



Management Report to Council



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Broadband

Digital connectivity –

National Broadband Plan (NBP)

The National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the Government’s initiative to deliver high-speed broadband services to all premises in Ireland. This will be delivered through investment by commercial enterprises coupled with intervention by the State in those parts of the country where private companies have no plans to invest. High-speed broadband services will be delivered to every premise in Ireland through a combination of –

- a. **Commercial investment** by the telecommunications sector within an area (known as the (NBP) Commercial (BLUE) area)
- b. **State intervention** in those areas where commercial providers acting alone will not provide this service (known as the (NBP) State led-Intervention (AMBER) area)

Table 1 below identifies the total number of Premises in County Tipperary per National Broadband Plan (NBP) statistics

National Broadband Plan (NBP) – County Tipperary Statistics ¹		
Total Number of Premises	85,278	
Number of Premises situate in the (NBP) State led-Intervention (AMBER) Area	30,490	36%
Number of Premises situate in the (NBP) Commercial Investment (BLUE) Area	54,788	64%

Note ¹ data sourced from - <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5634d-national-broadband-plan-map/>

1. (NBP) State Led-Intervention Area known as the “AMBER” area

To deliver the National Broadband Plan (NBP) State led-Intervention “AMBER” area, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) went through a rigorous procurement process to choose a company to design, build, operate, and manage a new high-speed Fibre broadband network on behalf of the state.

Following the award of this state led-contract to Granahan McCourt in November 2019 – a new Irish registered company, namely National Broadband Ireland (NBI™) was incorporated and together with their build partners - including KN Group, Actavo, TLI, and Secto. Nokia is providing all the active equipment for the project

and 4Site is NBI's network design partner – have commenced the roll-out of high-speed Fibre broadband to every home, business, Farm, and school (regardless of how rural or remote) in the National Broadband Plan (NBP) state led- Intervention “AMBER” Area in the Country.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) to date has identified more than 30,490 premises (which are situated within the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area) in County Tipperary that require access to high-speed Fibre broadband; and including;

- 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs),
- 35 rural BCPs – National Schools
- 19,960 homes,
- 3,965 Farms,
- 5,334 residential/ commercial businesses and
- 1,210 commercial

In June 2021, NBI™ commenced the large-scale roll-out of high-speed fibre Network cable across the county and the current build status & projected delivery time-Frames (as per End April 2023) for each of the twenty-two (22) Deployment Area (s) situate in the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area in County Tipperary are shown on **Table 2** below –

NBITM Deployment Area	Status	Anticipated Date for Connection ²
CLONMEL (R)	Available to Order/Pre-Order	Available to Order/Pre-Order
GORT	Available to Order/Pre-Order	Available to Order/Pre-Order
JOHNSTOWN	Available to Order/Pre-Order	Available to Order/Pre-Order
ROSCREA (R)	Available to Order/Pre-Order	Available to Order/Pre-Order

TIPPERARY (R)	Available to Order/Pre-Order	Available to Order/Pre-Order
CARRICK-ON-SUIR	Network Build in Progress	January 2024 - June 2024
CASHEL	Network Build in Progress	July 2023 - September 2023
HOSPITAL	Network Build in Progress	January 2024 - June 2024
MULLINAHONE	Network Build in Progress	January 2024 - June 2024
NENAGH	Network Build in Progress	January 2024 - June 2024
BALLINAMULT	Survey Complete	January 2025 - December 2026
BALLINDERRY	Survey Complete	January 2025 - December 2026
BANAGHER	Survey Complete	January 2025 - December 2026
CAHIR	Network Build in Progress	July 2024 – December 2024
HOLLYFORD	Network build is planned to commence in July, 2023	January 2025 - December 2026
TALLOW	Network Build in Progress	July 2024 - December 2024
TEMPLEMORE	Survey Complete	January 2025 - December 2026
BIRR	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
LITTLETON	Survey Pending	January 2025 -

		December 2026
MITCHELSTOWN	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
NEWPORT	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
OGONNELLOE	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
Additional Premises	NA	TBC

Note: these dates provided above are estimated and based on the current view of NBI™

Each of the aforementioned (NBP) NBI™ Deployment Area spans a distance of approximately 20 Km and is built around a central Local or Regional Exchange building housing NBI™ OLT active Equipment. There are three (3) NBI™ Regional Exchanges in the County and located in the towns of Roscrea, Tipperary Town, and Clonmel. These Regional Exchange buildings connect, via existing high-speed Fibre Networks, to a new NBI™ Data Centre in Dublin.

The current NBI™ Update / Progress Figures for County Tipperary (per end April 2023) are shown in Table 3 below-

a	Total number of - NBP State led- Intervention Area Premises covered in Tipperary: 30,490
b	Total number of – Premises not yet “Surveyed” by NBI™: 4,304 premises (14%) (100% of Tipperary premises will be Surveyed by the end 2023)
c	Total number of - NBI™ (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area Premises PASSED with Fibre and are “BUILD COMPLETE” and available to Customers to place an Order for a high-speed broadband

	connection with a Retail Service Provider: 5, 872 (19%)
d	Total number of – Premises with “BUILD IN PROGRESS” is 12,203 (40% of the overall Total) Currently working in Seven (7) NBI™ Deployment Areas (as shown in Table 2) In total, over 60 NBI™ Planning applications have been determined (under Section 254 of the planning act, 2000 (as amended) by Tipperary County Council to date, for development consisting of placing 1,289 poles and 3,242 Km of new Fibre Network cable. Additionally, over 320 NBI™ Road Opening Licence (ROL) applications have been submitted and approved by Tipperary County Council to date (excludes Eir Ltd FMR ROL applications)
e.	Over 70% of Tipperary premises will have the Network build completed by End 2024
f.	Total number of – “New Customer Connections” to the NBI™ Fibre Network in Tipperary: 1,822 (May 2023) (31% UPTAKE on Premises PASSED by NBI™) “The take-up for new NBI™ Customer Connections is exceeding Expectations and shows a high level of Interest for high-speed Fibre broadband services in Rural Tipperary”

Table 4 below – identifies the

Projected delivery time-Frames for NBI™ to Complete the delivery of the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area in County Tipperary

Year	Survey Complete	Build Commencing	Build Complete
2020	20%	10%	
2021	51%	20%	

2022	86%	61%	20%
2023	100%	98%	51%
2024		100%	72%
2025			98%
2026			100%
2027			
2028			

National Broadband Ireland - NBI™ does not sell broadband services to Customers. They operate a Wholesale service where they partner with Retail Service Providers (RSPs) throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customers door – see link <https://nbi.ie/where-can-i-buy/>

2. Connected Communities – the (NBP) Broadband Connection Point Initiative

The (NBP) Broadband Connection Point Initiative will unlock the potential in our Rural communities.



Whether that is connected to work, the creative arts, eHealth, educational support, or business support, the BCPs will be supported to provide the digital services that their communities need.

