football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county having girl's football within their club structures delivering football across the county.

UEFA DISNEY PLAYMAKERS

UEFA Disney Playmakers is a new programme that the FAI are running alongside UEFA and Disney in clubs across Ireland. This programme is for girls aged 5-8 years who are not currently playing football and it invites them to step into the magical world of Disney as they take their first steps on their football journey.



The sessions are based on some of Disney’s most famous films. The programme will be broken down into two blocks with 10 sessions, where girls will play out their favourite films and take on the roles of some of the best-loved characters of all time. Focusing on developing fundamental movement, life, and football skills. This is a club-led programme, run by coaches who prioritize girl’s needs; resulting in girls that are healthy and multitalented – and choose football as an activity for life.

Training took place with the Disney Playmakers club coaches prior to the programmes launching in March in Nenagh AFC 21 new playmakers delivers trained up and.

Nenagh AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Birdhill FC, Cloughjordan FC, St Marys Convent Primary School Nenagh, Peake Villa FC, Lough Derg FC, Killenaule Moyglass Ladies FC, Cahir Park AFC and Slievenamon Celtic FC (292 participants registered). Block one of this programme commenced in April 2023 with

participation taking place for these 5-8-year-old girls in the aforementioned clubs.

2023 AVIVA SOCCER SISTERS EASTER PROGRAMME

This year is the first year of a newly revamped Aviva Soccer Sisters programme. The objective of this programme is to retain girls in the sport through upskilling and awareness building amongst both coaches and parents. To support this, the FAI has developed coaching programmes with the intention of increasing coaches’ awareness of specific topics that may impact the girl’s game e.g., the menstrual cycle - by providing parents with necessary support and information, resulting in a better environment for the young girls.

Four workshops were delivered at easter in Tipperary (BT Harps FC, Newport Town AFC, Cahir Park).

The workshops consisted of Parent education, Player education & Coach education. Teams from the host clubs travelled to a regional blitz with BT Harps & Newport Town participating in a blitz in UL. Newport Town were subsequently selected to represent Munster in the National blitz that will be held in the Aviva Stadium in April. (120 participants).



AVIVA FUTURE STARS

The Aviva Future Stars program’s overall aim is to promote Women’s Football in Ireland at the grassroots level. This program is the second point of engagement for girls into the sport (following on from our Disney Playmakers program) and as a result, is aimed at girls aged 9-12 years.

An eight-week ‘Aviva Future Stars’ program for girls aged 9-12 was held in Clonmel Celtic FC to support participation in football for girls aged 9-12 years.



KICKFIT PROGRAMME

The Kickfit programme which is a 6–8-week football fitness programme for women over the age of 18 gives women the opportunity to keep fit by playing football.



Moneygall FC has continued their KickFit group with members who want to play recreationally. The programme will also continue to be club led. In addition, in March 2023 two new Kickfit programmes have taken place at the Tipperary Community Sports Hub in the Canon Hayes and Killenaule Moyglass FC. Planning is also in place with Borrisokane Direct Provision to set up a new Kickfit group at Borrisokane FC.

SOCIAL INCLUSION



FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Football For All sessions continue weekly in Clonmel Town FC with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel & Journeyman Program from Carrick on Suir. Football For All sessions also continue to take place within Cahir Park AFC Football For All.

Ballymackey FC’s Football For All Cub programme continues to run weekly and participation numbers encouragingly continue to rise steadily. The older group in Ballymackey has since had their first blitz event with another FFA club in Limerick & Cork. Two of the participants in the older group have also been selected for the Munster Senior FFA development squad.

Significantly, Peake Villa FC will launch the FFA Club programme in April, Support has been provided to the club from the FAI Football For All Department including delivery of a Disability Awareness Workshop with new club FFA

coaches at Peake Villa. Ongoing support will be provided to the club. In addition, discussions are being held with Clonmel Town FC to assess the viability of setting up an FFA section within this club.

In addition to this, Tipperary Clonmel Community Training Centre and associated Youth-reach programmes are being supported to host their Mini Olympic Games on April 27th at Moyle Rovers.

Ongoing support will also be provided to clubs that currently have FFA Club sections and to those setting up FFA Club sections.



Youth

A meeting held with Roscrea Youth Workers to plan the upcoming summer camp with the youth group. The camp will run in July for three days in Killavilla United FC. Whilst, discussions to support a football initiative with Cashel Neighbourhood Youth and Family Project are also in progress.

WALKING FOOTBALL

Walking Football with Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre is set to restart with a six-week

block scheduled to take place in early May and meetings were also held with St Marys Roscrea to plan upcoming programmes in Roscrea which are also set to begin in May.

FAI SCHOOLS

Football-themed Activity Books

The project is aligned with the national Right to Read Programme to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds.

The activity book contains many different activities that cover a range of subjects including English, Irish, Mathematics, History, and Geography which are all delivered via the game of football. The cross-curricular nature of the activity book was a key aim of the project to assist teachers in the classroom and align to the desired learning outcomes of the targeted age group.

Books were delivered to 23 schools in Tipperary by development officers in January. 650 students in the 5th and 6th class received the activity books.



FAI Spar Primary 5's School Competition

The FAI Primary 5's has returned to an in-person format as we transition away from the covid pandemic.

The goal of this competition is to provide 4th, 5th and 6th class boys and girls the opportunity to participate against pupils across the county in football.

So far this has meant that we have had three blocks of county qualifiers across Tipperary, a county final block and we are also welcoming the Munster Finals to Tipperary.

Altogether this has seen: 120 schools from Tipperary Participate in the Primary Schools 5s competition which was held over 28 dates across the three locations in Tipperary (Ballymackey FC, Cahir Park AFC, Two Mile Borris/St Kevins FC). (1500+ participants).

Transition year students from the following schools also completed work experience during the event: Nenagh CBS (36 students), Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles (24 students), Thurles CBS (16 students), Presentation Thurles (22 students), Cashel (3 students), Scoil Ruain Vocational School (6 students), Cahir (17 Students).



FAI MRS BROWNS BOYS HEARTCARE PROGRAMME

The Mrs Brown's Boys Heartcare programme is an FAI initiative for Grassroots football, funded by the Government, to provide subsidised defibrillators for Grassroots clubs in phase three of the Mrs Brown's Boys FAI Heart Care programme.

Moneygall FC, Nenagh AFC, Holycross FC, Cloughjordan FC, and Birdhill FC, signed up for the FAI led Grassroots scheme that will see the clubs offered a state-of-the-art LIFEPAK CR2 (cellular version) defibrillator along with an eight-year mobile phone data plan and training for 10 people in Basic Life Support and use of an Automatic External Defibrillator.



FAI Coach Education



Coach education is being delivered across Tipperary in line with the 2021-2025 Coach Education Pathway. This pathway provides coaches at all levels a clear direction for their development as a coach. To date in 2023 the following courses have been delivered:

COACH EDUCATION SUMMARY Q1/Q2 2023

- 4 x PDP 1 Course (50 participants)
- 1 x PDP 2 Course (19 participants)
- 1 x PDP 3 Course (21 participants)
- 1 x 4–6-year-old Introduction to football workshop (23 participants)
- 1 x Fundamentals of Goalkeeping Workshop (12 Participants)
- 4x Soccer Sisters Programme Workshops (56 participants)
- 2 x Football Fitness Intro courses (61 participants)
- 4 x Safeguarding 1 workshop (90 participants)

FAI Football Camps



Planning is currently underway with clubs across Tipperary to run the FAI Football Camps. To date, Development Officers have been liaising with clubs to facilitate the camps, recruiting summer soccer schools' coaches, and assisting those coaches with Garda Vetting, Safeguarding and Coach Education.

EMERGING TALENT PROGRAMME AND CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Player Development (Boys and Girls) The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite underage male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both the South and North of the county respectively. These centres provide additional coaching and contact time with over 550 elite underage players from the ages of U10 - U16 taking part.



