



Management Report to Council



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<u>13</u> 11:00 TCC Plenary Council Mtg Nenagh	<u>14</u> 10:30 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Mtg	<u>15</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting	<u>16</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Mtg	<u>17</u>
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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates


A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 5 December 2022 and the following items were considered:

- Vehicle Activation Signage – Pilot Scheme – A review of their effectiveness as a traffic calming measure. Presentation by Paul Keane, Executive Engineer, Nenagh MD who led the pilot scheme.
- Tipperary Greenway Projects – Presentation on the current position regarding the development of Greenway projects in Co. Tipperary by Paddy Crowley, A/Senior Engineer.

The next meeting of the Infrastructure SPC is scheduled for 6th March 2023.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed October 2019 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation complete August 2021. Phase 2: Options selection was completed and a Preferred Transport Solution was announced on 23 May 2022.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: TII is expected to publish the Options Selection Report in Q1 2023</p> <p>Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option. Design Update No. 1 takes place on 23 January 2023.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a</p>

	Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.	Proposed Transport Solution and open a Public Consultation process on same.
Capital Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme 2023 Allocation details awaited	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme 2023 Allocation details awaited	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR 2022/23 • Community Involvement Scheme 2022/2023 • Local Improvement Scheme 2023 	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department 	CLÁR 2022/23 – 2 no. Measure 1 applications approved by Department of Rural and Community Development. The Roads projects include Drombane Village Car Park and Clonakenny playground enhancement. Community Involvement Schemes were completed in 2022 in line with the allocation of €983,400. The current CIS programme will continue in 2023 with an allocation amount of €803,400. 2023 Local Improvement Scheme – This scheme has been advertised with a closing date for receipt of applications on 13 th February at 4.30pm. Previous applicants must re-apply in line with the current guidelines.
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII was held on 29 th November 2022.	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.
Road Safety	First all-county strategy adopted.	Tipperary County Council is finalising a new Road Safety Strategy and Phase 1 Action Plan 2022-2024, following the launch of the Government strategy ‘Our Journey Towards Vision Zero’.



GREENWAY PROJECTS

GREENWAY PROJECT	CURRENT UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2023
Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel	Preparing to submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála.
Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval
Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval
Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer	The second non-statutory public consultation on the route corridor options concluded on 12 January 2023. The submissions made by interested parties are now being reviewed by the Project Design Team.
Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

The members will be aware that an allocation of €6.66m was provided by the National Transport Authority to Tipperary County Council for the Active Travel Investment Programme 2022.

The Council delivered an ambitious Active Travel Programme and a range of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists were completed in many towns and villages across the county during the year, resulting in a final drawdown in funding of €7,476,776.

On 1st February 2023 the council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,633,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2023 (see full details hereunder).

Table A: Tipperary County Council

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations

Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
Tipperary County Council		
TCC/22/0004	N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel	€ 50,000
TCC/22/0005	Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€ 50,000
TCC/22/0006	Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	€ 280,000
TCC/22/0008	R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	€ 430,000
TCC/22/0010	Ballina Active Travel Scheme	€ 5,000
TCC/22/0012	Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€ 59,700
TCC/22/0014	Active Travel Connectivity, Bojwes Corner Thurles	€ 150,000
TCC/22/0016	Clairin Footbridge, Carrick On Suir	€ 450,000
TCC/22/0017	Carrick on Suir Active Travel Scheme	€ 70,000
TCC/22/0020	Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel	€ 80,000
TCC/22/0022	Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€ 50,000
TCC/23/XXXX	SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	€ 50,000
TCC/23/XXXX	SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	€ 200,000
TCC/23/XXXX	SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's Nationals School, Donaskeagh	€ 5,000
TCC/23/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	€ 10,000
TCC/23/XXXX	SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	€ 20,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 30,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme (Previously TCC/22/0007)	€ 50,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 150,000



Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
Tipperary County Council		
TCC/23/XXXX	Borrisokane Community College Footpath linkage (Previously TCC/22/0024)	€ 32,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 62,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	€ 15,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Active Travel Scheme Ladyswell Street, Cashel (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 30,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 500,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Ballylooby Active Travel Scheme (Previously TCC/22/0013)	€ 150,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Old Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel (Previously TCC/21/0008)	€ 68,400
TCC/23/XXXX	Emly Village Footpaths (Previously TCC/22/0013)	€ 18,900
TCC/23/XXXX	Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir (Previously TCC/21/0012)	€ 150,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Suir Footpath and Cycleway Scheme, Thurles (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 48,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Schools & Third Level Linkage Thurles Town (Previously TCC/21/0009)	€ 180,000
TCC/23/XXXX	R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 480,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	€ 15,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Inch National School (Previously TCC/22/0015 - TCC/22/0013)	€ 10,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Nenagh Local Transport Plan	€ 118,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Thurles Local Transport Plan	€ 118,000
TCC/23/XXXX	Clonmel Local Transport Plan	€ 118,000
TCC/22/0018	Active Travel Staff Costs	€ 330,000
Total:		€ 4,633,000



Department of Transport (DoT)

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Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

**2023 Allocations for National, Regional, Local Roads and Greenways are
awaited and will be circulated to members when available**



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in 2023.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	<p>The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village ▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. <p>Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is at an advanced stage. On the basis of the scheme's proximity and likely impacts on two nearby Natura 2000 sites, a Natura Impact Statement must be prepared and the scheme therefore requires planning consent from An Bord Pleanála. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and statutory process and procurement of same was completed in December 2022.</p>	The contract for completion of the preliminary design and statutory process will be awarded to RPS consultants in January 2023. The preliminary design will be completed and statutory procedures will commence in 2023.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian	Detailed design work will commence in 2023.



	infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design and Part 8 planning process completed in December 2022.	
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	It is anticipated that work will commence in Q4 2023.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works and Temporary Traffic Management are underway and progressing well. Works will continue in phases over the 18-month contract period.	Contract management throughout 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. GLAS Civil Engineering were awarded this Contract in July 2022. Works are continuing and good progress is being made.	Contract management and substantial completion in 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. Works are nearing substantial completion and defects period will commence through 2023.	12-month maintenance period.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed. Tender documents have been prepared for the procurement of a Contractor for the works.	Appointment of a Contractor in Q2 2023 with work commencing in Q3 2023.
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. Consultants were appointed to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. The design is substantially complete.	It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding, construction on this scheme will commence in 2023.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved	Part 8 planning process in Q1 2023.



	the preliminary Design and the Part 8 Planning process will be advertised in Q1 2023.	
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 th , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme.	The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by Q4 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q1 2024.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022.	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir public lighting flood alleviation works along the River Suir. <p>This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.</p>	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.



Carbon Reduction Measures

Pictured above is the Glutton H2O Perfect Electric Street vacuum at work in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

This is a simple to use, 100% electric cleaning solution for urban spaces, equipped with an ergonomic water jet and a 60 litre water tank, in addition to a powerful vacuum to pick up waste.

The Glutton street cleaner is perfectly silent and environmentally friendly, ideal for use in our town centres.

A silent operator, it can be used anywhere and at any time, without causing noise pollution. There are **zero CO2 emissions** thanks to the electric technology.



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin/Licensing Process During 2022	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	865
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	873
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	249
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	237
Road Opening Licence applications received	1121
FOI requests processed	26
AIE requests processed	5
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	32
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	32

Estates Taken in Charge in 2022
West Meadows, Boherlahan
Ashgrove, Thurles
Mill Crescent, Carrick-on-Suir
Rathronan Close, Clonmel
The Avenue, Barnora, Cahir
The Woodlands, Barnora, Cahir
Cluain Arra, Bansha
Declaration of Roads to be public roads in 2022
Fethard Town Park, Fethard
Lisbunny Industrial Estate, Nenagh
John Street, Carrick-on-Suir



CLÁR MEASURE 1



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na hÉireann
Government
of Ireland

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Project Ireland
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2 applications for funding under revised CLÁR Measure 1 2022/23: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities have now been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

- Clonakenny Playground €15,141
- Drombane Village Car Park €23,400

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2023

The Local Improvement Scheme 2023 (LIS) has opened for applications with a closing date of 13 February at 4.30pm, for receipt of fully completed applications.