“These premises are not merely a stop-gap measure ahead of the arrival of the National Broadband Plan, it is our hope that they will instead become long-term community assets, fixtures of their communities, providing next-generation services to Ireland’s rural heartlands.”

High-quality digital connectivity offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform rural Ireland. It will support the sustainability of rural communities by enabling more people to continue to live and work in rural locations and encouraging others to relocate to rural areas. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of digital connectivity in supporting many aspects of our daily lives. Throughout the crisis, digital connectivity helped many people to avoid becoming socially isolated; it enabled students to continue their education through on-line learning; and it demonstrated its potential to support economic activity through remote working and the delivery of services online.

Improved connectivity and digital innovation will help communities to have greater outreach.

It will support older people to live independently in their communities, but with access to more support and services through connected technologies.

It will mean a better quality of life for rural dwellers, enabling people to access online information and resources including the provision of online services such as education and personalised health care. In the longer term, it is envisaged that many of the BCPs will act as a central point for the provision of digital services in the community.

The (NBP) BCP delivery Programme is now completed in County Tipperary and the following Broadband Connection Points have been connected and are providing high-speed broadband WiFi services to members of the public;

- 1) **ROSSMORE COMMUNITY HALL,**
ROSSMORE, CASHEL, E25D429
- 2) **DROM COMMUNITY HALL,** DROM,
BORRISOLEIGH, THURLES, E41X285
- 3) **CURREENEY COMMUNITY HALL,**
CURREENEY, KILCOMMON,
THURLES, E41XC62
- 4) **AGLISH COMMUNITY HALL,**
AGLISH, ROSCREA, E53E132
- 5) **KILLURNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE,** KILLURNEY,
BALLYPATRICK, CLONMEL,
E91H7W4

- 6) **MOYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL,** MOYGLASS, FETHARD, E91WK25
- 7) **KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE,** KILLOSCULLY, NEWPORT, V94FK20
- 8) **KILLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE,** KILLEA, TEMPLEMORE, E41T6Y0THE
- 9) **PAVILLION, BALLINDERRY SPORTSFIELD,** BALLINDERRY, NENAGH, E45 F627
- 10) **BALLINAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE,** ROSSFINCH, BALLINAHINCH, BIRDHILL, V94 CVC0
- 11) **BOHER PARISH HALL,** BOHER, BALLINA, V94 EY06
- 12) **FANURE COMMUNITY HALL,** FANURE, ROSCREA, E53 AE02
- 13) **KILCOLEMAN COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE,** BURGESS GAA CLUB, PAIRC NA NGAEL, KILCOLEMAN, NEWTOWN, NENAGH, E45 YH76
- 14) **THE APPLE CAMPING & CARAVAN PARK,** MOORSTOWN, CAHIR, E21 YX33
- 15) **DONASKEAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE,** DONASKEAGH, E34 AK24 (CONNECTION TO THIS BUILDING IS “GIGABIT FIBRE”)
- 16) **TERRYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL,** TERRYGLASS, NENAGH, E45 FC42
- 17) **BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUB,** BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUBHOUSE, KILROE, BALLYLOOBY, E21 TA47
- 18) **LATTERAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE,** SALLYPARK, LATTERAGH, NENAGH, E45 EF68
- 19) **GURTAGARRY COMMUNITY HALL,** GORTAGARRY, TOOMEVARA, NENAGH, E45 FA43
- 20) **LISMACKIN COMMUNITY HALL,** LISMACKIN, ROSCREA, E53 Y589
- 21) **NORTH TIPPERARY FOOD WORKS,** MAIN STREET, REARCROSS, NEWPORT, V94YW08

**Ár dTodhchaí
Tuaithe**
Our Rural
Future



connectedhubs

The BCP Initiative is a collaborative effort involving the Department of the Environment, Climate, and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, National Broadband Ireland, the Local Authorities and Managers of the BCP sites.

The receipt of DRCD connected hubs Funding has supported our community involvement with remote villages and the aim is to develop our Broadband Connection Points into active “Remote Digital Hubs – Connected Communities”.



Clonmel, Co. Tipperary was crowned the overall winner of the National .IE Digital Town Awards 2023.

The **.IE Digital Town Awards** winners for 2023 were announced on Wednesday 24th May, at a Gala Event at the Hodson Bay in Athlone. The **.IE Digital Town Awards** highlight the benefits and possibilities of digital and celebrates the digital achievements of towns and communities across Ireland.

Great news for Tipperary on the day as Clonmel was chosen from the category winners as overall winner in addition to winning the **Agri-tech category** for our **Smart Skills for Farming Communities** pilot project with the IFA, Teagasc and ICMSA.

Rossmore Scratchers BCP Computing Club were the winners in the **Community Digital Category** sponsored by Western Development Commission. The installation of a Broadband Connection Point (BCP) was a game changer for Rossmore. It enabled Rossmore Scratchers, a coding club, to provide a space for digital projects through STEAM for children and adults alike. It is volunteer-led, has diverse community involvement, a clear understanding of community needs, all of which is managed on a limited budget. A great example of a community being given the digital tools, and taking it from there.

Boher BCP Community Group represented Tipperary well in the **Newcomer** and **Digital Rising Star** categories and were just this week announced as **County Winner** in the **National Lottery's Community Award** and go on to represent Tipperary at the National awards.



All roads led to Microsoft Headquarters for Tipperary National School Students

211 Tipperary N.S. Students and their teachers showcased their digital coding and Sustainable knowledge at the inaugural **Microsoft Dream Space Showcase** - an exciting event that celebrates innovation in rural primary schools and clubs as part of the **do your :bit challenge**. In collaboration with Microsoft Ireland, OurKidsCode and the Department of Rural and Community Development, this project aimed to promote and engage groups most affected by the digital divide with STEAM education, particularly students from rural areas with limited access to such opportunities.

The journey for schools began at the beginning of the academic year, when the Microsoft Dream Space teaching team visited these rural locations and conducted hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) sessions in local Broadband Connection Point Sites, generating significant interest within the community. Building on the momentum of these visits, the schools and clubs embarked on a 10-week Microsoft Dream Space experience immersing themselves in learning through Dream Space TV and other virtual sessions introducing the students to STEAM subjects in a creative, fun and collaborative way while also introducing them to the concepts of computational thinking, problem solving skills and critical thinking.



On the day Tipperary won six (6) of the nine awards:

Prize Name	Partner	School/Club Winner
Rural Future Prize	DRCD	Rossmore NS Tipperary

OurKidsCode Overall Club Award	OurKidsCode, Trinity College Dublin	Boher Bytes Coding Club Tipperary
OurKidsCode Most Creative Project	OurKidsCode, Trinity College Dublin	Killoscully Coding Club Tipperary
Connecting Communities Award	Imag'ne – Rural Broadband Provider	Birdhill NS Tipperary
Future STEM Leaders Award	Dream Space	Drom National School Tipperary
Tipperary's Global Goal Award	Tipperary County Council	Lackamore NS Tipperary

BCP Network Website and Promotional Video Animation will go live in the near future.