At the ETP level, there was considerable success with both boys' and girls' squads reaching the later stages of provincial competitions. In particular, the NTSFL U13 Girls collected the Munster Shield and TSS&DL U16 Boys were crowned Munster Champions also.

In addition, players from across Tipperary are playing in FAI Regional Centre of Excellence

programs at boys' and girls' levels, which has further supported numerous players moving on to receive International recognition at schools and International levels, demonstrating the strength of grassroots football across the county.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

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

Directorate Priorities

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 28th March 2023. Items discussed/considered:

- Presentation on Blended Working – HR
- NOAC Update – Corporate Services
- Presentation on LASNTG – Secretary to LASNTG
- Update on Internal Audit Plan & Recommendations – Internal Audit
- Update on Internal Audit Reports – Internal Audit
- Proposed Audit Committee Forum - Internal Audit
- Reports for Noting & Information

The next meeting is scheduled for July 2023.

Performance Indicators 2022

The deadline for compliance with the submission of data to the LG Returns system in respect of the 2022 performance was Friday 21st April 2023. A report on the indicator outcomes will be presented to the full Council and the audit committee following publication of the NOAC report later in the year.

Annual Report 2022

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

The draft plan was presented to the Council at the April meeting and the final report will be presented at the June meeting.

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 27th April 2023:

Pothole –	81
Public Liability -	12
Total Claims –	93

Coroner Service

Statistics for period 1st January to 30th April, 2023

No. of death certs issued: 215
No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 40
No. of Undertaker Removals: 37



Communications

The Communications team communicates and promotes Council activities and services and raises public awareness of matters of local and national interest

Press releases issued March include: -

Date	Subject	Media outlets
01/03/2023	Town Centre First Roscrea	local media

Media queries logged on CRM 1 January – 31 March

C&E	1
Customer Services	2
Clonmel Borough District	1
Environment	1
Housing	5
News and Events	8
Planning and Building Control	2
Roads	3
Your council	11
TOTAL	34

Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social media channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council.

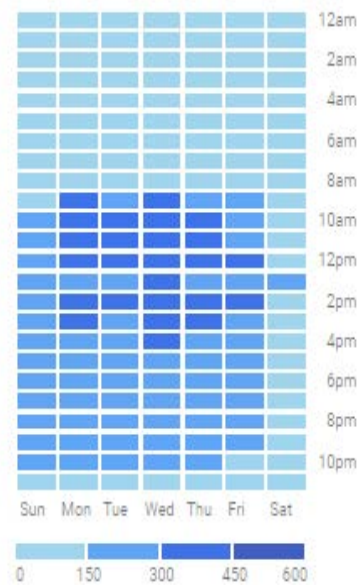


Website audience overview January – March 2023

Sessions by device



Users by time of day



1 Jan - 31 Mar 2023 ▾ MOBILE OVERVIEW >

What pages do your users visit?

Page	Page Views
/	7,295
/record-based-planning-enquiry-system-eplan	3,341
/planning/category-search-planning-records	3,304
/planning	2,245
/clonmel-pool	1,206
/your-council/all-current-vacancies	1,180
/pay-for-it	1,152
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/nenagh-leisure-centre	754
/housing	699

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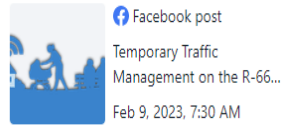
FACEBOOK



Top-performing organic posts

Here are posts that have performed well over the last 90 days. Understanding what's working can help you decide what to create and share next, so you can keep up the great work.

Highest reach on a post ⓘ



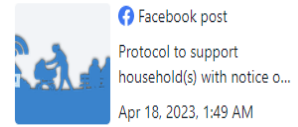
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Highest reactions on a post ⓘ



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Highest comments on a post ⓘ

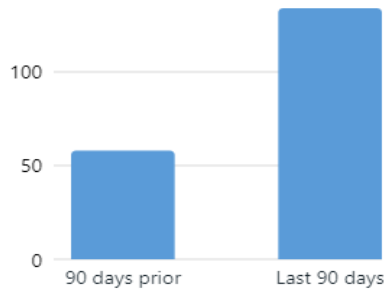


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Post reach ⓘ

134 ↑ 131%

Total from last 90 days vs 90 days prior

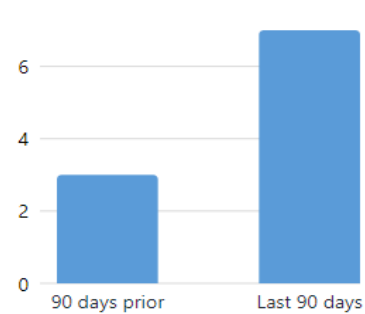


Engagement

Post reactions, comments and shares ⓘ

7 ↑ 133.3%

Total from last 90 days vs 90 days prior



TWITTER



Mar 2023 - 31 days

Top Tweet earned 2,078 impressions
Environment & Climate Action will be distributing FREE Wildflower Seeds/bulbs. Turfies Mart Monday, 13 March 10am-2pm. Cash Mart Wednesday 22 March 10am-2pm. Tipperary Countryside Wild on Flowers campaign aims to encourage farmers to take the lead in pollination of countryside. pic.twitter.com/CDCkyP41WJ

Top mention earned 160 engagements
Tipperary Studies
In 1915 Cleve's creamery were in trouble with a local farmer over water pollution. Love the way the solicitor gave the Ryan nickname. From the @CAAIR solicitors archive we're currently working on.
@Tipperary @TipperaryCoCo @Tipperaryarm1 @TipLib pic.twitter.com/5LZASKJ7j0

Top Follower followed by 19, 19 people
Paul Byrne
Business Correspondent for Virgin Media News, Justice & Media Analyst account 2013. 100 per cent Cash & MC for all events. paul.byrne@virginmedia.ie Also on Signal

Top media Tweet earned 1,165 impressions
pic.twitter.com/OUhpG2VjN

Bin it... Don't Fling it!
Council of your Water & Waste property in Area 4 (R02024300) has been closed to the public for 14 days.

Achievements March-April 2023

<h4>Roscrea Town Centre masterplan</h4> <p>The Roscrea Town and Tipperary County Council have progressed into the public consultation phase for the Roscrea Town Centre 'First Plan'.</p> <p>Members of the community are invited to attend either workshops to give their views on Roscrea and learn about the project.</p> <p>These workshops will be facilitated by KPMG & Community First practitioners.</p> <p>The workshops will be held in the Black Mills.</p> <p>Workshop 1: March 11th, 1:30pm - 2pm Workshop 2: March 14th, 7pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>The online survey is open until 20th March 2023. The survey will also be an online workshop at 7pm, March 14th.</p> <p>If you're unable to attend either workshop, please email: Roscrea@kpmg.ie or call: 01793 22424. Or visit the Community First office for the full consultation pack.</p> <p>Please visit www.tipperarycouncil.ie/roscreeatowncentremasterplan for further details.</p>	<h4>Local Enterprise week</h4> <p>5 days to Local Enterprise Week. 6-10th March</p> <p>Sign up at: LocalEnterprise.ie/Week</p>	<h4>Stop Food Waste Day</h4> <p>Now you know your food waste! Let's take action!</p> <p>Buy less, store better, eat it, freeze it!</p>
<h4>Student Enterprise Awards</h4> <p>Leo Tipperary award presentation.</p>	<h4>International Women's Day</h4> <p>Women's Fire Service Network</p> <p>#Embrace Equity</p> <p>International Women's Day 2023</p>	<h4>Arts office</h4> <p>Cruinniú na nÓg</p>
<h4>Entrepreneurs in Agri Business</h4> <p>Teagasc and Tipperary LEO Farm Business Options</p> <p>Tuesday, 21st & 28th March 6:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <p>Teagasc Office, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41 AK40</p> <p>Course Overview</p> <p>Teagasc and the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office (LEO) have organized these two evening events aimed at enabling and providing entrepreneurs access to their agri-business knowledge. The evening course description covers the evening on Tuesday 21st & Tuesday 28th March 6:30pm - 9:30pm.</p> <p>The course is aimed at individuals who have the skills, knowledge and ability to successfully run their small business, identify and use their own strengths and abilities, and seek out new opportunities to expand and grow their business.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle O'Connell, Agri-CEO, Tipperary LEO Michelle O'Connell, Agri-CEO, Tipperary LEO Michelle O'Connell, Agri-CEO, Tipperary LEO Michelle O'Connell, Agri-CEO, Tipperary LEO <p>Night One: Tuesday 21st March 6:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <p>The focus of night one is on business planning. The objective is to enable participants to develop a business plan and evaluate business potential in their identified agri-business.</p> <p>Night Two: Tuesday 28th March 6:30pm - 9:30pm</p> <p>The second night will commence with a case study with Milla Carroll, Bunkan Farm, followed by a question and answer session. The evening will also have a guest speaker and a quiz.</p> <p>Scan the QR code to register for the course.</p>	<h4>Environment and Climate Action Recycling, Wildflowers, Dog control</h4> <p>FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING!</p> <p>At Your Local Electrical Store or Civic Amenity Site</p> <p>Recycle with a difference</p>	<h4>Spring Clean</h4>