All applicants are requested to re-apply in line due to changes in the guidelines of the LIS scheme in recent years.

ROAD SAFETY

A Christmas road safety campaign was undertaken in local media.

**DRIVERS, IF YOU PLAN TO DRINK,
PLAN A WAY HOME**

Make safe choices:

- Choose a designated driver
- Order a taxi
Or
- Just refuse to drink and drive

Pedestrians – be safe be seen
Wear a high-vis vest.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A new Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in December 2022. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. Enerveo (formerly SSE Airtricity) is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,800 lights in the county and public lighting is the biggest user of energy in the Council's overall energy usage. Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing in advance of the PLEEP project commencing.

For the benefit of Members, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Internet: www.enerveo.com**
- **Phone: Enerveo Call Centre 0818 372 772
Customer Services, Tipperary County
Council - 0818 06 5000**

INCREASED PENALTIES FOR MOTORISTS WHO MISUSE DISABLED PARKING PERMITS OR ILLEGALLY PARK IN ELECTRIC CHARGING BAYS

Elected members should note that the Minister of State for Transport, Ms. Hildegard Naughton, has signed regulations introducing new Fixed Charged Notices for the following offences:

- The misuse of a disabled parking permit. This offence will incur a fixed charge penalty of €200.
- Parking in an electric charging bay for anything other than the intended purpose of charging a vehicle battery. This offence will incur a fixed charge penalty of €80.

These penalties came into operation on 1 January 2023.

HEDGE CUTTING

The 2022/2023 Hedgecutting Season commenced on 1 September 2022 and runs through to 28 February 2023. Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who inspect trees and hedges on their property during the hedge cutting season and ensure that they do not pose a danger to road users. Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs, public lighting or road users' visibility.

Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe. A public awareness campaign began in September 2022 and will continue throughout the hedge-cutting season. The Council's District offices carrying out local inspections and notices will be issued as necessary to relevant landowners.



A Guide for Landowners to Managing Roadside Trees is available on gov.ie at the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8fb45-a-guide-for-landowners-to-managing-roadside-trees/#>

All landowners and occupiers of land are requested to note that Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing on uncultivated land or in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August each year. This is to ensure the safety of birds and other wildlife.



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

FÓGRA D'ÚINEIRÍ TALÚN AGUS ÚINEIRÍ TALÚN TALAMH THAR LEIS NA BÓITHRE POIBLÍ TALAMH THAR LEIS NA BÓITHRE POIBLÍ

ACHT NA MBÓITHRE, 1993, ALT 70 CRAINN, DÍOGA AGUS FÁLTA FÁLTA COIS BÓTHAIR

ÓN 1 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2022 GO DTÍ AN 28 FEABHRA 2023

Is mian le Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann fógra a thabhairt go bhfuil sé de dhuálgas ar Úineirí Talún agus áititheoirí taitle, faoi théarmaí Acht na mBóithre, 1993, gach cúram réasúnach a ghlacadh chun a chinntiú nach bhfuil nó nach bhféadfadh na crainn, na díoga, na fálta agus an fhásra eile atá ag fás ar a dtailte. gan a bheith ina chontúirt do dhaoine a úsáideann nó a oibríonn ar bhóthar poiblí.

I measc samplaí de ghuaiseacha tá crainn marbh nó ag fáil bháis, díoga nó fálta ag cur isteach ar thrácht, ag blocáil cosáin, ag ceilt comharthaí bóthair nó ag ceilt radharc an bhóthair amach romhainn. Ní mór duit crainn, díoga agus fálta dá leithéid a leagan, a ghearradh, a lománú, a bhearradh nó a bhaint.

Más mian leat comhairle a chur ar Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann faoi struchtúr, crann nó fál atá tadhlach le bóthar poiblí a mheastar a bheith contúirteach, déan teagmháil le do thoil leis an Roinn Seirbhísi do Chustaiméirí:

Fón: 0818 06 5000

Riomphost: customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie

Marcus O'Connor, Stiúrthóir Seirbhísi,
Bóithre agus Iompar.

NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND ADJOINING PUBLIC ROADS ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 70 ROADSIDE TREES, DITCHES AND HEDGES

FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Tipperary County Council wishes to give notice that under the terms of the Roads Act, 1993, Landowners and occupiers of lands are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that the trees, ditches, hedges and other vegetation growing on their lands are not or could not become a danger to people using or working on a public road.

Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs or obscuring the view of the road ahead. You are required to fell, cut, log, trim or remove such trees, ditches and hedges.

If you wish to advise Tipperary County Council of a structure, tree or hedge adjoining a public road which is considered to be dangerous, please contact the Customer Services Department:

Telephone: 0818 06 5000

Email: customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie

Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services,
Roads and Transportation.

The RSA and County and City Management Association are carrying out a public campaign reminding landowners to cut hedgerows before March to prevent road safety hazards. Mr. Sam Waide, Chief Executive, RSA, said: "Landowners across the country need to be aware of the impact that overgrown hedgerows can have on other road users. They can cause a road safety hazard that could potentially result in loss of life or serious injury to another member of your community. Road safety is a shared responsibility, and it is important that landowners remain alert and take accountability for maintaining hedgerows. We can make our roads a safer place if we all play our role and take personal responsibility for what happens on the roads."



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Completed and in effect from August 22 nd 2022.	The County Development Plan 2022-2028 became effective from August 22 nd 2022.	The implementation of the plan will take place over its lifetime – 2022-2028. The Plan will also be monitored over its lifetime - note Section 15 Mid-term review report due in July '24 including SEA monitoring.
Clonmel Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation complete, background work on LAP preparation underway.	Reports on pre-draft submissions to issue to members early February '23. Progress update at February MD meeting.	Report on submissions and members briefing (Jan/Feb). Elected Member workshops at MD level to discuss the proposed draft LAP to be scheduled for May '23.
Nenagh Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation complete, background work on LAP preparation underway.	Reports on pre-draft submissions to issue to members early February '23. Progress update at February MD meeting.	Report on submissions and members briefing (Jan/Feb). Elected Member workshops at MD level to discuss the proposed draft LAP to be scheduled for May '23.
Thurles Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation complete, background work on LAP preparation underway.	Reports on pre-draft submissions to issue to members early February '23. Progress update at February MD meeting.	Report on submissions and members briefing (Jan/Feb). Elected Member workshops at MD level to discuss the proposed draft LAP to be scheduled for May '23.
Roscrea Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation complete and draft LAP under preparation.	Report on pre-draft submissions issued to members on 10 th January. Members briefing at MD meeting 16 th Jan.	Elected Member workshop to discuss the Draft LAP scheduled for 2 nd February. Proposed Draft LAP to circulate in advance.
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Draft maps published in November	Draft mapping prepared for Public consultation	Consideration and determination of Submissions.



	2022. Public consultation period November 2022 to January 2023	Project plan and methodology agreed	Further survey, assessment to be undertaken and Supplemental map to be prepared.
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<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	TRO appointed in November. Background research underway & plans to establish Town Team for Roscrea. Tender advertised to provide support to implement TCF initiative & plan.	Public consultation completed in the summer & potential town team members contacted. Presentation to Thurles MD on TCF on 21 st November. Meetings ongoing drawing from multidisciplinary team in LA	Appoint successful tenderer to support delivery of TCF plan by Summer 2023. Finalise Town Team members & arrange first meeting of Town Team.