3. (NBP) - Commercial Investment in Gigabit Network services within the (NBP) Commercial (BLUE) area

The telecommunication sector employs approximately 25,000 people and has invested circa €3.3 billion over the past 5 years in new and upgraded networks.

Recent announcements from Virgin Media, SIRO, and eir indicate that the vast majority of premises in urban and suburban areas will be covered with fibre to the home services (FTTH) with Gigabit network services being made available to all these locations by 2028.

This NBP Commercial investment will result in Gigabit Network services being made available to the vast majority of premises, Primarily Urban and Suburban areas covering circa 77% of the premises across the State.

These new Gigabit Network (s) in County Tipperary are for the most part being delivered by SIRO, and Open Eir.

- a) SIRO were launched in 2015 as a joint venture between ESB and Vodafone with the aim of delivering the first 100% fibre-to-the-building broadband across regional Ireland. The SIRO Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Network is built using the ESB's overhead and underground infrastructure, ensuring a fast, reliable, and sustainable network.

SIRO is currently deploying high-speed Fibre broadband (FTTH) in the towns of Nenagh, Clonmel, Roscrea, and Cashel.

In October 2021 SIRO announced an expansion (Phase 2) of its Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) Network Under this Programme deployment works recently commenced in the town of Thurles and works are planned to commence in Tipperary town in June 2023. The Financial Investment of SIRO in the County is circa €20 million.

Note 3 “Tipperary County Council is trialing new Pilot technologies with Industry to support the **“Dig Once”** principle - as part of the Liberty sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project - and innovative uses of existing technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government’s Digital Innovation Programme – including the development of an extensive network of ducts and chambers under the public footway -to pilot the use of “underground Shared Telecommunications Infrastructure”
“SIRO started using this pilot Infrastructure in November 2022 and it is now available to the telecommunications industry to use”

SIRO does not sell broadband services to Customers. They operate a Wholesale service where they partner with Retail Service Providers throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customers door – see link <https://siro.ie/broadband-for-home/>



The recent announcement by SIRO to deploy Gigabit Network services to Thurles, Nenagh and Tipperary town was made by senior SIRO Management at a Presentation to the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council, which took place in the Civic Offices in Clonmel in May, 2023.

- b) In 2019, Open eir commenced the build of their IFN Project in County Tipperary - which plans to cover all Urban areas in the county with greater than 1,000 urban premises and;
- c) To date, **Open eir** has passed over 20, 000 premises in Urban areas with Gigabit Network services (FTTH) in the towns of Nenagh, Ballina/ Killaloe, Tipperary, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel and Cahir.

In November 2022 – Open eir commenced FTTH works commenced in the town (s) of Cashel, Roscrea and Carrick-on-Suir in Early 2023, and works are planned to commence in the “Service Centres” of Fethard, Two-Mileborris, and Cappawhite in Mid 2023, and thereafter Newport at the End 2023.

Under its Commitment Agreement with the State signed in 2017 - OPEN eir recently completed the deployment of its Gigabit Network to 16,000 premises in County Tipperary.

In total, Open eir has to date passed c.36,000 premises with Gigabit Network Services in County Tipperary (and when completed, approximately 54,000 premises in the County will have access to an Open eir FTTH connection) – given a Financial Investment in the County of circa €30 million.

The Retail Service Providers that are currently setup and certified to sell Open Eir Network services are detailed per link:

<https://www.openeir.ie/open-eir-irelands-largest-wholesale-full-fibre-network/>

- d) **Enet “Open Access Networks”** operates a wholesale Network service using the existing State funded “Metropolitan Area Networks” In total, (8) Metropolitan Area Networks have been deployed in the county and these are located in the towns of Clonmel (phase 1) and Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore, Tipperary Town (phase 2)

These Networks are capable of delivering virtually unlimited bandwidth to their Customers.

Enet has delivered over 130 Network connections to date and their end Users include for Schools, Bank Branches, SMEs, Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and State Agencies (Hospitals/Garda Stations etc)

4. Commercial Investment in Fixed Wireless high-speed broadband Services (FWA)

Fixed wireless access (FWA), uses Radio waves to deliver internet services between two stationary locations such as a mobile tower and a customer’s home or office.

The service provider known as “Imagine” - continues to upgrade and expansion its WITx network (FWA) services in County Tipperary and to date - over 58,486 premises and businesses in the County are covered on the Imagine Network from 22 Mast/ and Tower locations both within and in surrounding counties – refer to link:

[Imagine Link](#)

Imagine focus on rural areas with no connectivity – and where NBITM Fibre is not planned to be deployed until 2025/2026

There are a number of Companies ⁴ operating in County Tipperary who also Offer (FWA) Services including –

- Arra Communications www.arra.ie
- Celtic Broadband www.celticbroadband.ie
- Echoitbroadband www.echoitbroadband.ie
- Wirelessconnect www.wirelessconnect.ie
- Munster Wireless www.munsterwireless.com
- RuralBroadband www.ruralbroadband.ie
- Premier (Wireless) Broadband www.premierbroadband.ie
- Pure Telecom www.puretelecom.ie
- Bbnet Broadband www.bbnet.ie
- Orion Broadband www.orcs.ie
- Imagine www.imagine.ie
- Magnet Network

Note ⁴ Other Companies may also be offering (FWA) services in County Tipperary that are not listed above.

SpaceX (StarLink) offer's high-speed, low-latency broadband internet services in remote and rural locations in County Tipperary - using Emerging non-terrestrial networks such as low-earth orbit Satellite. Refer to link: <https://www.starlink.com/>

5. Commercial Investment in Mobile Phone (MP) and Mobile Broadband (MB) Services

A Mobile Network Operator (MNO), also known as a wireless service provider, wireless carrier, cellular company, or mobile network carrier, is a Provider of wireless communications services that owns or controls all the elements necessary to sell and deliver services to an end User, including radio spectrum allocation, wireless network infrastructure, back haul infrastructure, billing, customer care, provisioning computer systems, and marketing and repair organizations. There are three MNOs operating in Ireland; namely Three Ireland, Vodafone PLC and Eircom

Limited. There's also seven mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) using the main networks to deliver mobile services.

Mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) lease wireless telephone and data spectrum from the aforementioned major carriers for resale.

As of Q1 2022, the market share of MVNOs in Ireland is 13.4%.

At the end of Q4 2022 there were 8,863,983 mobile subscriptions in Ireland, including mobile broadband ('MBB') and Machine to Machine ('M2M').

If mobile broadband ('MBB') subscriptions (355,089) and M2M subscriptions (2,818,877) are excluded ⁵, the total number of Mobile Subscriptions is 5,690,017.