Open Government National Action Plan 2023-2025



Minister Kieran O'Donnell meet with members of Council to discuss priority projects for Nenagh and County



Uisce Eireann Upgrading works at Ballina and Newport



Tipperary Museum

Easter workshops



Remembering Liam Lynch



Carrick on Suir MD

Grangemockler



Moyglass walkway



Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD

River Ara Walkway playground





Communications focus

Summary of some items
PLANNED for promotion
June-July 2023

Month	Title	Description
June	Summer Stars	Libraries reading
June	Leave no trace	Environment and Climate Action
June	National Water Safety Week	profile of lifeguard service and water safety tips
June	Criunniu na nOg	showcase events
June	Pride	showcase events
July	Your Council Day	national campaign showcasing local authority services and career opportunities
July	National Play Day and National Recreational Week	showcase play and recreation facilities provided by the local authority and events to mark the week

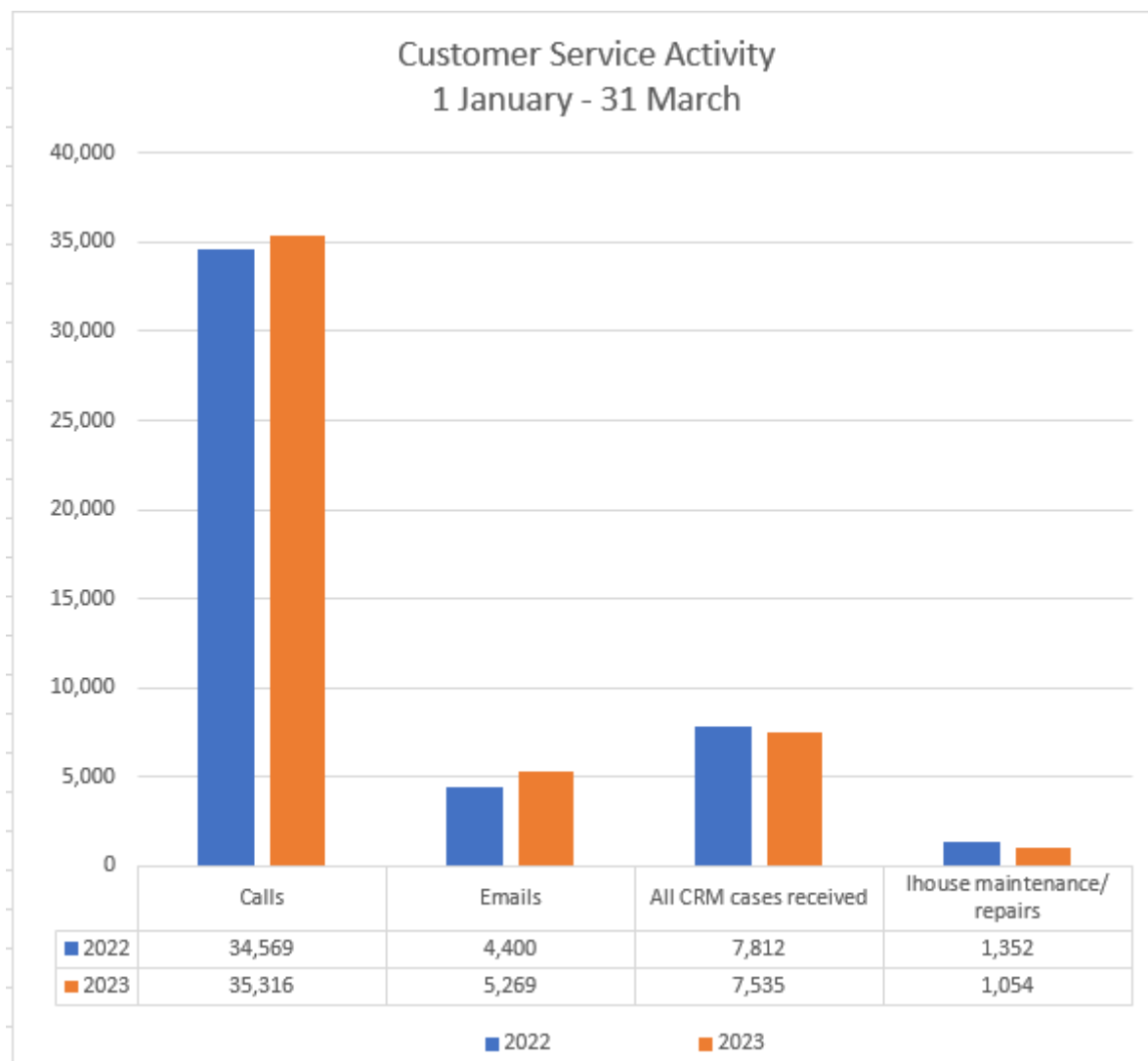
Customer Service Activity

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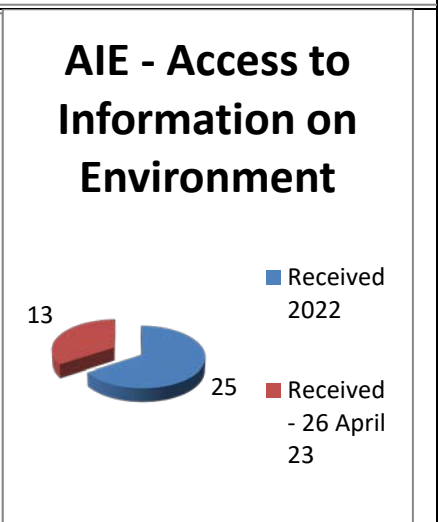
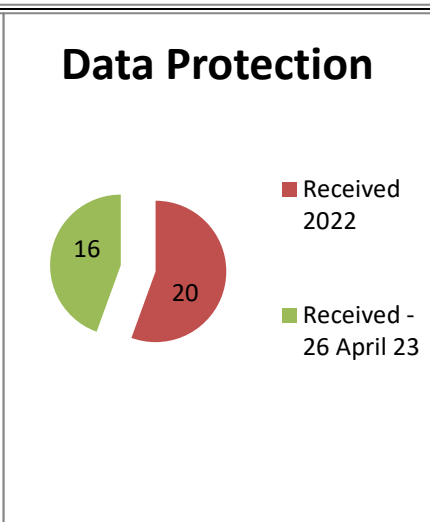
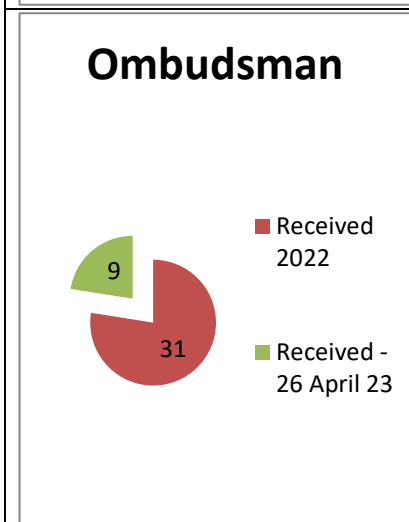
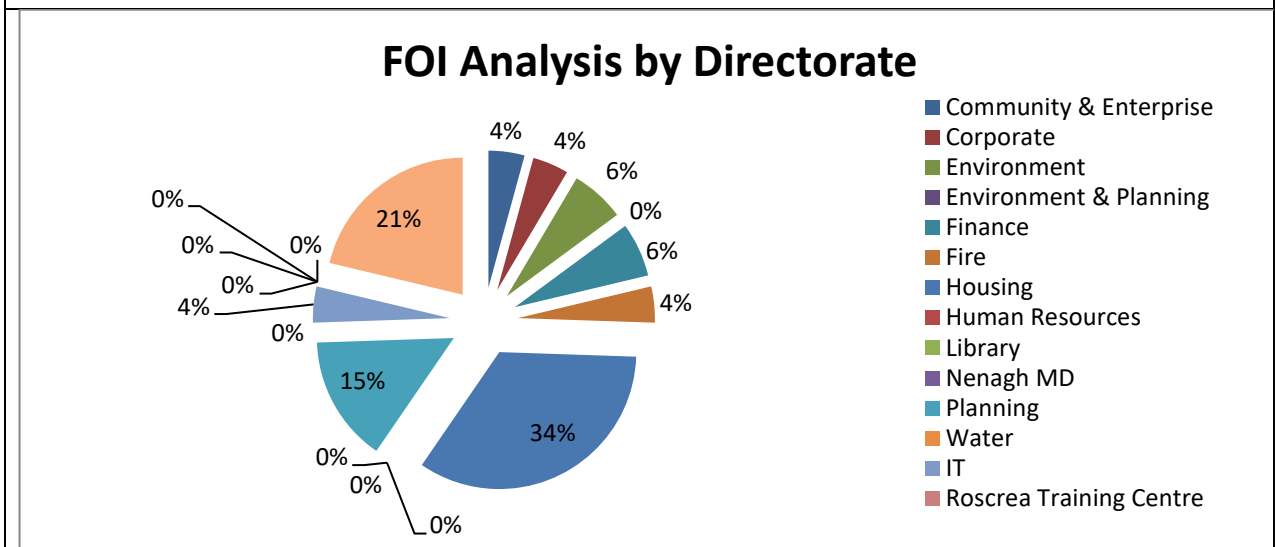
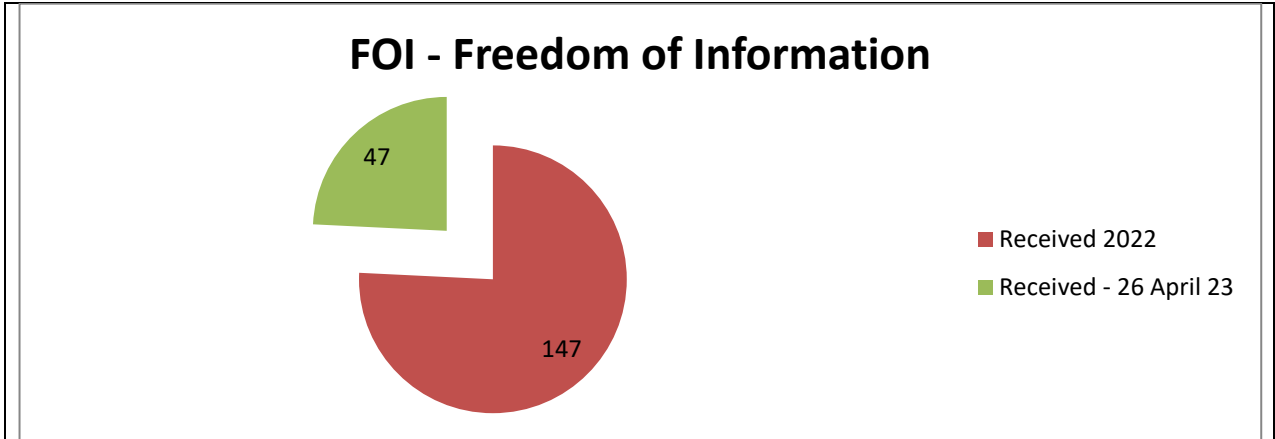
- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

Customer Service activity – CSD staff

1 January – 31 March



Information Management



Property Management

Central Property Unit has 202 active Transaction outstanding as of 28th April 2023, i.e. conveyance in relation to letting, disposal or acquisition of land or building.

Year	Transactions opened	Transactions Resolved
2020	131	144
2021	170	231
2022	184	110
2023	59 (to date)	18

Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council as of 26th April, 2022 (Disposals by transfer or letting where term is over one year)

Year	Approved	Outstanding	Resolved
2020	24	1	23
2021	30	2	28
2022	26	10	14
2023	4	2	2

Schedule of Outstanding Section 183's

Year	Address	Purchaser
2020	No. 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary	Timothy Sweeney