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Tipperary Town Regeneration	Market Yard – Snagging completed and Final Account agreed and paid. River Ara Walkway –River works could only be completed between July and September, 2022 in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála. Contractor appointed in June, 2022 to undertake the works which are in progress. Construction of the bridge is completed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The purchase of the land	Market Yard –Works are fully completed. River Ara Walkway – Install the boardwalk and the playground by the end of February, 2023 subject to suitable weather conditions. Complete the planting by end of Q1 2023.



	is completed. The main works contract was completed in December, 2022 and the walkway opened on 22 nd . December.	
Fethard Town Park	<p>Phase 1 - Groundworks and 3G pitch were completed in January, 2022 and opened for use in February, 2022. The grass pitch opened for use in October, 2022. Temporary dressing rooms have been installed.</p> <p>Phase 2a - Pavilion and Public Realm Works - Contractor appointed in March, 2022 and works commenced on 21st. March, 2022. The last section of the car park will be completed shortly. The internal second mechanical and electrical fix is in progress in the pavilion which includes the community annex under Phase 2b.</p> <p>Phase 2b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion - Approval received from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 25th. April, 2022 to extend the project scope to include these elements which are being funded by the Magnier Foundation and carried out under a separate contract. Steelworks associated with the stand are completed.</p>	<p>Phase 1 – completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a – Manage the administration of the contract. Works are due for completion in April, 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2b –Works are due for completion in April, 2023.</p>
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	Detailed designs presented to Consultative Group and some revisions agreed. Detailed designs also revised to capture additional design elements deemed critical to the project. Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 27 th . July, 2022 with closing date on 6 th . September, 2022. Assessment of tenders completed in October, 2022. Final Business Case	Obtain written approval to the Library element of the project from the Department of Rural & Community Development. Obtain approval from the Rural Regeneration Development Unit for Decision Gate 3 – Proceed to Implementation Stage. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q2 of 2023. Estimated programme duration for completion of works is 18 months.



	completed for Decision Gate 3 and submitted to the Department on 20 th . December, 2022.	
Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022 following receipt of Council submission. Assessment of tenders for the engagement of an integrated design team completed in April, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued in May, 2022. Pre-award meeting held with the prospective design team in July, 2022. Review of insurances completed by IPB Insurances August, 2022. Design team appointed in September, 2022. Preliminary design completed. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers' Market. Detail design in progress.	Complete detailed designs by end of Q1 2023. Tender preparation, evaluation and award for the construction stage will take place in Q2 2023. Commence works in Q3 2023 with estimated completion in Q1 2025. Ongoing meetings with stakeholders.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan	Ongoing meetings being held by the Steering Group and Implementation Group. Market testing completed on preferred concepts. Phase 1 - Visitor Experience Development completed. Phase 2a - Concept Development and Predesign commenced and nearing completion. Broad agreement reached with partners on scope of works. High Level costings completed. Survey work undertaken. Draft Cost Benefit Analysis/Business Case completed.	Review Cost Benefit Analysis/Business Case by end of Q1 2023. Phase 2b – Commence Part 8 Planning in Q1 2023. Commence detailed design in Q2 2023 with completion in Q4 2023.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the	Part 8 Planning approved in January 2022 with significant public consultation undertaken by the Council. Surveys completed. Detailed design is completed.	Part 8 and detailed design completed. Category 1 application approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in November, 2022.



<p>Ormond Castle Quarter</p>		
<p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter</p> <p>Category 2</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team appointed. Preliminary Designs completed. Surveys completed. Detailed designs completed.</p> <p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Design team appointed. Preferred designs agreed. Part 8 Planning for the proposed car park site approved in December, 2021 with the public realm approved in January, 2022. Surveys completed for both elements. Detailed designs completed for the proposed car park site. Detailed design for the public realm is completed and currently under review. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning and detailed design completed.</p> <p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Detailed design is completed on the Car Park. Detailed design for the Public Realm is completed and under review.</p> <p>Category 1 application approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in November, 2022.</p>
<p>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p>	<p>Design team appointed in January, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Serviced Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites. Detailed design is completed. Updated Cost Plan prepared, reviewed and amended. Tender documents for the construction stage are being finalised.</p>	<p>Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Complete tender action, evaluation and award for the construction stage in Q1 of 2023. Prepare and submit documentation to the Department under Decision Gate 3 and obtain Approval to Proceed to Implementation Stage.</p>
<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Funding approved of €1,208,847 on 6th. January, 2022. Due Diligence and Verification Phase completed and returned to the</p>	<p>Appoint design team in Q1 of 2023. Complete required surveys, preliminary design & Masterplan in Q1 of 2023. Commence the Part 8</p>



<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'</p>	<p>Department in January, 2022. Consultant appointed in March 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team for the Rialto building and housing development Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 10th. May, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 issued by the Department on 24th. June, 2022. Tenders for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services published on the Official Journal of the EU on 29th. July, 2022. Tenders received through e-Tenders have been assessed and tender assessment report prepared. Final Business Case to proceed to implementation stage under Decision Gate 3 submitted and approved by the Department on 4th. November, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued November, 2022. Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p> <p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 1. Meeting to review deliverables and preparation of an action plan for the effective delivery of the project was held by the District Delivery Group on 14th. November, 2022. Verification Forms completed for the Due Diligence and Verification Stage and returned to the Department on 12th. January, 2023.</p>	<p>Planning process in Q2 and complete by end of Q2 2023. Commence detailed design in Q3 2023 and complete by end of Q4 2023.</p> <p>Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department of Rural & Community Development under Decision Gate 1. Review and complete Funding Agreement. Commence works on Phase 1 of project.</p>
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<p>Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2.</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects.</p>
<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2.</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects.</p>

<p><u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u></p>		
<p><u>Project</u></p>	<p><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></p>	<p><u>Next Stage</u></p>
<p>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2</p>	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are substantially completed. Defects Liability Period expired 23rd. December, 2022. Final snagging is completed. Site visit held with URDF Department Team in December 2022.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation and meetings are ongoing in regard to concept options. Extensive</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Public and stakeholder consultation on options together with the preparation of the options report including identification of the preferred option and preliminary design will be completed in Q2 of 2023. Part 8 Planning will commence in Q4</p>



	consultations ongoing with other statutory bodies. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed in Q3 2022.	2023 with completion in Q1 2024. Complete detailed design by end of Q2 2024. Cost estimate will be completed by end of Q3 2024.
Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Contractor appointed and works began on site mid-August, 2021 and are in progress. Site visit held with URDF Department Team in December 2022.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed for the plaza and public realm. Works commenced on site on 10th. June, 2021 and were substantially completed by December, 2022. Site visit held with URDF Department Team in December 2022.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub - Complete construction phase by end of Q1 2023 weather permitting.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works are substantially completed. Snagging to be undertaken.</p>
A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	Project Steering Group and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing. Consultants procured to review and update the Preliminary Business Case. Review of Preliminary Business Case completed and submitted to the Department on 16 th . June, 2022. Meeting held with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in relation to the Preliminary Business Case on 4 th . October, 2022. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Evaluation completed on tenders received under Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure prequalification process as advertised on the Official Journal of the EU. All tenderers notified in	Await response from the Department on further information submitted on 21 st . December, 2022. Finalise documentation for Stage 2 Restricted Procedure in compliance with procurement requirements. Submit Project Brief and Procurement Strategy to the Department for approval under Decision Gate 2-Pre-Tender Approval. Complete tendering process and assess tenders received for the engagement of a design team. Appoint the design team.



	<p>writing of the result of the Stage 1 process in August, 2022. Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 29th. November, 2022 under Decision Gate 1 together with requirement for submission of further information. Further information submitted by the Council on 21st. December, 2022. Documentation under Stage 2 Restricted Procedure being prepared. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified. Site visit held with URDF Department Team in December, 2022.</p>	
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PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

A new Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 for the entire county of Tipperary was made on the 11th July 2022 by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council. The new County Development Plan became effective on Monday the 22nd August and replaced the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, and the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010, as varied. From this date, and for six years, new development in Tipperary must reflect and embrace the planning vision, policies and objectives of the County Development Plan.

The County Development Plan will operate as a blueprint for the future development of the county. The publication of this Plan marks the culmination of a two-year process whereby the Plan was made by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council with the advice of the executive and in consultation with the public. This Plan is historic as it is the first ever all-county plan prepared for Tipperary, setting out a progressive and sustainable vision for our county.

The Plan will guide sustainable development for our communities through protecting our environment, reducing our energy demands, maintaining the viability of our towns, villages and rural communities and supporting job creation. The implementation of the plan will be monitored over its lifetime.