Note ⁵: Machine-to-Machine ('M2M') mobile subscriptions are machines with SIMs. These machines could include anything from SIMs inside car engines to vending machines, industrial control systems etc and a Mobile broadband ('MBB') device provides a mobile computer with a wireless data connection to a cellular service.

<https://www.comreg.ie/publication/quarterly-key-data-report-q4-2022>

In 2021, 87% of people used a Mobile Device to access the Internet (up from 73% in 2016), which corresponds to the number of regular internet users (87% of people in 2021). Source: Eurostat, European Union survey on ICT usage in Households and by Individuals.

Examples of typical Mobile data Usage include –

- Sending 1 email: 20KB
- 1 Social media update (with photo): 350KB
- Instant messaging for 1hour: 1MB
- 1 hour of web browsing: 10MB
- Streaming 1 hour of music: 28MB
- Downloading one app: 40MB
- Streaming 1 hour of video: 117MB

County Tipperary is served by three (3) Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) namely Eircom Limited ("eir"), Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited ("Three"), and Vodafone PLC, and these MNOs offer the following technologies –

- **2G** which emerged c1995 and supports voice calls and SMS, with relatively low data speeds.
- **3G** with emerged in the early 00s and supports voice calls and higher data speeds than 2G.
- **4G** which appeared around 2011 and supports faster data speeds than 2G and 3G. A 4G network does not support traditional voice calls like 2G and 3G, but can support an Internet Protocol (IP) voice service called Voice over LTE (VoLTE).
- **5G** supports new technologies, faster speeds through lower latency and higher throughput.

The telecommunications regulator “ComReg” has a Mobile Signal Checker Map that is searchable by Eircode and by Mobile Phone Operator (MNO) to see what Outdoor data services might be available in a particular area.

This map is available at <https://coveragemap.comreg.ie/map>.

The MNOs and the Tower Companies continue to maintain and deploy Telecoms Infrastructure in order to Improve customer availability to 2G Voice Calls, 3G Voice and Data, 4G Data services and 5G.

5G stands for “Fifth Generation” Wireless Technology, also known as the next evolution of mobile technology after 4G LTE.

5G will bring faster speeds through lower latency and higher throughput, improved efficiency and reliability, as well as increased capacity to sustain a massive increase in connections between devices and the internet.

The current 5G deployment model used by the mobile network operators is to upgrade their existing high-power Macro-cell Infrastructure with 5G-ready equipment. However,

In order to meet the emerging/ever-increasing appetite for bandwidth-demanding services - the long-term challenge for all “stakeholders” is to deliver “Network densification” and the resulting need to deploy additional - more local - 5G Network Infrastructure which will support/enhance Network performance both indoors and outdoors by lessening the strain on the outdoor Macro-cell network.

6. The European Commission - WiFi4EU Initiative



WiFi4EU
Co-funded by
the European Union

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/wifi4eu>

WiFi4EU is a ground-breaking initiative that promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including public areas, public buildings, libraries, and museums in municipalities throughout Europe.

The “Tipperary WiFi4EU Network” consisting of 51 Free-public wifi Access Points across 6 towns was completed in 2021 with the support of Funding from the European Commission and the Department of Rural and Community Development and is currently being maintained by Magnet plus in the towns of Nenagh, Thurles, Roscrea, Tipperary, Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel.

The “Tipperary WiFi4EU Network” was deployed with the support of the Local Chamber of Commerce and the Property Owners, who kindly agreed to permit WiFi equipment to be attached to their Shop Façade facing onto the Public Street. The demand for this Free on-street Wi-Fi connectivity service, first introduced in Tipperary town in September 2020 has grown Exponentially over the past three years. The past year saw an overall increase of 60% in the number of service users across the Network.

Over seven (7) million customers used this free service across Europe in 2022.

For more Information re this Initiative and /or for copies of Mapping – please email broadband@tipperarycoco.ie

7. The .IE Digital Town Awards 2023 –



At the recent National .IE Digital Town Awards, 2023 which were held in Athlone - Our Digital Projects were declared as “Winners” in three of the ten digital categories on Offer, and including –

1. The “Overall Winner”
2. “Community Digital Winner, Rossmore, Co. Tipperary”
Rossmore Scratchers Rural Connectivity
The installation of a Broadband Connection Point (BCP) was a game changer for Rossmore. It enabled Rossmore Scratchers, a coding club, to provide a space for digital projects through STEAM for children and adults alike. It is volunteer-led, has diverse community involvement, a clear understanding of community needs, all of which is managed on a limited budget. A great example of a community being given the digital tools, and taking it from there.
3. “Agri-tech Winner, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary”
Smart Skills for Farming Communities
This programme was developed to help farmers use new technologies to make their work easier, save time and money as well as improving the sustainability and profitability of their farm. 60% of farmers report that there are barriers to digital training and supports. This project addresses that problem by providing very practical digital training in areas such as soil fertility technology; grassland management technology; tech for time and labour saving; and farm management systems and useful Apps.

This project addresses the digital skills gap amongst farmers and helps them access digital technologies that hold the key for a smarter, more competitive and resource-efficient agricultural sector.

These Awards recognise and reward projects with a digital element that have been created by town groups and local communities. They promote awareness, knowledge, use and understanding of digital in Ireland by its citizens, businesses and communities. They also highlight the benefits and possibilities of digital and celebrate the digital achievements of local towns, big and small.

Tipperary Food Producers Network

General Food Updates

Destination Lough Derg

Funding

Agri-Food Tourism Grant Destination Lough Derg was awarded an Agri-Food Tourism Grant valued at €21,094.50 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. This grant will be instrumental in funding our upcoming mentoring and awareness campaign, centring around the unique food products in the Lough Derg region.

"The Lough Derg Legendary Food Trail" is an exciting agri-tourism initiative that aims to showcase and promote the agricultural and culinary offerings of our region

One key focus of our campaign will be to develop Lough Derg as a 'root/source' theme, highlighting the origin and authenticity of our local produce. By emphasizing the rich agricultural heritage and quality ingredients that make our region unique, we aim to attract food enthusiasts and travellers seeking an authentic culinary experience.

Marketing Grants: Destination Lough Derg received funding to redevelop the www.discoverloughderg.ie website and create a suite of brochures for the region.

Destination Development

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme –
An application was prepared in association with

Nenagh MD for the “Project Development Measure” to complete the design and appropriate environmental assessment for the Garrykennedy Inner Harbour Upgrade.

Lough Derg Blueway Industry Event: Fáilte Ireland and Destination Lough Derg will host a Lough Derg Blueway Industry Event on 4th July in the Abbey Court Nenagh from 6 pm to 9 pm. Speakers will include Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, and Destination Lough Derg, with the networking facilitated by Bane Mullarkey.