2021	Old Motor Tax Offices, Banba Square, Nenagh	Foróige - a youth development organisation



Year	Address	Purchaser
2021	Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel	Clonmel Business Development Park Ltd
2022	Outeragh, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	John Hurley (Midleton) Ltd
2022	Yewston, Nenagh	Breda Hogan
2022	Templemore Demesne, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	Blackcastle Templemore Harps Soccer Club, Templemore, Co Tipperary
2022	Council Depot at Birdhill	AEK Technical Design Ltd
2022	Upper Green Street, Fethard	Anne Carey and Sarah Carey
2022	No. 62 Glencarrick, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	Rory Landy & Nichola McLoughlin
2022	Two Mile Borris, Co. Tipperary	Electricity Supply Board 2022.001529
2022	Lisbryan, Ballingarry	Tipperary Garden Peat Ltd, Terryglass, Nenagh
2022	Carrick Street, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary	John Tobin
2022	Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh	David and Alan Spain
2023	25 Slievenamon Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	Patrick Ryan
2023	St. Lukes, Monadreen, Clongower, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	Sally Ryan

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Policy

The Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee Meeting was held on the 8th March, 2023 at Cabragh Wetlands. Presentations were made on the following topics;

- The Environment & Climate Action's Policy Work Programme for 2023.
- Climate Action Plan and Community Climate Action Fund.
- Programme of Public Awareness & Education Initiatives/Actions for 2023.
- PPN Environmental Pillar Update.

Public Awareness Initiatives

National Spring Clean 2023

292 groups and over 6,600 participants have volunteered to take part in Spring Cleans events throughout the County. The Environment & Climate Action Section continues to support groups by providing additional clean up supplies and arranging for the collection of waste. Volunteers who participate in National Spring clean, play a vital role in helping improve the local environment, whilst making Tipperary a better place to live, work and visit.