The new County Development Plan is set out over 5 Volumes and is available to view on the County Council webpage at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>.



Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place, progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced. The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment. Workshops have taken place with Elected members in October 2022, an Issues Paper published for each LAP and Public Consultation Events took place in November 2022. Further workshops will take place with the members over the coming months.

A draft Roscrea Local Area Plan will be published in Q1 2023 and further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

Draft Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles will be published in Summer 2023. Further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

As set out in Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All, a new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.

Draft maps were published on November 1st and were subject to a consultation period until January 1st. The submissions made are being assessed in accordance with the Section 28 Guidelines and



Circular NRUP 07/2022. Further review and assessment will be undertaken with Supplemental Maps to be published in May and final maps to be published in December 2023. The draft maps and submissions are available for inspection at the Council offices and on the Councils website.

[Residential Zoned Land Tax- RZLT | www.tipperarycoco.ie](https://www.tipperarycoco.ie)

A workshop was held with the Elected Members in January 2023.

Town Centre First (TCF) / Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town. The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 2023.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub.

The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



Kickham Barracks Plaza

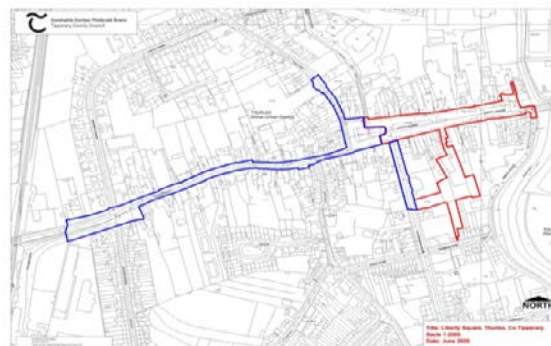


Clonmel Regional Sports Hub

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**



Liberty Square Phase 1 Completed



Liberty Square Phase 2 in Blue Shading

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located

in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr's Road Town Park, Martyr's Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence, Nenagh

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The

Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**

Completed Market Yard



River Ara Bridge which was funded under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme to facilitate the development of the proposed new walkway

River Ara Walkway-Opened December, 2022

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emlý Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to**

€3,003,445. Groundworks and pitches were funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland) who have also agreed to fund the stand and community annex of the pavilion. Revised project costings for Phases 1 and 2 now amount to €7,092,521. Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445.



Fethard Town Park



Pavilion

Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



Photomontage of Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

It comprises a Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €17,989,387 and RRDF grant amounts to €14,391,509.**



Photomontage of proposed improvements at Main Street, Castle Lane and Strand Lane, Carrick on Suir

A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



A Photomontage of the Proposed Cahir Square and Cahir Market House Business Centre

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



Existing



Thurles Market Quarter

Proposed

Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of



Tipperary County Council’s **‘Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing’**. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. The project was awarded

RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amount is €603,750.**

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Funding has been approved to prepare detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility using best practice and appropriate modern architectural intervention to provide excellent office, collaboration and meeting spaces. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre. The Hub will be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development through planning for the delivery of town centre homes. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**



Proposed Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Fourth Call, Category 1 Projects

Three applications have been submitted under the Fourth Call for Category 1 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 29th April, 2022 at 12 noon. All three applications were successful in securing grant funding.

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Bally Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures integrating best practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 1 on 10th November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €17,989,387. RRDF grant approved is €14,391,509 has been secured through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre which will be run by Cahir Development Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of-the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more



rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, coach parking, EV charging, and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €14,894,686. RRDF grant approved is €11,915,749 has been secured through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.**

Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age



Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water

service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €5,639,145. RRDF grant approved is €4,511,316 with Council cash match funding of €1,127,829 allocated to the project.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 2023

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people. Funding is available for successful projects (the minimum amount is €2,500 up to a maximum amount is €15,000 per application) subject to each owner fully matching the funding awarded.

The allocation for Tipperary County Council under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for 2023 is to **€126,400**. This year Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of €21,377 under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership.

The core aims of this fund are to:

- **enable** larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- **encourage** the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and to help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or culturally significant assets;
- **support** the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use;
- **support** employment in the conservation and construction industries;
- **build resilience** in our heritage properties to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

Funding for the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is being made available as part of *Project Ireland 2040*. Total funding available nationally under the Historic Structures Fund in 2023 will be **€4.5m**.

The Historic Structures Fund 2023 is structured as follows:

1. Stream 1 will offer grants **from €15,000 up to €50,000** and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.

2. Stream 1, Historic Shopfronts sub-stream – To incentivise the conservation of historic shopfronts, each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use. Local Authorities are also invited to make an additional application for Irish-language shopfronts.

3. Stream 2 will offer a small number of grants **from €50,000 up to €200,000** for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where:

- a. A clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated, or
- b. A clear residential benefit has been demonstrated (such projects must be advanced through the planning process as necessary)

A grant of over €200,000 may be awarded in exceptional circumstances where a case is made by the applicant in relation to the significance of the project and the works proposed.

4. Vernacular Structures Stream - In the context of the forthcoming strategy for built vernacular, the pilot stream for vernacular structures introduced in 2021 will be retained, with increased funding of €150,000. The purpose of the stream is to support conservation repairs and small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in local authority Records of Protected Structures or

otherwise legally protected. Such structures may be located within an Architectural Conservation Area. All local authorities can apply for funding for specific projects of between €5,000 and €10,000 for eligible projects.

Applications were invited up to and including the 23rd January, 2023. Following assessment of the applications by our Conservation Architect, a schedule of eligible projects will be submitted to the Department for consideration on or before the 10th February, 2023.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/22 to 31/12/22

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	327	318	9	0	0
Housing Development	22	22	0	3	1
NIA/EIA	12	12	0	0	0
Other Applications	741	728	13	5	1
Total	1102	1080	22	8	2

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 164 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st December 2022. During this period 182 Warning Letters, 29 Enforcement Notices were issued and 8 prosecutions were initiated.



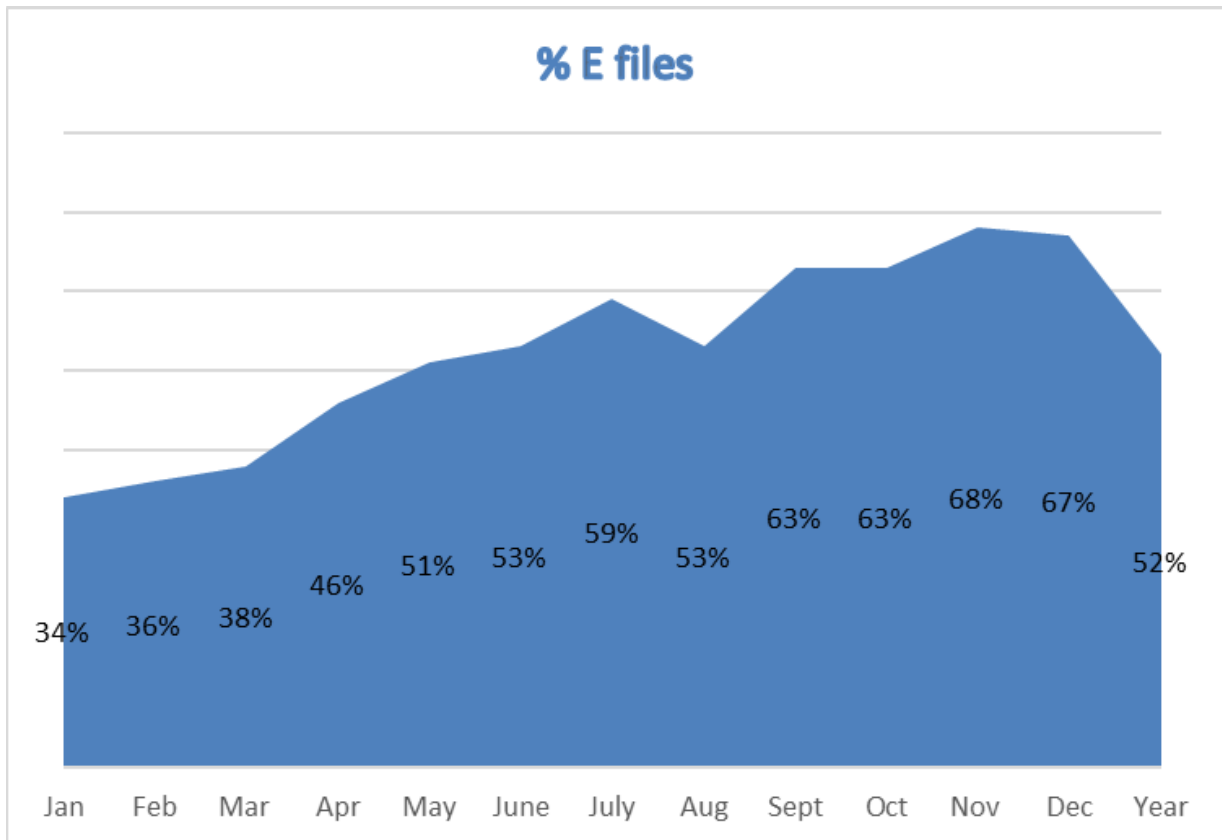
Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2022	Taken-in-Charge in 2023	Advertised in 2023	New Applications 2023
22	21	7	0	0	1