Marketing

Social Media: Destination Lough Derg's social media has made significant progress in 2023. With a total audience growth of 6.1%, our current audience stands at an impressive 25,286 followers, reflecting the increasing interest in Lough Derg as a tourism destination. Throughout 2023, we successfully published 518 items across our four social media platforms, generating a remarkable reach of 2.5 million people. This extensive reach allowed us to engage with a broad audience and promote the unique offerings of Lough Derg. Additionally, our efforts resulted in an impressive 4.9 million impressions, further expanding the visibility of our brand. The Destination is on track to meet our annual Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Overseas Fam Trip: Le Boat in association with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and with the assistance of Destination Lough Derg organized a familiarity trip for the Le Boat sales team from Australia, South Africa, France, Germany, Canada, and the US on the Shannon for 1 week in June, 2.5 days were spent south of Portumna bridge in Terryglass, Ballina/Killaloe, Portumna and Mountshannon.



Tipperary Age-Friendly EXPO

Destination Lough Derg promoted the region to a number of groups at this EXPO in TUS, Thurles on June 22nd.

International Reach

Assistance was given to Symbio Studio in the US for a production titled "Made in Ireland with Love" Filming took place at Brookfield Farm and Inch House Black Pudding.

Meitheal

Destination Lough Derg Tourism Officer attended this tourism trade show in Gleneagles, Killarney in March. It was a valuable opportunity to connect with International Tour Operators.

Events

Quest Lough Derg 2023 will take place on 9th September. Plans are progressing to include a tent village to service the accommodation needs of the participants. Bookings are progressing well 1,000+ have booked the event, and Quest expects it to be fully booked by mid-June.



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Measure 1 – Direct Grant Support

The Evaluation & Approvals Committee have evaluated and approved a total of **€351,959** at 2 *EVAC Meetings in 2023*. Funding on the following projects –

9 x TAME Grant for €16,400 1 x Priming Grant for €6,996 and

6 x Business Expansion grants for €328,563.

Grant funding will **leverage an investment of €890,216** into the area and create **26 full time positions**.

The main metrics for 2023 have now been set with a strategic focus on the following areas:

- Ongoing strategic alignment with Enterprise Ireland
- Focus on Businesses employing 10+
- First Time Exporters
- Addressing the Productivity Challenge
- Digital Transformation
- Micro Enterprise Green Strategy

We will continue to work with our client base of 283 Companies focusing on First Time exporters and supporting them on their journey. Ongoing promotion of programmes such as Green Start and Digital for Micro.

LEAN for Micro

9 applications approved to date - €36,299

Lean For Micro is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Lean tools and techniques are helping companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

Green for Micro

6 applications approved to date - €12,870

The aim of the Green for Micro programme is to assist businesses in lowering their carbon footprint, reducing costs, and improving the environmental profile of the business in the marketplace.

Digital Start

5 Digital applications approved to date - €17,220

Small businesses need to maximise every advantage - and implementing a digital strategy can give businesses a real edge. Digital Start is a pilot an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to give Local Enterprise Office funded clients* that digital edge – from

optimising processes to deliver a seamless digital customer experience, the aim is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Trading on Line Vouchers

A total of **29** grants were approved valued at €58,720

1 – 1 Mentoring support

223 1-1 mentor assignments completed

Training & Development Workshops

644 trained to date

From 1 April to date 9 training programmes were delivered

- Selling Online – what’s involved
- Costing & Pricing workshop
- Search Engine Optimisation workshop
- Basic Book Keeping – in person – numbers not great, completing via mentoring
- Trading Online Voucher Seminar
- Facebook & Instagram Advertising (2 part)
- Start Your Own Business course (virtual – in week 4 of 6 week programme)
- Digital Marketing one to one clinic
- Safeguarding Your Business from Cyber Attackers.

8 x weeks in-person Start Your Own Business Course (Clonmel) just completed

6 x weeks hybrid Start Your Own Business Course (Nenagh) just

completed Training numbers to date 644 (SYOB 65 participants, Owner Management Development Programme 16, General Training 563)



Business Clinics

110 individual business clinics have been completed to date

Student Enterprise Awards 22/23

Schools	24/29 Secondary Schools
Students	1868
Male	1085
Female	783

	Senior	Inter	Junior
County Finalists	113	27	35
	30 Teams	10 Teams	12 Teams

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR TIPPERARY STUDENTS AT STUDENT ENTERPRISE FINALS

Students from Tipperary were represented very well in the prize-giving ceremony at the National Final in Croke Park where 82 student businesses were in contention across three categories Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Each team exhibited their businesses which were judged by a team of national business experts and mentors.

Students from Ursuline Secondary School Thurles won **Most Commercial Potential** for their business **Phone K.O.S.I.E** in the very competitive **Senior Category**. Congratulations to Kate McKenna, Orla Hayes, Sarah Brett, Issy Carr, Ellen O’Mara who worked under the guidance of their Teacher, Ms. Sharon Hynes.



CBS Thurles **Premier Woodworking** were awarded **2nd place** nationally in the **Intermediate Category**. Well done on this excellent result for Padraic Callanan and Sean Bergin. Their teacher Fergus O'Brien is no stranger to success in the programme when his team Handy Hose won 1st place in 2020 in the Senior category.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh's Rian O'Keeffe under the stewardship of his Teacher Martina Harahill won 1st prize nationally in the 'My **Entrepreneurial Journey**' category.



Also, on the day four 1st year students Oran Bourke, Rian O Keefe, Luke Hackett, and Sean Lacey with direction from their teachers Martina Harrahill, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Treacy from Coláiste Dún Iascaigh got a very special mention at the final prizegiving for their fundraising for the **Dillon Quirke Foundation** having raised **€30,590** with their Student Enterprise Programme business **Ard Foireann**.

On the day they were also treated to a tour around Croke Park and photos on the side-line to mark their extraordinary fundraising efforts.

Building Better Business Mid-West



The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment is holding a series of free events for businesses which will highlight the opportunities and challenges presented by the transition to a low-carbon economy and the digital transformation.

Building Better Business in the Mid-West is open for businesses based in Clare, Limerick, and Tipperary. LEO offices in Tipperary, Clare & Limerick collaborated on the day to provide information to businesses in the Mid-West on supports available through their Local Enterprise Office.



The event was opened and closed by Minister Simon Coveney Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Professor Eamonn Murphy gave an overview of the Mid-West Regional Enterprise Plan. The event included two-panel discussions.

Panel I – Focussed on a low carbon economy. Tipperary was presented by **O'Dwyer Steel Dundrum**.

Panel II – Discussion focussed on “How has Digitalisation improved Business”. Tipperary was presented by **Orlaith Ryan, Shorla Oncology**

The event provided information to businesses on support available through all government agencies and was an excellent networking event for all.