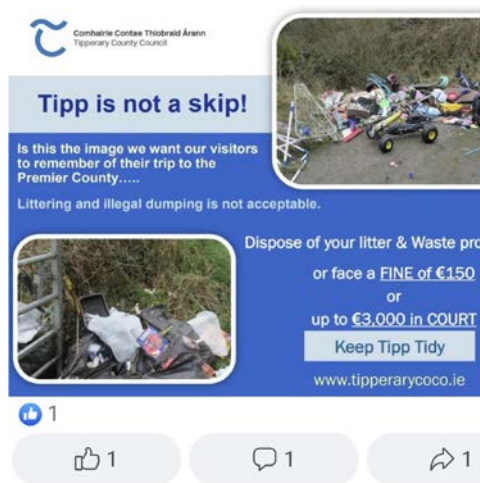
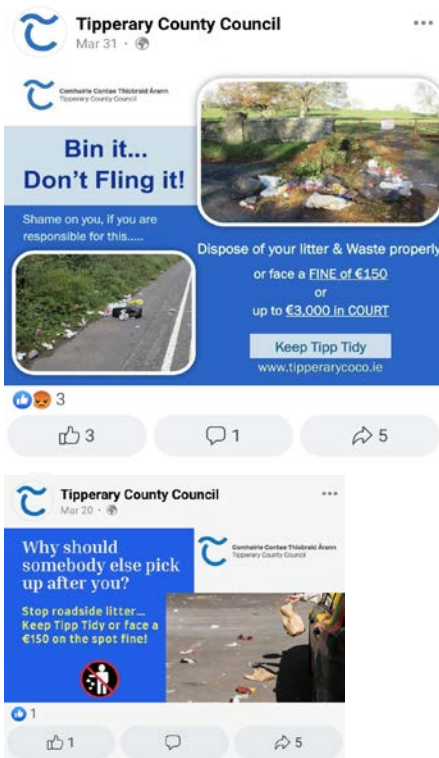
Clogheen Tidy Towns



New Inn Tidy Towns

Roadside Anti-Litter and Illegal Dumping Campaign

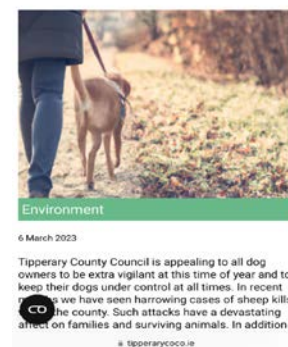
A weekly social media anti-litter messaging campaign was launched as a measure to increase awareness around the persistent and ongoing issue of roadside litter and dumping. The campaign is aimed at motorist and passing pedestrian's and involves hard hitting messaging, depicting scenes of littering around the county. This campaign reinforces the message that littering and illegal dumping is unacceptable and adversely effects the local environment. Penalties for illegal littering and dumping is also part of the key messaging.



Responsible Dog Ownership Awareness Campaign

The council launched a social media campaign on responsible dog ownership appealing to dog owners to be extra vigilant especially around livestock. Further messaging will issue on restricted Breeds and responsible dog ownership. A leaflet around responsible dog ownership was designed and printed and will be distributed from the Awareness Trailer when conducting onsite visits during the Summer Months.

Appeal to Dog Owners – Please keep your dogs under control



Wildflowers Initiative

As part of the Wildflowers Initiative the awareness team and Clonmel Borough staff travelled to Nenagh, Thurles, Cashel and Tipperary Town marts to distribute boxes of wildflower seeds and bulbs, providing advice and promoting awareness around pollination of the country side. 400 wildflower packs and 800 packs of bulbs have been distributed at marts and to Tidy Towns, Residents Associations and Schools throughout the county.



Environment Staff at the Cahir Mart



Display at the Tipperary Town Mart

National Tree Week

As part of National Tree week, the Environment & Climate Action Section distributed 1,200 native Irish tree saplings including birch, alder, beech, scots pine, maple and oak to Tidy Town groups, resident associations and schools throughout the county in an effort to promote planting and to mitigate against the effects of biodiversity loss.



Members of Cahir Tidy Towns with Cllr. Andy Moloney planting Native Irish saplings on the Coronation Walk in Cahir as part of National Tree Week Green Schools

28 schools in Tipperary will be awarded their Green Flags in a ceremony that will take place in Hotel Kilkenny on 9th May. The aim of Green Schools is to increase students' awareness of environmental issues and to transfer this knowledge into positive environmental action in the school and also in the wider environment. Below is a small sample of the wonderful work carried out by Green Schools this year.



Little Flower N.S. Ballytarsna



Scoil Mhuire N.S. Newcastle

Community Services

Burial Ground Maintenance & Tidy Town Grants 2023

The closing date for receipt of 2023 Burial Ground Maintenance Grants and Tidy Town Grants was 10th March, 2023. All completed applications are now with the relevant Municipal District for approval and payment.

Veterinary Services

Horses

13 horse queries were reported, which resulted in 22 horse pickups to date.

Dogs

A total of 84 dogs were surrendered or seized by the Dog Wardens to date in 2023. Of this number, 8 dogs were re-homed, 46 dogs sent to Rescues and 9 dogs were reclaimed and 19 were put to sleep. The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 2,491. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.



Abattoirs

Bovine	Ovine	Caprine	Porcine	Deer	Turkey	Abattoir Visits
552	1386	4	21	632	872	232

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

Customers visits to the CAS

Waller's-Lot	7,396
Carrigeen Clonmel	5,865
Nenagh	7,640
Roscrea	6,923
Donohill	3,825

A total of 31,649 customers used the services to date in 2023.

Derelict Sites

There are currently 45 properties on the Derelict Site Register. The section engaged with 83 owners in relation to remediating their properties.

34 Section 8(2) Notices and 12 Section 8(7) Notices were issued to date in 2023.

Municipal/Borough District	Number of properties engaged with during 2023 (pre-Section Notice being issued)
Tipp /Cahir/Cashel	45
Nenagh	10
Clonmel	9
Carrick-on-Suir	4
Thurles	15
Totals	83

Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

Burial Ground	Progress update
Ballina (Boher)	Boundary works to commence onsite in Q2 / Q3, 2023 on completion of Boher School astro pitch development.
Fethard	Land Acquisition negotiations are now completed. The Environment & Climate Action Section has commenced the Fethard Burial Ground Part 8 planning and development process.
Cahir	The Environment Section has commenced with Part 8 drawings for a new burial ground in Cahir.
Solohead/Monard	A potentially suitable site was identified and a hydrologist was engaged by the Environment Section. Suitability trial holes have been completed on site and we are currently awaiting the consultant's report.
Carrick on Suir	Land acquisition negotiations are agreed with landowners. The Council has commenced with the land acquisition.
Shanrahan	The boundary wall is now complete.
Kilmore	Works are substantially completed, to be finalised in Q2/Q3, 2023.
Cloughprior	The National Monuments Service was consulted in relation to the development of the burial ground extension during the Part 8 process. A geophysical survey as requested by National Monuments Services, deemed the site and adjacent site unsuitable. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish. The Environment & Climate Action Section is actively exploring alternative suitable sites within the parish.
Thurles (St Patricks)	Surfacing of the access road and widening the existing road and corners in the lower section of the burial ground were completed.
Holycross	New access road and plinths completed. Additional works to be completed in Q2/3 2023.
Kilnarath BG Newport	€80,000 of emergency structural works were completed, funded by a Community Monument Fund (CMF) Grant. A funding application has been submitted under CMF for phase 2 works.
Clonmel (St Patricks)	The Borough District is currently exploring options in relation to an extension to St Patricks Graveyard. A consultant has also been appointed to design an entrance at the back of the cemetery.



Waste Management and Enforcement

Notice	Update	Details
Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	To date 7 have been issued consisting of: 2 Resolved 5 In progress	2 - Dumping of waste - Resolved. 1- Waste Recovery – In progress 1 – ELV (scrap metal) site and waste metal - In progress. 1 – deposits of mixed household waste – In progress. 1 – deposits of C&D materials – In progress. 1 – Litter – In Progress

Litter Fines

	Clonmel	Thurles	Nenagh	Carrick-on-Suir	Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	Total Fines
Total Issued	6	5	14	2	21	48
Total Paid	3	5	11	0	1	20
Total Cancelled	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total Outstanding	3	0	3	1	20	27

Legal Proceedings:

- 3 successful conviction were brought under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended) for the non-payment of a litter fine.
- 1 successful conviction was brought under the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended).