- 7 developments (202 housing units) were taken-in-charge by Tipperary County Council in 2022.
- No developments are currently with the Roads Section to be advertised for taking-in-charge.
- 1 new taking-in-charge application has been included for assessment as of 11th January 2023.
- Additionally, 4 developments have undergone jetting and CCTV surveying recently, before being issued to Irish Water for consideration.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. The percentage of planning applications submitted online continues to steadily increase. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received for 2022 in Tipperary. Since going live with submissions 37% of submissions received were online submissions. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and part 8 applications are now online with three applications from Tipperary currently on the planning portal. We continue to liaise with the other 11 iplan sites who have gone live on the planning portal in 2022. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live: Galway County, Westmeath, Kilkenny, Limerick, Waterford, Carlow, Clare, Louth, Mayo, Sligo and Laois. It is planned that the remaining iplan authorities will go live in the first half of 2023 and the apas/odsey planning authorities also.



Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference 2023.

Following the submission of a comprehensive expression of interest, Tipperary County Council is delighted to have been selected to host the Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference, 2023. The conference is scheduled to take place in Clonmel and will be a two day event in April 2023. A working group has been established to organise and agree the scope of the conference and will provide an opportunity to showcase the best Tipperary has to offer.

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Four meetings of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC were held in 2022. At the first meeting held on 6th April 2022 an update on the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 was given and a presentation was also given on the preparation of Local Area Plans for Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles and on the Finance Act 2021 – Residential Zoned Land Tax.

At the second meeting held on 17th May 2022 Anne Marie Devaney gave an update on the current stage of the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer gave an E-Planning project update.



At the third meeting on 30th September 2022 Anne Marie Devaney, Acting Senior Planner gave a presentation to the meeting on the topic of Housing Delivery and Brian Clancy, Administrative Officer gave a presentation on E-Planning and Part 8s update.

The fourth and final meeting for the year held on 7th November 2022 was a Joint Meeting with the Housing SPC where a presentation was given by representatives from the Construction Industry Federation on Housing Delivery.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with MW regional steering & working groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Proposal from Inoni on how to proceed received and currently under consideration.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2023 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2023 – successfully certified to both standards</p> <p>New fire kit has been put into operation across the county</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan</p>
Fire Safety	<p>Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2023</p>	<p>Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Cashel Fire Station	Construction underway with planned completion date of Oct 2023	Ongoing monitoring of progress
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Final design meeting held with Emergency One and TFRS	Delivery expected in March 2023

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 27th January 2023
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	97
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	5
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	18
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	8
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	13
Number of Commencement Notices Received	23

New Firefighting Kit

In late 2022 Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service took delivery of two new sets of structural fire kit for every firefighter in the county at a total cost of approximately €350k. There have been significant developments over the past 5 years in terms of thermal performance, damage resistance and the lightweight design and comfort of new kits. We have been monitoring these developments for some time and felt that now is an optimal time to invest in our kits. Developments across the sector have seen a move towards the gold coloured kits for ease of decontamination. The kits have all been individually sized and represent the first time that such a bulk procurement of PPE has been undertaken in the service.



Members of Newport Fire Brigade displaying their new fire kit

Members of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service Receive Long Service Awards


On Thursday, November 17th the long service of a number of members of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, as well as other Fire Services nationally, was recognised at an official function organised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The function was held at the Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim Co. Meath and acknowledged both 20 and 30 year lengths of service. A total of 15 members of the service, both serving and retired, received awards on the day.



Those that attended for the ceremony were from L-R. Paddy Moloney FF, Terence O'Mahony SSO, John Lee SSO, Roger Kennedy Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Co. Co. John McCarthy SO (30), James Shanahan FF, Joe Tynan FF and John Shinnars SACFO.

Medals were also awarded to the following members who were unable to attend on the day. Tony Duggan Ret FF (30), Dan Kennedy Ret SO (30), P.J. O'Brien SO (30), Ray O'Leary SACFO (30), Wm O'Reilly SSO (30). Kevin Murray Ret SSO, Eamonn Murphy Ret FF, Tadhg O'Driscoll CFO Seconded.

Civil Defence

Activities	Ukrainian Response
<p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to be involved in the response to the Ukrainian Crisis assisting with operations in both Littleton and Clonmel Rest Centers. Civil Defence continues to assist the Housing Section with the provision of transport for residents being re housed or placed in more long-term accommodation. Assistance is also given to take residents to the local INTRO Offices and Health Facilities. Tipperary Civil Defence Officer is a member Tipperary County Council Ukrainian Response Team and also the Ukrainian Community Response Forum</p>
<p>Health & Safety Risk Assessment Review</p> <p>Community Support & Duties</p>	<p>Civil Defence are currently reviewing our Risk Assessments for our activities, including operations and related activities in the rest centers. We have made application for internal audits to be conducted in March.</p> <p>Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first aid and ambulance cover at an array of event over the last few weeks</p> <p>Volunteers provided first aid cover to Tipperary County Council Christmas event in Clonmel, including Santa coming to town, the Santa Dash and events held in the new Town Plaza.</p> <div data-bbox="603 1245 1203 1906" data-label="Image">  </div> <p><i>Tipperary County Council Staff and Civil Defence involved in Christmas Santa Coming to Town in December 2022</i></p>

Presentation of COVID recognition medals in Croke Park, Dublin

Tipperary Volunteers were honored to attend a national ceremony and medal presentation in Croke Park in Dublin to recognize the outstanding commitment, professionalism and community spirit demonstrated by our volunteers throughout the COVID 19 crisis. Recognition medals were presented to volunteers by Minister Simon Convey. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the HSE and the National Ambulance Service along with our colleagues in the Department of Defence.

A local ceremony will be held to present medals to those who could not attend on the day.



A/Director of Service Brian Beck, Officers and Volunteers attending COVID 19 Recognition Medals in Croke Park

We are recruiting



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Library Service



- Nenagh Library held a Christmas Pyjama Night on 13th December. Hot chocolate was provided and a story time and singalong were the highlights of the night.



- Nenagh Library held a Christmas Coffee morning on 19th December. Staff welcomed pupils from St. Cronan's and Enable Ireland on the day and were delighted to be joined by pupils from Margaret McCabe's special class in the CBS. In addition, staff organised for two therapy dogs Beau and Daisy to visit and they mixed with everyone on the day.



L to R Library staff member Margaret Ryan, John Joe Conwell, who headed up the Certificate of Local History course at UL, author Lisa McGeeney and Cllr Joe Hannigan

- Nenagh Library hosted the launch of Lisa McGeeney's local history book *'Nursing and Midwifery in the poor-law Unions of Borrisokane and Nenagh, 1882 – 1922'* on 17th January. The event was very well attended.
- Thurles Library held a workshop on the sensory Magic Table Workshop with students and 2 staff members from Rehab Care Day Centre on 12th December.