North Tipperary Social Enterprise Networking Event – The Source Arts Centre, Thurles

North Tipperary Social Enterprise Networking Event

Patrick Killeen
NTDC - LEADER
Social Enterprise Funding opportunities in new LEADER programme

Mary Ryan
Local Enterprise Office Tipperary
Enterprise supports

Information from
Nora Keogh - Community Finance Ireland
Sarah Leahy - Clann Credo

REGISTER NOW
Go to www.ntdc.ie/events to register your interest

The Source Arts Centre, Thurles E41 A4E8
Tuesday May 30th from 11 am to 1 pm
Refreshments provided

Logos for: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment; NTDC North Tipperary Development Company; Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland.

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2023 is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Union.



On Tuesday 30th May, the Local Enterprise Office presented to the Social Enterprises in North Tipperary on the support available to them through their LEO. Patrick Killeen, NTDC outlined funding opportunities for Social Enterprise in the new Leader Programme. Also, there on the day were representatives from social enterprise loan finance providers Community Finance Ireland and Clann Credo.

National Enterprise Awards at The Mansion House Dublin

Premier Utilities Limited T/a **TruePOS** competed against 30 other finalists from every local authority area around the Country for a share of the €35,000 winner's prize fund at the **National Enterprise Awards** final which took place on Thursday 1st June at The Mansion House Dublin.

Categories this year included 'Best Export Business,' 'Best Start-Up' and 'Innovation,' along with "One to Watch" and a "Sustainability / Green" award in addition to eight Regional awards.



The overall winner at the National Enterprise Awards was Advanced Cosmetics who are based in Ballina and supported by Local Enterprise Office Mayo. The "concept to shelf" manufacturing company was set up by cosmetic chemist Noreen Hackett in 2018, before launching to market

in 2022. The business has achieved significant success, securing contracts with some of the biggest brand names in the cosmetics industry.

Announcing the award winners at the Mansion House, **Minister Coveney said**; *"The National Enterprise Awards are the highlight of the small business and enterprise calendar. Year on year the diversity of businesses and the standard of companies that are coming through the process is getting stronger. We should not be surprised given the innovation and endurance that businesses have shown in the past couple years. We have some outstanding winners but the finalists on the whole have been excellent, and this is very much the start of their journey. We will ensure they continue to get the support they need to grow their businesses as small businesses in Ireland are at the core of every town, village and community and are vital to our economy."*



Several other companies won across a range of categories at the Awards, which were established by the Local Enterprise Offices to celebrate the

impact and quality of small businesses across the country.


Tipperary Food Producers Network

Tipp LEO & Tipp Co. Co. continue to support the TFPN with funding received to assist with operations, events, and co-ordinator costs for 2023.



General Food Updates

Mid-West Food Strategy Feasibility study for the food sector and its requirements is due to be completed with a report and recommendations for the future strategy of the food sector within mid-west counties by Mid-June 2023.

<p>Economic</p>	<p>Economic Development and Enterprise SPC The SPC met on May 30th, 2023. The items covered on the Agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Development Strategy • Local Enterprise Office – Mid-year Report and Updates • Retail Sub-Group on Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme <p>Painting and Enhancement Scheme 2023 The sum of €20,044 was provided to assist in addressing the enhancement of the streetscape in the current year. The fund was distributed based on population of the Municipal District as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NENAGH MD PAINTING SCHEME €2,980 • CARRICK MD PAINTING SCHEME €1,960 • TIPPERARY MD PAINTING SCHEME €4,317 • CLONMEL MD PAINTING SCHEME €5,695 • THURLES MD PAINTING SCHEME €5,092 <p>Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme Promotions</p> <div data-bbox="347 1115 766 1377" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>As of May 2023, 92% of all the properties that are vacant in the Prime Retail Area may be eligible to avail of the full benefit of the current scheme -i.e. a grant of 90% of their rates demand for their first year in business. This would enable a new business to start to channel this money into their start-up costs and therefore the selection of premises on the Prime Retail Area should be more attractive.</p> <p>20 applications have been successfully processed to date in 2023 under the new system and a number of additional recent applications are currently being processed. Promotion of the scheme continued online via social media and on Tipp FM.</p> <p>Shop Local Tipperary</p>
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Ongoing promotions on the Facebook and Instagram Shop Local Tipperary pages continue to send out the message of the diverse offerings of businesses and services that we have right on our doorsteps across County Tipperary.



One of our competitions was directed at businesses to get them to engage with our efforts and included a prize of €500 marketing budget for the business. The winner of this competition was Edel's Boutique.



Our Easter Competition was won by Noreen Ryan. Her nominated friend Mary Fogarty also won a prize



A collaboration with the newly restored Cashel Palace Hotel has resulted in a prize of a Champagne Afternoon Tea for two is the current promotion.

A like and a share enters you into the competition. This style of promotion is proving to be a very effective way to get people to include the Shop Local Page on their feed. It also appeals to businesses to like and share such posts.

We will continue to promote Local businesses across the county.



EU 50 Celebrations.

May 8th, 2023 was Europe Day - the 50th anniversary of our EU membership since our decision to join the EEC in 1972. Communities across the country celebrated this special day and Tipperary County Council partnered with the North and South Branches of Tipperary Macra Na Feirme for a live debate on the theme of our membership of the EU. The Motion explored the fact that 'Membership of the EU may be our greatest protection from today's challenges'. A very exciting debate, with the two teams contesting each other's ideas, fully engaged the audience.

Both Macra na Feirme branches have a very strong tradition in debating and they have held national awards in the skill of debating a number of times in the past. An evening of great entertainment was had by all.

In what was a very tight debate, the winning team, by a margin, was North Tipperary Macra. Team Members were William Clancy, Bill Gleeson, Sean Kelly, and Reanne O'Dwyer.



South Tipperary team members, Tom Long, Anita Lonergan, Mary McCarthy, and Edel Ryan were delighted to receive a specially commissioned medal.





A specially commissioned medal was presented by Cathaoirleacht Rodger Kennedy to C.E. Joe MacGrath.

Winner of the Best Speaker Edel Ryan

National Bioeconomy Centre

IBF Current EU Projects;

BIOECONOMY VENTURES IBF as project lead and coordinator with our EU partners have developed a platform to match Investors and Entrepreneurs in the Bioeconomy sector - see **PLATFORM**. The BioeconomyVentures project helps start-ups and spin-offs seeking to gain access to finance, with the platform becoming the main meeting point in the European bioeconomy.

MPOWERBIO (IBF as partner) empowers 90 clusters within the bio-based industry across Europe to be better equipped to help SMEs overcome the challenge of finding sufficient investment to get from idea to business. By developing an online platform with digital tools the goal is to get SMEs one step closer to capturing investment

Biobec (IBF and MTU representing Ireland as one of 6 locations for BioBased Education Hubs). BIObec aims to build bridges between the bio-based industry and the education system by interlinking universities, innovation labs, and R&D centres with industrial actors and regions, the project proposes a holistic framework that merges the traditional idea of an education centre, with that of a knowledge hub. All European partners gathered in Tralee last week for a project workshop with IBF and MTU hosting

Ruralbioup County Tipperary in Ireland has been approved as one of the Regional Hubs with a focus on Agriculture and Forestry.
Rural BioUp **Agriland report** - *"A regional hub including farmers and foresters is set to be established in Ireland to scale-up bio-based solutions in rural area as part of a new bioeconomy project funded by the European Union. RuralBioUp will empower regions to deliver support services to local*

actors, transferring skills and expertise to improve the bioeconomy and boost rural development on a regional and local level.”
Stakeholder groups been established for Autumn workshop and TCC will be represented.