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

1079.04 tonnes of glass and 37.35 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of April 2023, these figures represent a 9% decrease in glass and an 14% decrease in cans collected for the same time period in 2022. 137.12 tonnes of textiles was collected up to the end of April. For the same period in 2022, there was 135.36 tonnes collected, which represents an increase of 1.5%.

Household Waste Inspections

212 Household Waste Inspections were undertaken to date.

Climate & Energy

Community Climate Action Fund

€700,000 has been allocated to Tipperary County Council for the first tranche of funding, which will run over an 18-month period. This funding is being provided to fund community climate action projects and initiatives for capacity building within local communities.

Projects will address the following five themes:

1. Home/energy
2. Travel
3. Food and waste
4. Shopping and recycling
5. Local climate and environmental action.

The rollout of the Community Climate Action fund will commence in Q2 of 2023 and communities will be invited to submit project applications for this funding. Marie O'Donnell has been appointed as the Community Climate Action Officer and will administer this fund.

Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Co-ordinator position has been filled by Clare Lee, and the position of Climate Action Officer is also due to be filled shortly. This will facilitate the preparation of the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan in line with an agreed timeline.

Tipperary County Council's Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA), which will help understand current and future risks posed by climate change and its impacts, is advancing and near completion.

Local Authority representatives are currently being identified to sit on a new Tipperary County Council Climate Action Team to represent the services/functions of the Council, providing

leadership, governance and multi-disciplinary support for climate action across services and contributing to the LACAP Targets and Actions

In parallel a Baseline Emissions Inventory (BEI) of energy statistics for Tipperary is being finalised, which will provide a quantitative understanding of the county's carbon emissions performance.

The formal request to make a Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LA CAP) was issued to Local Authorities by Minister Eamon Ryan on the 24th February 2023. The process will now move from Advanced Planning phase to Statutory Plan-Making Phase. Local Authorities must now have their LA CAP formally made by a deadline of 23rd February 2024.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin



Ballaghveny Landfill – Cell 10b being filled with waste, 23rd March 2023

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The filling of Cell 10b with waste commenced on 23rd March 2023 and is currently being filled with contaminated soil & stone and wood ash, which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon Vermi-composting facility in Rathcabbin. In 2023, the landfill has accepted in total 13,614.34t of waste up to 31st March 2023, this is 27.8% of our licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate produced this year at Ballaghveny landfill to the end of March is almost identical (-0.6%) to the same period in the previous year (2022).

The value of the Community Gain Fund arising from the waste accepted during 2022 is €62,085 and will be made available for distribution in 2023.

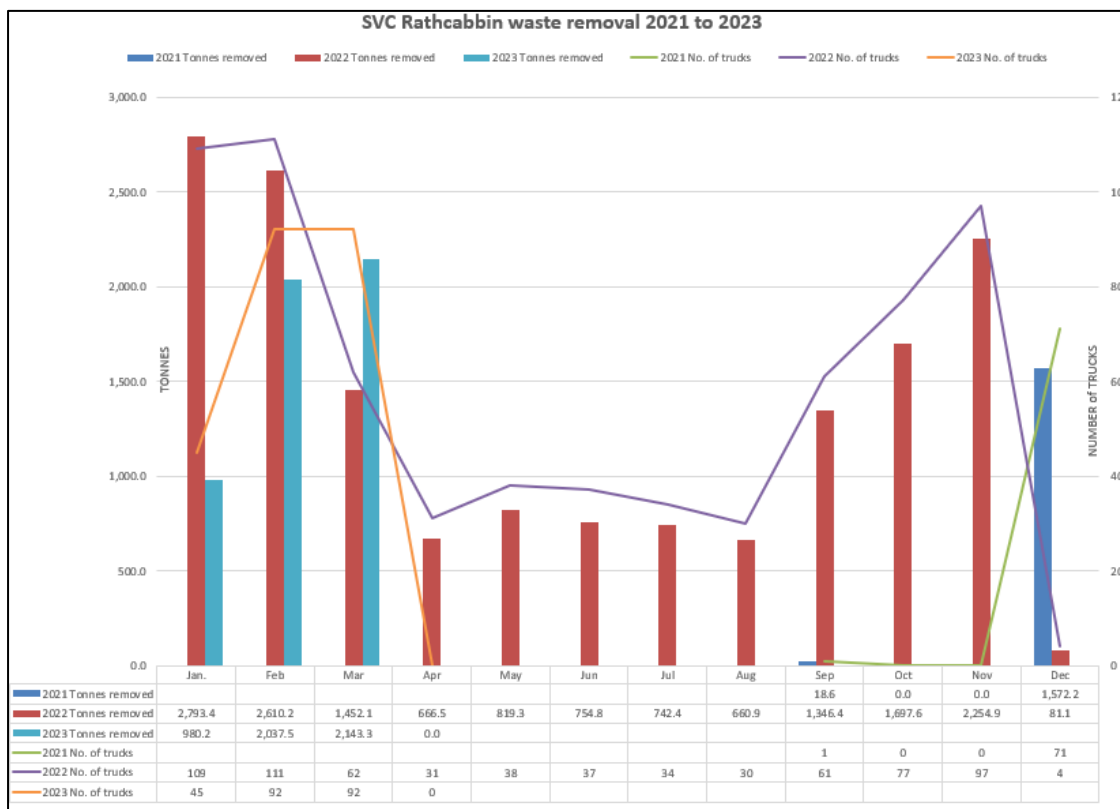
Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The leachate volumes produced at Donohill landfill are ca. 6.4%, higher than the same period last year, i.e. during the first 3 months of 2022.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced on 02nd December 2021. From the beginning of January and up to 31st March 2023, Ballaghveny landfill accepted 5,161.04t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin.

The total amount of waste removed, up to 31st March 2023, from SVC Rathcabbin is 22,631.45t. The SVC waste removal is estimated to be 65% complete, based upon a total of 35,000t.



Monthly distribution of waste removed from SVC Rathcabbin from 2021 to 2023

The mixing of the SVC Rathcabbin waste within the landfill cell was difficult during prolonged periods of wet weather. This was most noticeable again during January of 2023, where the waste deposited within the cell became too soft for machinery to track over the waste.

Historic Landfills	
Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir	Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation documentation is completed in preparation for an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.
Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir	<p>Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) have been submitted to the EPA for the Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing.</p> <p>Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills at: Killeigh, Cahir; Caherabbey, Cahir, and Deansgrove, Cashel.</p>
Thurles – Templemore	<p>Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Brittas road and Monanearla historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing.</p> <p>Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessment of the closed landfill at: Kiltillane, Templemore.</p>
Carrick-On-Suir	Connawarries, Carrickbeg – A consultant was appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are complete in preparation of NIS for submission to the EPA and ABP.
Nenagh	Contracts were completed on 22 nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfill at: Shesheraghscanlon, Borrisokane.



Environment Protection

Water Pollution /Agriculture

- 350 samples were taken as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme
- 18 Section 4 monitoring samples have been taken.
- 20 Farm inspections were performed
- 3 Source Protection investigations were undertaken (Glengar crypto, slurry spreading at Hollyford & Tullaheady (decommissioned supply).
- 20 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted for assessment.
- 70 Drinking Water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 3 of which were investigative follow up samples.
- 7 on site Drinking Water Audits were performed (Small Private Supplies).

Planning Referrals

9 Planning applications have been assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

AIR

Air Inspections

Solid Fuel Inspections

21 onsite inspections were carried out under the new Solid Fuel Regulations for 2023.