- Thurles Library held a Christmas Wreath & Centrepiece Demonstration for the Craft Group on 12th December. There were twenty-two participants.



Students from Gaelscoil Durlas with Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Thurles MD

- Thurles Library hosted a Christmas Coffee Morning with Carol Singing by Gaelscoil Durlas. Over one hundred and twenty-five people attended the event.
- Clonmel Library held an **Irish Sign language Christmas Storytime** with Pat Glavin Mary Kiely and Mary Dermody on 22nd December. There was great fun with a raffle hot chocolate and marshmallows. Over 30 children attended the event



- Clonmel Library held its inaugural FIFA PS4 competition to celebrate the World Cup. Danny Arrigan won the competition and received his prize on 17th December.



L to R. Cllr Pat English, Mayor of Clonmel BD, Anne Marie Mullins, Clonmel Library and Brother Stephen O'Kane, OFM

- Clonmel Library, accepted a donation of over 100 titles from the Franciscan Friary's library collection. These titles were donated on 9th January with Anne Marie Mullins, Clonmel Library accepting the donation on behalf of Tipperary County Council. This collection is currently being catalogued and will be available to the people of Clonmel in the near future.



- Cashel Library held a Christmas Arts and Crafts Workshop for Children on 10th December. The event was very well attended.



Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council with Suzanne Brosnan, Cashel Library

- Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council launched the new ACORN tablet lending service in Cashel Library on 14th December. ACORN is Ireland's first Age-Friendly smart tablet. It is Irish made and designed with the older person in mind. It is easy to use,

easy to navigate and uncluttered, making online communication and access to the internet simple and rewarding for even the most inexperienced user. To borrow an ACORN tablet, you just need to be a member of the library. It is FREE to join the library and users can access Wi-Fi in all Tipperary Libraries FREE of charge.



- As part of the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project, Cashel Library held a Line Dancing & Story-time afternoon on 14th December.



- Cashel Library hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Talk on 26th January. This talk was facilitated by Juliette O'Connell Outreach Co-

ordinator with Breast Cancer Ireland. Juliette who is a cancer survivor herself discussed her own story, advancements in cancer research, signs and symptoms of breast cancer and how to self-check. This talk was part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library held a singalong with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th class boys from the CBS Greenschool and 2nd and 3rd class girls from the Presentation Primary. The children sang Christmas songs, and the boys sang the local 'Two Carrick Smashers'. This event was held as part of Family Time at Your Library programme.
- Carrick-on-Suir hosted the launch of Mark Roper's new poetry collection 'Beyond Stillness' on 14th December. Mark, who was introduced by author Margaret O'Brien, spoke about his new poetry and read from the collection.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a Live music gig held in conjunction with the Tudor Artisan Hub on 11th January. Singer songwriter Niall McCabe, from Clare Island Mayo, played for over an hour and regaled the audience with stories and songs about life on Clare Island and the inspiration for his music. He was introduced by Linda Fahy from the Tudor Artisan Hub and Niall's music was very well received by the audience. There were over sixty people in attendance



- Templemore Library hosted 'Cocoon Art' Fundraising Evening on 8th December. Margaret Ryan and her family were fundraising for the North Tipperary Hospice by selling her art work and holding a raffle on the night. Over seventy people were in attendance and Margaret raised over €4,000 for the hospice



- Templemore Library hosted an Early Years Music Workshop for children aged 2-6 years on 12th December. This workshop was provided by Avril Kinane of Music Generation Tipperary. There were sixteen children in attendance.
- Templemore Library held Christmas Storytime and Sing-along on 21st December as part of the Family

Time at Your Library initiative.
There were 26 in attendance.



- Killenaule Library hosted a workshop by Emily O'Brien, Youth and Community Engagement Worker with Jigsaw Tipperary, entitled "My Mental Health - What Helps". The workshop took place on 1st December and was attended by students from the LCA class at Scoil Ruain, Killenaule.



- Killenaule Library hosted a "Tea, chat and a sing-song" session on 22nd December. This event included Christmas goodies and Christmas songs.
- Tipperary Town Library hosted a talk by Caroline Darmody from Croí on 8th December. Caroline spoke with residents from Tipperary Town about heart disease and stroke prevention.



- Staff in Tipperary Town Library organised a Children's Christmas Flower arrangement workshop on 22nd December. All participants made a Christmas piece which they were then able to take home.



- Tipperary Town Library held a Children's Christmas party on 21st December. Storyteller and author Michelle Tobin visited the Library and there was with a surprise from visit Santa who gave treats to all who attended.

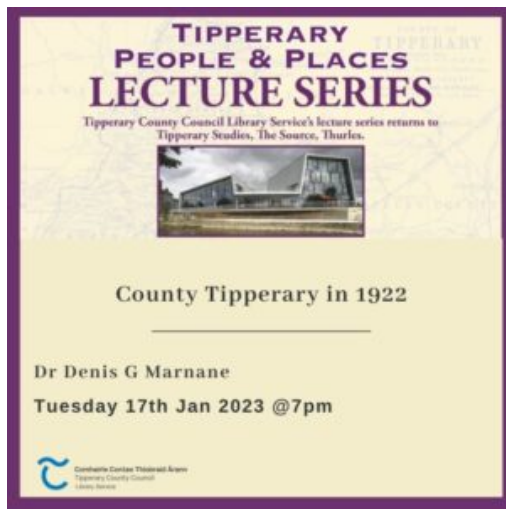
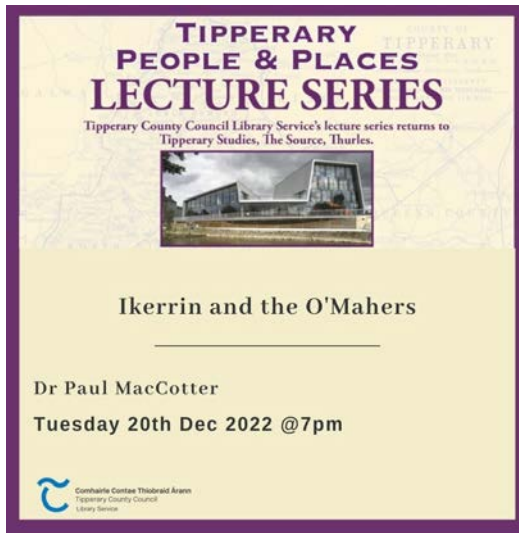


- Shane O'Connor and Liam Carew, the winners of the BT Young scientist of the year award 2023, visited Tipperary Town Library on 17th January.

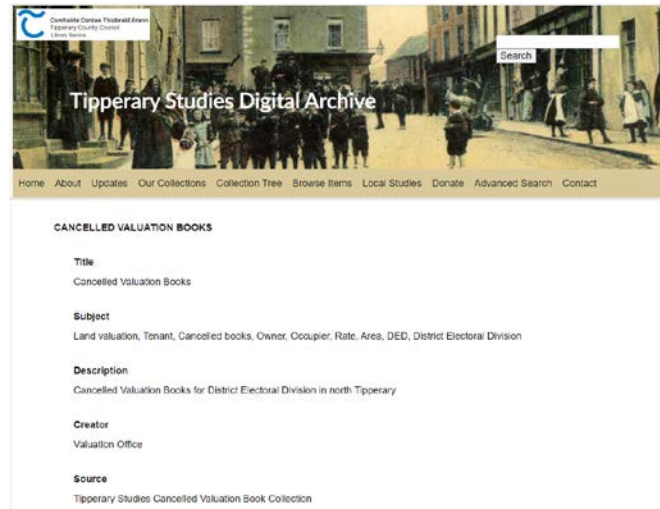


- Roscrea Library held a Christmas Storytime for Children on 20th December. All those who attended were given a Christmas craft bag to take home.

Tipperary Studies



- Dr Paul MacCotter gave a talk entitled *Ikerrin and the O'Mahers* on 20th December as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.
- Dr Des Murnane gave a talk entitled *County Tipperary in 1922* on 17th January as part of the Tipperary People and Place Lecture Series.