Other Updates

Just Transition – Bioeconomy - EU Just Transition Fund - Bioeconomy Demonstration Initiative Scheme Event. As Ireland moves towards a low-carbon economy, the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine will deliver the Bioeconomy Demonstration Initiative Scheme as part of the EU Just Transition Fund. Through this scheme, we’ll develop bioeconomy piloting and demonstration projects across the Midlands – scaling up biobased innovation and solutions, developing new green jobs, businesses and communities. The fund will support the transition of the Just Transition Fund Territory to a sustainable and circular biobased region through funding of sustainable bioeconomy projects that are designed to have significant climate positive and regenerative impacts on local communities including our peatlands. The fund will be used to create a biobased local society and economy. **(LAUNCH 4th of JULY 2023 THE CUBE PORTLAOISE)**

IVORY COAST DELEGATION - IBF hosted a delegation from the Ivory Coast led by the UK ambassador to the Ivory Coast - [Mrs Sarah Amani](#) on June 28th at BiOrbic the National Bioeconomy Research Institute and on June 29th to multiple visits across southern Ireland including a visit to Lisheen. The Honorary Consul Daithi O’Murchú (See link - [domurchu](#)) will chair a panel discussion at the upcoming ***Energy & Farm Diversification Show*** which is being held this year at *Gurteen Agricultural College, Co Tipperary on 20th July 2023.*

LISHEEN DEVELOPMENT – IBF hoping to be operational in Pilot Scale facility on long term lease from Tipperary County Council before year end. Irish Bioeconomy Foundation working with Enterprise Ireland, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Tirlán, TUS and AQS to deliver.

KEY DATES;

Just Transition (Bioeconomy) Launch 4th of July

Energy and Farm Diversification Show 20th of July

National Bioeconomy Ireland Week – October 16th to October 21st

National Bioeconomy Summit – March 12th 2024 Tullamore



CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee Work Prog	Completed
SPC Scheme	Completed
Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Completed
Service Delivery Plan 2023	Completed
Annual Report 2022	Completed
Social Media Policy & Protocol	Completed
Communication Strategy Implementation	In Progress
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	In Progress

Directorate Priorities

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on Tuesday, 10th May in the Clonmel Civic Offices and via Zoom. The following items were discussed:

- Cyber Security Audit Recommendations Update - Ger Lynch
- Internal Audit Update Plan and Recommendations- Sandra Maher
- Procurement Compliance Audit Recommendations Update - Sandra Maher
- TCC Management Letters Update 2019 and 2020, Liam McCarthy
- Draft AFS 2021, Liam McCarthy
- NOAC Annual Report 2021 – Sandra Maher
- VFM Report – An Overview of Road Maintenance (Regional and Local Roads in Local Authorities
- National Auditor Network Meeting Update – Sandra Maher

- Management Reports to Council, March, April 2022 – Sandra Maher
- The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Service Delivery Plan 2023

The service delivery plan for 2023 was adopted by the Council at their meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023, a copy of which is now available to view on the Council's website.

Annual Report 2022

The Annual Report 2022 was adopted by the Council at their meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023. A hard copy of the report has been circulated to each member of the Council. The Plan is also available to view on the Council's website and at each of the Council's Municipal District Offices and Library branches.

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 30th June 2023:

Pothole - 97

Public Liability - 18

Total Claims – 115



Electoral Reform Update

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2022 has resulted in a number of changes to the Register of Electors. Since October 2022, the annual register cycle no longer applies and a rolling register process is now in place.

The new Electoral Rolling Register was rolled out in November, 2022. All electors are now being asked to visit www.checktheregister.ie to confirm or update their entry by adding their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode or register for the first time using a newly upgraded online form. This will help to ensure that entries are accurate and up to date as well as enabling the identification of entries on the register that require follow up. Checking, updating or registering has never been easier.

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 provides the legislation to underpin a range of significant electoral reforms set out in the Programme for Government – Our Shaped Future.

A national communications campaign was launched to encourage people to visit checktheregister.ie and update their details. In excess of 1,950 requests for update or new registrations have been received via checktheregister.ie.

The total number on the Register as of June 2023 is 128, 622 with the following details populated:

Tipperary	Stats – June 2023	%
Total Electorate	128,622	
DOB populated	94,816	73%
Eircode populated	51,745	40%
Email populated	1,489	1%
Contact no populated	1,195	1%
Both DOB & Eircode populated	40,161	31%
PPSN	1,495	1%



Next Steps

Legal requirement to have one single central shared national electoral registration database.

All Local Authorities are scheduled to migrate their data to one shared system (LGERS) by 2025 and have commenced a data clean up to

- Improve the accuracy of the register
- Remove deceased electors- deathevents.gov.ie
- Add Eircodes, PPSN,DOB for existing and future electors
- Identify duplicates
- Remove Dummy Dwellings

Awareness Campaigns

- 2nd National Media Campaign + Local Media – 21st June to Mid- July (National - 255 applications received up to 30/06/2023)
- Social Media Facebook Campaign - End of July to Sept 2023 (animated video)
- Leaflet Drop to every household – July 2023
- Target major events – Ploughing Championships in Sept 2023



Communications & Customer Service

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

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Press releases issued 1 January – 30 June include: -

Date	Subject
06/01/2023	Damage to ring buoys River Ara Tipperary
11/01/2023	LEO Tipperary 2022 Jobs results
24/01/2023	Press Release- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction update
10/02/2023	Local Enterprise week
17/02/2023	Official opening of Glenconnor Close, Clonmel
20/02/2023	Official opening of housing schemes around Tipperary
20/02/2023	Official opening of Kickham Barracks Clonmel
23/02/2023	County Student Enterprise awards
01/03/2023	Town Centre First Roscrea
06/03/2023	Student enterprise
27/03/2023	LEO Showcase post exhibition
14/04/2023	C-Pens - Library Service
20/04/2023	National Enterprise awards
27/04/2023	Social Stories - Library Service
09/05/2023	Student Enterprise winners
10/05/2023	Citizen Science Kit - Library Service
16/05/2023	Garda Station - Kickham Barracks
17/05/2023	Roscrea Town Centre First Masterplan
18/05/2023	Women in politics
19/05/2023	EU debate post event
19/05/2023	Student Enterprise awards All Ireland
27/05/2023	Carving Limb of view - Thurles library
06/06/2023	Press Release - Industrial Action Fire Services
30/06/2023	Press Release - Tipperary Students recognised as Future STEM Leaders at Microsoft Ireland's Inaugural Microsoft Dream Space Showcase (BCP Broadband Connection Points)