Solvent regulations: 1 certificate was issued; 2 inspections were carried out and 4 annual reports were received.

Deco paints: 1 certificate was issued.

Petroleum Vapours: 1 PV inspection was carried out.

Air Monitors

- The current status of air quality in all towns monitored is rated as good and is compliant with The CAFE directive.
- Live Information on Air Quality in Clonmel and Tipperary Town can be retrieved at airquality.ie



Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for an Annual Maintenance Subsidy in January 2023. The closing date is the 30th June 2023.
- 4 applications have been received.
- No payments issued to date.

Current Capital Projects:

There are 7 Group Water Schemes (GWSs) currently engaged in capital projects assisted by the rural water team. As at the 13th April €41,572.90 has been invested in 2 GWSs in 2023.

Private Well Grants:

21 new applications were received as at the 13th April 2023; 15 grants were awarded, 2 were refused (public water supply in proximity) and none withdrawn to date.

A total of €114,339, has been invested as at 14th April 2023 with applicants paid.

Septic Tank Grants:

As at the 13th April, 1 new application was received and paid valued at €5,000.

Lead Piping Grants (LPG): no new applications or payments were processed to date in 2023.



Environmental Complaints

Complaint Category	Carrick-On-Suir		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	3
Animal	1	19	4	17	2	43	9	27	0	47
Infrastructure	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	1
Litter	3	20	9	32	4	65	7	81	4	46
Noise	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	1	2
Waste	3	10	6	19	10	40	2	15	3	20
Water	1	2	2	2	2	10	2	5	2	4
Total	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
	8	54	23	71	23	163	22	132	10	123
Total	62		94		186		154		133	

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All figures relate to the period 01 January 2023 – 30 March 2023

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	Serviced sites identified Draft scheme of priority in place	Identification of suitable scheme to develop affordable purchase scheme
Review of the Anti-social behaviour	Working group to identify actions particularly in relation to social media	Allocation policy and Tenant handbook to be updated in line with review
Disability strategy	Meeting with relevant stakeholders to identify support pathways for persons with disabilities	Agree outline of 3 year capital programme to support disability strategy

Housing Delivery

The current status of the projects is as follows:

2022 – 2026 Construction Programme

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Puckaun	21	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir	30	Decision required on third river crossing -	Stage 1 submission
William Street, Nenagh	7	Integrated Design Team appointed	Detailed Design
Clogheen	12	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Ballingarry (South)	10	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Gantley Road, Roscea	16	RIAI Design Competition	Appointment of Design team
Rialto Site, Nenagh	12	Design Team Appointed	Stage 2 Submission
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	6	Stage 1 Approved	Pending discussions with the district
Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Section 179A	Tender Documentation
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	Planning Application	Planning Decision
Ashbury, Roscrea	10	Design Team Appointed	Detailed Design
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approved
Glencarrick, Roscrea	47	Section 179A	Tender Documentation



Church Street, Templemore	2	Contractor being Appointed	Commence Works
Glennconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Part V and Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Grove Street, Roscrea	6	Tender Documents	Advertise on E-Tenders
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 2 approved	Being reviewed due to complex site issues
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 approved	Design Team Appointment
Boherclough Street, Cashel	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Woodview Close, Nenagh	10	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Moyne	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Bansha	12	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Ardfinnan	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Portroe	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Ballyclerihan	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Donohill	8	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir	22	Turnkey	Contractor on site
Cullen	8	Turnkey	Awaiting Contracts
Ard Na Sidhe, Clonmel	9	Turnkey	Phased Delivery, 4 Complete
Tyone Road, Nenagh	67	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised CALF



Coopers Lot, Cashel	44	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised CALF
Farranahassery, Cahir	48	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised -2024 CALF
Waller's Lot, Cashel	40	Tuath AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised -2024 CALF
Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	19	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Wheatfields, Clonmel	38	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Stradavoher, Thurles	32	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Glencree, Newport	8	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Abbey Street, Cahir	10	Substantial Completion	
Ardcronney	4	Substantial Completion	
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey	Phased Delivery, 6 Complete
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Phased Delivery, 2 Substantially Complete
Irish House, Tipperary Town	6	Focus Ireland, AHB	Substantially Complete
Glennconnor Road, Clonmel	31	Turnkey,	Completed

RAS Voluntary



New properties	19
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Total tenancies	313
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RAS Private

New properties	1
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Total tenancies	647
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Rent Reviews carried out	50
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Long term lease

Total tenancies	303
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Rent Reviews carried out	30
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Mortgage to rent

New properties	0
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Total tenancies	88
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Rent Reviews carried out	0
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Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up	48
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Total tenancies	1672
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Average weekly HAP set up	4
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Inspections

	1 st inspection	2 nd inspection
RAS	6	11
Private rented	113	7
Long term lease	2	1
HAP	96	59
Mortgage to rent	3	0
Total	220	78

Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

The 59 Houses as part of the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2021 are fully completed and recoupment has been received from the Department together with works complete on the Midlands programme.

100 Housing units were approved under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 across the 5 districts with works divided into four tender packages,

Tender 1 Nenagh MD and includes houses in Cloughjordan and Ballina. Tender 2 Thurles Templemore MD and covers houses in Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Templemore and Thurles. Tender 3 incorporated Clonmel Borough and Carrick-on-Suir Districts and covers houses in Clonmel Town and Carrick-on-Suir Town. Tender 4 was the Tipperary Cashel Cahir District and covers houses in Tipperary Town and Cahir Town.

All four tenders have been advertised and contracts are being awarded in the coming weeks.

A list of properties from each Municipal/Borough District has been submitted for EERP 2023. The lists of houses will be assessed in accordance with the Departments guidelines and then submitted for approval.

Works typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), as committed to under the Programme for Government. Main aim of the retrofits is to reach a BER of B2.

Housing Grants

The Council has received confirmation that we will receive a total of €3,408,125 in private grant funding for 2023. We have yet to be notified of the budget for LA DPG's for this period but have been advised that we can allocate up to 65% of last year's amount in the interim. There is in expectation that this year's allocation, yet to be confirmed, will at least match that received in 2022, which was €1,379,999.

The scheme has now opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2023 for both private and local authority grants.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,408,125	€1,861,011.55	68
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€300,000	€61,687.42	6
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€700,000	€914,297.26	97
TOTAL	€3,408,125	€2,836,996.23	171
Local Authority DPG Grants	€855,599	€855,599	7

Voids

The number completed is 22.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir - 8
- Nenagh - 6
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 5
- Carrick - 2
- Clonmel - 1

Vacant Houses¹

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ²
Carrick	353	18	0.3%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	800	26	0.5%
Clonmel	629	19	0.4%
Nenagh	715	17	0.3%
Templemore/Thurles	823	30	0.5%
Total	3,320	110	2.0%

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	2	1	0	1	0
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	24	23	1	0	0
Clonmel	11	8	3	0	1
Nenagh	5	2	3	0	1
Templemore Thurles	24	19	4	1	2
TOTALS	66	53	11	2	4

¹ Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Number of Housing Applications received

There were **456** housing applications received of which:

- 312 were found to be invalid
- 144 were found to be valid

Number of Housing Assessments carried out

Month	Number of Assessments
January	47
February	118
March	107
Total	290

Choice Based Lettings

- 61 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 54 offers have been accepted.
- 4 awaiting decision (2 are with a Voluntary body)
- There have been 3 refusals

Homelessness

The focus of homeless services in 2023 continues to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle.

Homeless Presentations

Single	67
Couples	6
Couples with children	8
Singles with Children	33
Total	114

Homeless Prevention

The use of private rented accommodation with the assistance of HAP is the primary option for those presenting as homeless.