- The latest genealogical collection to be uploaded to the Tipperary Studies Website are the cancelled Valuation Books for north Tipperary. Divided into 75 District Electoral Divisions (DED), the first release of the material covers 23 DEDs, and totals 56 volumes of rich genealogical data, ranging from 1902 to 1917, and in so doing, they cover the 1901 and 1911 census returns and then on into the later years of the 1910s. These cancelled valuation books may be used to trace the occupiers of a particular property over a period of a number of years, in many instances from the early 1900s to 1917. There are three cancelled volumes surviving for many DEDs, while for others there are only two volumes available. This new collection can be viewed at: <https://www.tippstudiesdigital.ie/collections/show/87>

Arts Service

Age Friendly Roscrea



- In late 2022, the Tipperary Arts Office approached Roscrea's Age Friendly Group with a view to partnering on a community inclusion project. Recognising Roscrea Age Friendly group's use of creativity and the arts to encourage participation, preliminary discussions began. The aim of the project is to create a piece of work that will reflect the history of the area, the traditions that have come through the generations and in doing so provide a wealth of rich material that will give story and energy to the next generation. To begin, artist, nature photographer and author Tina Claffey, visited the group and presented photographs and information on her book 'Portal', an immersive visual representation of Ireland's bogs, which prompted in depth conversation about place, culture and creativity. In recent weeks, artist and filmmaker Michael Fortune led a series of workshops on investigative folklore where the group explored traditional beliefs, customs, rituals and crafts. Michael

is now in the final stages of compiling a selection of portrait photos and video interviews, which will yield a collection of folklore unique to the Age Friendly Roscrea group, that covers many aspects of every day traditions and customs in their area. This project will culminate in a public screening event in the coming months.

Ukrainian Health and Well-being Support Fund

- The Tipperary Arts office recently secured funding to develop a series of arts engagement opportunities at congregated Ukrainian rest centres across Tipperary. The funding for this intervention has been made available through the Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing Support Fund, the purpose of which is to promote health and wellbeing of Ukrainian refugees who have sought protection in Ireland. We are currently developing a series of positive and rewarding high quality artistic experiences across three sites in the county in February 2023. Artists working in various art forms including music and visual arts will host workshops at each centre with the aim of providing positive and rewarding high quality artistic experiences that will enhance social and communication skills, promote inclusivity, support the mental health and well-being of participants and enhance self-esteem. The proposed locations are Clonmel, Littleton and Dundrum, with the potential number of participants estimated in the region of two hundred people of all ages.

- **Artist Support Schemes** support artist's professional development across artforms and encourage artists and creative practitioners to live and work in Tipperary which is central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. A range of support schemes provided direct grant support to 23 artists in 2022 in Music, Theatre, Literature, Illustration and the Visual Arts. Professional development training and events, in addition to supporting artists development, also provide important networking opportunities for artists in Tipperary and is an area of arts office support consistently identified by artists as of value. This spring we continue our online training provision in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and partner local authorities in Limerick and Clare. In early January 2023, VAI hosted a webinar with one to one clinic providing information on making funding applications for artists and a webinar on Socially Engaged Practice will take place on Thursday 2nd February, 2023. These webinars are free of charge to Tipperary artists.
- **Tipperary Artists Awards** – intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences.
- **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Award** - Tipperary County Council will fund two bursary awards to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the

County Monaghan workplace for artists.



- A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county were advertised in December for 2023 as follows:
Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme – intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts in the county. **Closing date is Friday 17th February 2023 at 12 noon.**
- **Local Drama Scheme** - Up to two development awards annually to assist groups in developing skills within the group/enhancing production values/availing of further training/availing of professional input or for other development needs/special projects.
- **Closing date for above schemes is Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 12 noon.**
- The Arts Office also co-ordinates the **Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme** on behalf of Tipperary County Council which supports

festivals throughout the county. **The closing date for 2023 is Tuesday 31st January at 12 noon.**

- The aim of the **Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme** is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be planned between the artist and the school. Eight projects across a range of artistic disciplines ranging from animation to visual arts, storytelling and drama took place in Tipperary schools during 2022 engaging 834 pupils in a creative arts programme. The 2023 scheme is currently open for applications with a **closing date of 10th February next.**



Kilbarron N.S. project with Gerardine Wisdom

PRINTS FOR SCHOOLS Initiative:



- An opportunity for Second Level Schools to utilise unique artworks in curriculum delivery. An exhibition of 32 contemporary prints by Irish artists is available to borrow from the Tipperary Arts Office for cultural and educational purposes. The prints are specially packed for easy handling and transport and include works by well-known Irish Printmakers including Alice Hanratty, Des Mac Mahon and David Lilburn. In addition, printmaking workshops will be offered to participating schools while the exhibition is in the school. The Exhibition visited three venues in 2022 and was viewed and utilised by 1067 students.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions:

- The priority for 2023 will be the revision of the Heritage Plan. The SPC was briefed in their December meeting and work on this will commence in February. It is expected to have a draft in place by June.
- A funding application has been submitted to the Heritage Council for this year's programme and includes provision for a Heritage Week Grant Scheme, following on from the success of last year's pilot. The application for 2023 includes a film project exploring the extraordinary life of Charles Bianconi; an Archaeology Ireland Supplement on Cahir; a seminar for owners of Historic properties in collaboration with the Planning Dept and the Museum of Hidden History and a small seed fund to activate the Heritage Action Plan developed for Templemore last year.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- The Heritage Office received confirmation from the Heritage Council in January that Tipperary County Council has been accepted onto the Heritage Councils Biodiversity Officer Scheme. Recruitment for the post will take place very shortly.
- In advance of the recruitment of a Biodiversity Officer application will be made to the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund which is now open which will be handed over when they are in post.

Irish Walled Towns Network

- The Walled Towns of Tipperary will be launched in the coming weeks.
- To date the funding scheme for 2023 has not yet gone live

Community Monuments Fund

- Applications are currently being assessed for this year's scheme. The Heritage Office oversaw four projects last year and succeeded in getting additional funds for Kilnarath Graveyard which turned out to be a very complex site. This project was done in collaboration with Ruairi Boland of the Environment Section





takes place in June every year. It's a chance to try out new creative things and we would like you to help us choose them. All events are provided free of charge funded by Creative Ireland through Tipperary County Council.

Royal Sites Bid

- The work plan for this year is currently being prepared. The key priority for first quarter of 2023 is the completion of the mapping the OUV (outstanding universal value) exercise for all sites

Commemorations Programme:

- The Heritage Office is waiting on confirmation of funding but are working up the guidelines for this year's scheme

Creative Ireland Programme:

- A new Creative Ireland Strategy 2023-2027 will be launched by Minister O'Brien and Minister Martin in Dublin this month



- Tipperary's Cruinniú na nÓg - Youth Creativity Day - Saturday 10th June 2023. Cruinniú na nÓg is a creative festival for children and young people (up to 18yrs) that

Museum Service

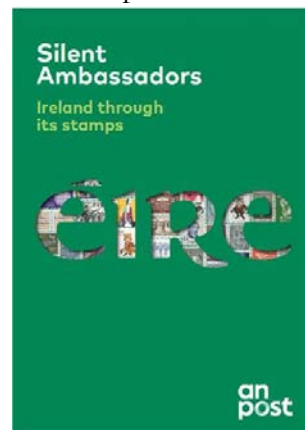


- The Museum’s January lecture took place on 7th January. The lecture entitled ‘The Lost Legacy of William Leeson - His Tipperary Houses’ was delivered by John Flannery. The lecture looked at William Leeson who was responsible for designing many major houses in Tipperary and Galway during the 18th century. In 1767 Leeson also won a competition for the layout of the town of Westport and it is thanks to his design and vision that the town exists in its present form. Sadly, all of Leeson’s Tipperary Houses (apart from one) have fallen victim to the ravages of time and have all but disappeared from the landscape. This lecture can be viewed <https://www.hiddenhistory.ie/event/lecture-04-the-lost-legacy-of-william-leeson-his-tipperary-houses>



Pictured Left to right AnneMarie Mullins, Clonmel Library, Bernard Prendergast, Old St. Mary’s Church, Jayne Sutcliffe, Tipperary Museum, Br Stephen O’Kane OFM, Cllr Pat English, Cathaoirleach Clonmel MD, Donal Moore, Consultant Archivist

- The Museum accepted a donation several stones from the Franciscan Friary, some highly decorated with detailed carvings and water fonts. Included in the donation was a water font originally from Old St. Mary’s Church which has now been returned to the Church. Staff at Tipperary Museum are very grateful to the Friars for their generosity and to Consultant Archivist Donal Moore for his assistance.
- The Museum hosted a workshop on 3rd December with living history specialist Melissa Shiels. The workshop consisted of an interactive costumed session on Victorian Christmas tradition. Over sixty people were in attendance
- A significant donation of items and archives related to W.D.Hemphill has been donated by his granddaughter Wendy Earle. This significantly adds to the collection the Museum already hold on Hemphill.



- Museum staff have worked in conjunction with Stephen Ferguson, Curator and Archivist for An Post to create an exhibition in relation to the Centenary celebration of the Irish stamp. This exhibition can now be

on Tipperary Museum Website
(www.hiddenhistory.ie)

- Over 250 pupils from local Primary Schools visited the Civil War Exhibition in December.



- Museum Staff have prepared a step by step guide to making a St. Brigid's Day Cross. This guide and an information piece on St Brigid can be viewed on the Museum website (www.hiddenhistory.ie)



- **Heritage Stewardship Scheme Exhibition:** In 2022 the Museum applied for and received grant funding from the Heritage Council under its Heritage Stewardship

scheme for a pilot project that involved the transfer of traditional skills amongst diverse communities. Two groups were selected to work on the project – a group of young male students attending Colaiste Sliabh na mBan, Ferry House and a group of Syrian women living in Clonmel. Two traditional craft workers were appointed as the heritage specialists – Philip Quinn, Stonemason to work with the boys and Leisa Grey textile artist with the ladies. Each group attended a number of workshops from May to September 2022. During the session's participants were taught the traditional craft skills of stone carving and sewing. Participants were tasked with each producing a piece after the sessions. These textile and stone sculptures were then curated to form an exhibition in the Museum corridor which was launched on December 1st.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th November 2022

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	46,950,109	35,690,209	132%	(11,259,900)	46,418,368	35,077,493	132%	(11,340,875)	(531,740)
B	Road Transport & Safety	57,122,696	63,153,614	90%	6,030,918	41,206,615	45,927,680	90%	4,721,065	(15,916,081)
C	Water Services	13,583,946	15,244,178	89%	1,660,232	12,682,383	14,765,786	86%	2,083,403	(901,563)
D	Development Management	15,471,395	15,850,550	98%	379,155	7,367,265	6,380,079	115%	(987,186)	(8,104,129)
E	Environmental Services	28,394,389	31,977,857	89%	3,583,468	12,286,889	14,729,511	83%	2,442,622	(16,107,500)
F	Recreation & Amenity	13,443,250	14,249,629	94%	806,379	2,668,004	2,752,501	97%	84,497	(10,775,246)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,619,927	1,934,033	84%	314,106	1,156,314	1,294,655	89%	138,341	(463,613)
H	Miscellaneous Services	16,372,546	16,129,983	102%	(242,563)	12,177,971	10,623,380	115%	(1,554,591)	(4,194,575)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	24,895,719	27,158,966	92%	2,263,247	24,895,719
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	31,770,482	35,520,002	89%	3,749,520	31,770,482
Totals		192,958,259	194,230,053	99%	1,271,794	192,630,011	194,230,053	99%	1,600,042	(328,248)



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th November 2022

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	35,866,958	33,867,744
B Road Transport & Safety	19,377,558	17,026,063
C Water Services	3,568,286	3,131,871
D Development Management	16,093,537	17,137,378
E Environmental Services	2,216,519	1,529,837
F Recreation & Amenity	1,822,224	850,654
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	383,026	278,942
H Miscellaneous Services	2,010,981	1,711,583
Total	81,339,089	75,534,072

Collection Rates	YTD 202211	YTD 202111	YTD 202112
Rates	76%	76%	83%
Rents	88%	95%	97%
Housing Loans	97%	99%	94%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2021 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.
- 2021 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €7.54m, the corresponding figure for 2022 is €0.8m
- 2021 figures include credit brought forward of €3.04m, the corresponding figure for 2022 is €1.41m.

COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2022 amounted to **€35,531,577**. As at 31/12/2022 this has been adjusted to **€34,610,990** following appeal results from the Valuation Tribunal, and also revisions to the Irish Water and Three Ireland (Hutchison) Global Valuation. This may be adjusted further downwards as results from other appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019 are decided.

Receipts of **€32,304,387** were recorded to 31/12/2022. This figure includes deferred income from 2021 in the amount of €1,413,800 – this arose where customer accounts were in credit at the end of 2021 due to the application of the 2021 Covid relief waiver.

Further adjustments, mainly in relation to vacant properties and bad debts, will be made to accounts before figures for 2022 are finalised.

COVID 19 COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The 2022 Covid19 Rates Waiver Scheme has been applied to customer accounts, in the amount of €797,075. This is restricted to certain uses within the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism categories.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

1,346 customers benefitted from our Early Payment Scheme in 2021, achieving total reductions in their rates of €92,304

Preliminary Figures for 2022 show an increased take up on the scheme with 1,760 (38%) customers making savings of €187,991.

The terms for our Early Payment Scheme for 2023 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €26,000.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2023.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2022.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.



Drop in clinics were held in December to promote and explain the benefits of the 2023 Early Payment Scheme and a second round of clinics will be hosted at the below locations on the dates and times outlined.

Date	Location	Times
Monday 20/02/2023	Tipperary - Cahir – Cashel Municipal District Office, Rosanna Street, Tipperary Town	10.00 – 12.00
Tuesday 21/02/2023	Thurles Municipal District Office, Castle Avenue, Thurles	10.00 – 12.00
Wednesday 22/02/2023	Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh	10:00 – 12.00
Thursday 23/02/2023	Carrick-On-Suir Municipal District Office, New Street, Carrick-On-Suir	10.00 – 12.00
Friday 24/02/2023	Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel	11.00 – 01.00

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.

Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	85% Vacancy Relief 15% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	70% Vacancy Relief 30% to be paid

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business Systems & GIS

Finance

Agresso Upgrade project.

- The Live MS4 to MS7 was completed with all interfaces upgraded. The E-Invoicing is in place but not in use yet.
- In process of moving the MS4 South Tipp (L1 to L5) to the new MS7 servers. Once complete, it is planned to decommission the 6 old servers (live and test environments).

Housing

- The live and test iHouse were upgraded to v3.8 in November and subsequently to v3.8.3 on 04/01/2023 to v3.8.3; this was a major upgrade with iHouse forms being upgraded. This included the SSHA Reporting. There have been some issues but they have been supported and resolved promptly.
- An Azure pipeline from I-House external contractor to our servers is being considered. This will allow upgrades to be completed more efficiently
- Continued to support CBL. There have been nearly 100,000 logins to date. Change requests to improve the system are being considered e.g. email notification to successful\unsuccessful applicants who expressed an interest in a property.

CRM Systems:

Housing Complaints System to be upgraded over the coming Quarter.

GIS

- Provided map represented data for other sections.
- Facilitated provision of 3rd Party maps.
- Renewed GIS licencing
- Working on a violence and aggression register for Health and Safety system in conjunction with Health and Safety
- Updated ESB & Gas network maps
- Local improvement GIS for roads completed.

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.

Website and eDevelopment

- Successfully launched new council website, tipperarycoco.ie

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

- Provided facilities (laptops, screens, vpns, softphones, etc) to staff as part of blended working rollout.
- Commenced upgrade of Exchange Environment to on Prem Exchange 2019
- Setup staff in Cahir Erasmus Smith Building

All Teams

- Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, phones, desktop, devices and network systems