Prevention work was carried out by the HAP place finder on 13 of these presentations. They facilitated 11 singles in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

Emergency B&B Accommodation:

There are currently 16 singles and 4 families in emergency B&B accommodation who are particularly vulnerable or have complex needs. To date in 2023, the HAP Placefinder service assisted 2 single persons in exiting emergency accommodation. In addition to the B&B emergency accommodation, our OFD emergency accommodation is also fully occupied with 4 families and 4 singles and these are being fully supported by our own Homeless staff and also PMVT. We have a pathway plan for two families and will continue to work with these families/individuals and support them in their transition to secure rental accommodation

We will continue to focus on the larger towns of Clonmel and Nenagh in 2023 in order to expand the OFD service and have identified a number of additional properties. But we will also look at opportunities in other towns.

Notice to Quits for RAS & HAP properties

NTQ applicants are the sector who have been given a notice to quite as a result of landlords moving out of the private rental market. Tipperary County Council has been notified of 248 Notices to Quit as at 30th April- an additional 24 since 31st March. The Council has purchased 56 NTQ properties to date (an increase of 9 properties since 31st March). Of the remaining 192 notices, a further 32 properties are at various stages of consideration for purchase. The council will continue to focus on solutions for those in immediate need over prioritising those NTQs which come to fruition in the next 2 months (21 NTQ received with an expiry date for April and May). Our HAP Place-finders will work with all NTQ recipients and seek to find alternative accommodation for them but it is important that recipients of NTQs make contact immediately with the council on receipt of same.

In addition to the work of the HAP Placefinders, the Council has also put in place the following measures to manage the volume

- Engagement with local accommodation providers to increase bed capacity
- Increase in the number of Own Front Door units
- Negotiating with landlords to extend the NTQ date to allow both the tenant and the council more flexibility to find alternative accommodation solutions.

- On-going engagement with Approved Housing Bodies in relation to single unit acquisitions. The acquisition of 22 properties across the county with vacant possession is in progress at various stages. (application/department approval/completion)
- CAS funded properties in progress as follows; Stradavoher, Thurles, 6 single units in Tipperary town.
- Completion of 8 single units and 2 x 2-bed units within the next three months under the Repair and Lease scheme.
- Completion of 7 x 2-bed units within the next 6 months under the Repair and Lease scheme.
- Refurbishment works complete on 6 two and three bed properties under the buy and renew scheme before year-end
- The following own-build turn-key projects are coming on-stream in June & July and this will assist in addressing some of the NTQ need.

Area	Units
Moyne	9
Woodview	10
Ardfinnan	6
Ardcrone	4
Portroe	14
Bansha	14
Clonmel	5
Total	62

- A speedier turn- around of tenants within our transitional units (Thurles Lions Trust, Novas)
- Increased budget of €1.6m approved by the department for homeless services (increase of €250k from 2022)

In relation to the receipt of notices to quit the Housing section has prepared an information sheet which is available on our website at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/housing/housing/housing-latest-news/2023/protocol-support-households-notice-termination-april-2023>

There is also a pathway for those who do not qualify for social housing and who have received a NTQ. To date the Council has dealt with a number of queries in this category

Buy and Renew

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for

social housing. There is continued engagement with landlords to bring more properties back into use through the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes. Buy and Renew will also assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns. 6 houses have been purchased under this scheme in 2022. We have a target in 2023 to exceed this number with delivery anticipated across the 5 districts.

Repair and Lease

The level of financial support under the Repair and Lease Scheme, a companion strategy of the Buy and Renew scheme, has increased to €60,000. This was extended to allow developers to participate in the scheme in order to further enhance the delivery of long term social housing supports. The Department has set a target of 19 units to be delivered under this scheme in 2023 and we currently have a number of interested parties in discussions to deliver across the County. These units tend to be apartments as opposed to dwellings and are typically located in the towns.

Local Authority Home Loans

The Local Authority Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds.

From 01 March 2023 an applicant can apply to:

- borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €275,000 in Tipperary.
- the income limit for an individual applicant is €70,000.
- The income limit for a couple is €85,000.

Local Authority Home Loans³

Number of Applications Received	21
Number of Valid Applications Received	8
Number of Loan Applications Approved	5
Number of Loans Issued	5
Total Value of Loans Issued	€509,300

Tenant Purchase Scheme

³ Please note any application received which is deemed to be invalid i.e. missing information will be returned to the applicant for updating. Therefore, not all applications received will be moved on to "Valid"

Formal applications to purchase received	36
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	17
Sales completed	2
Total proceeds of sales received	€132,500.00

Ukrainian Refugees

The war in Ukraine which commenced in February 2022 is ongoing, resulting in the displacement of millions of Ukrainians. In response to this displacement, the E.U by means of Directive undertook to provide temporary protection to those fleeing the crisis in the Ukraine. To date, some 78,00 Ukrainians have arrived in the country. At the 31st March 2023, 1786 Ukrainians were resident in the county. Tipperary County Council through the Housing, Civil Defence and C&E sections in addition to support from key community groups have provided the following services in assisting with this humanitarian crisis:

- 2 x temporary rest facilities (one of which is supported by THLT)
- IRC Pledged Properties subsequently managed by TCC - currently 220 Ukrainians have been housed in 31 vacant units and 41 shared units.
- Offer a Home Pledged Property fully managed by the Council has facilitated the provision of 188 Ukrainians housed in 59 properties with a further 12 properties in the process of being assigned.
- Commercial Operators: - there are some 30 commercial operators in the county and housing staff actively support the residents in these facilities to integrate into the broader community.
- Refurbished Properties: The Council is also actively engaging with and supporting the Department of Housing to identify appropriate properties which can be refurbished to accommodate additional BOTP on an interim basis and a number of such properties are currently under consideration.
- Modular Homes: The OPW will provide 62 such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles. It is anticipated that homes will begin arriving on site around 27th April and allocations will commence end of June

Community Integration

The Council works closely with other agencies such as the H.S.E. Department of Social Protection, AGS, Education, Local Development Companies etc in assisting the families housed and Ukrainians generally to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational and other supports. To this end, the C.E.O. convenes a high level Community Forum Group which meets monthly and includes all the relevant agencies, to track

and ensure the provision of support and integration services for the Ukrainians. This model is replicated at service level to implement the policies formulated at the Community Forum Group.

Affordable Housing

Croí Cónaithe fund

This scheme has been expanded to include houses in rural areas and the same general criteria as outlined below will apply. It is aimed at bringing unused buildings back into use.

- Building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Up to €30,000 available as a grant. An additional €20,000 is available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.- Awaiting Circular to update on recent announcements.
- The applicant does not have to own the building when applying for the grant but the grant will not be paid until the sale of the building and works are complete.
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years.

Note: The scheme rules are due to be updated to change both the eligibility and monetary values of the scheme. We are awaiting detail and rules of the amended scheme to be published.

Scheme	Croí Cónaithe		
	Scheme Total	2022	2023 (to date)
Applications	104	49	55
Withdrawn	3	3	0
Rejected	12	11	1
Under Review (LA)	11	1	10
FI Requested	26	4	22
On Hold (Applicant)	0	0	0
Approved in Principal	52	30	22
Paid Out	0	0	0

New build affordable schemes – a proposal for a shared equity scheme



Tipperary County Council intend to offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme, subject to access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A call will be made in the coming weeks to seek expressions of interest from those developers who have an interest in providing affordable homes in the key towns who already have planning permission. It is hoped that this will assist in leveraging additional private homes to come onto the market.

It is intended to build on the work undertaken by the affordable housing survey⁴ to determine the real level of interest by members of the public in accessing such a scheme. Depending on this outcome, an application will then be made to the Department to access the AHF fund in a given area.

The Council has also identified a pilot site for self-build affordable units in Boherlahan and is in the process of putting the administrative processes in place in order to facilitate the sale of these sites.

⁴ The survey is available for completion at the link below and will support any application to this fund:

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/news/affordable-housing-survey>