Media queries received 1 January to 30 June

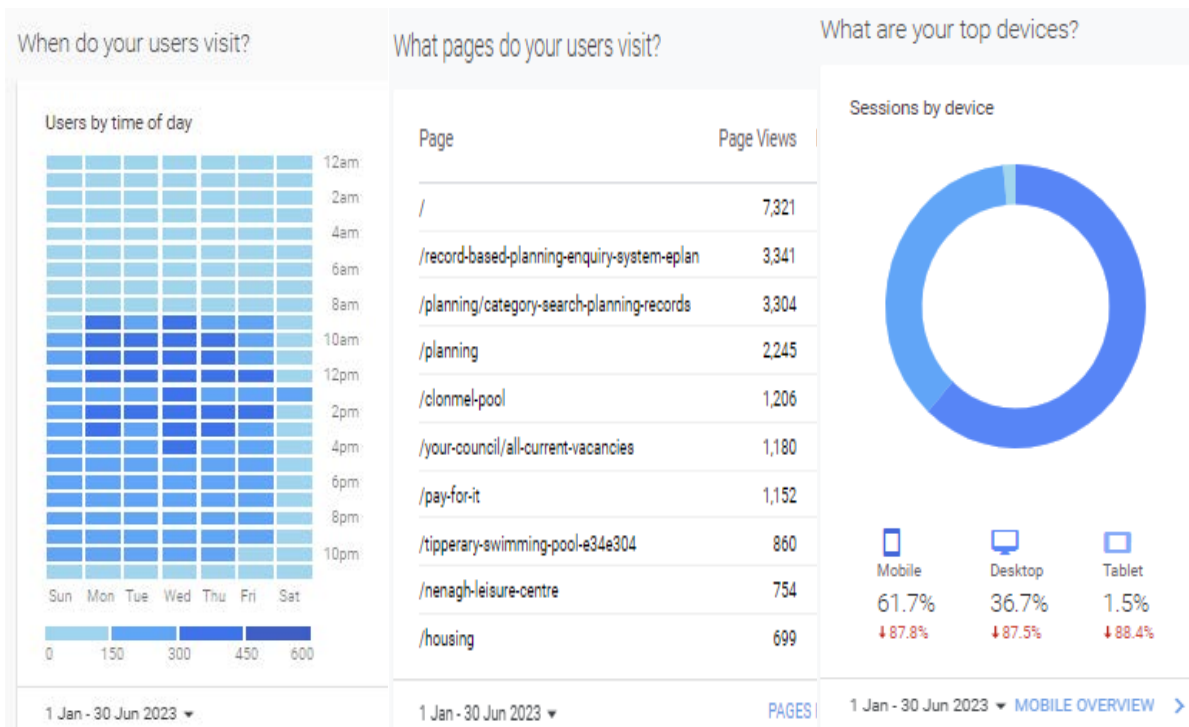
Corporate	41
Environment	5
Housing	8
Planning	4
Roads	7
Community and Enterprise	1
TOTAL	66

Digital and Social Media

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



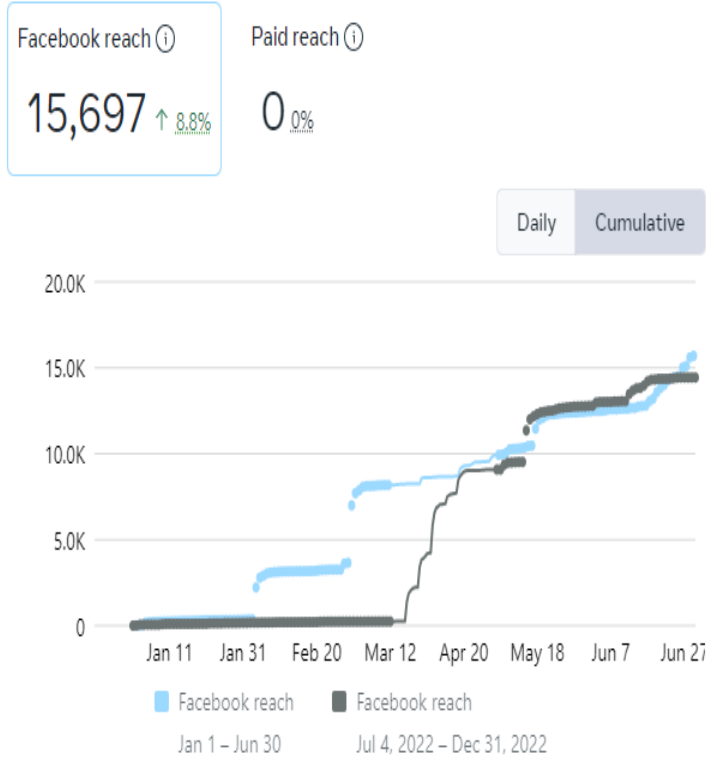
Website audience overview
January - June 2023



FACEBOOK



January – June 2023



Recent content ↑↓	Type	Reach (i) ↓
O'Mahony Avenue – Eastbound La... Thu May 18, 8:24am	Post	Boost p... 5,889
Some beautiful spring color plante... Wed Mar 1, 3:09am	Post	Boost p... 4,090
Carrick on Suir is very lucky to have... Fri Jun 23, 2:52am	Post	Boost p... 3,450
Delighted to be at the Opening of ... Sun Jun 18, 9:42am	Post	Boost p... 3,386
Please be advised that Tipperary C... Fri Feb 3, 6:00am	Post	Boost p... 2,900
Great news - the Gullet Bridge in B... Thu Jun 29, 1:06am	Post	Boost p... 2,591
Photos of the fabulous new walkw... Mon Feb 27, 4:43am	Post	Boost p... 2,216
Road resurfacing works completed ... Thu Jun 15, 7:42am	Post	Boost p... 2,066
Four new solar powered waste bins... Tue Apr 18, 4:21am	Post	Boost p... 1,813
At the meeting of Carrick on Suir ... Thu Jun 22, 7:25am	Post	Boost p... 1,684



TWITTER




January - June 2023


Jan 2023 • 31 days

Tweet Highlights

Top Tweet earned 1,741 impressions
Our new look website to help you find the service you are looking for, that is provided by #TipperaryCountyCouncil
pic.twitter.com/10X56XXHc




Top mention earned 144 engagements
Noel Buckley @nolapobackal - Jan 31
A road three miles outside Clonmel littered with material thrown from car windows. How do we stop this? How do we change this behaviour? @TippFM @TipperaryCoCo @TipperaryLive @TippMidwest @PatrickMT @NewstalkFM
pic.twitter.com/P379TPZcC



Top Follower followed by 11.5K people
Emma O'Arcy @EmmaOArcy FOLLOWING
"Mom" + Owner Marketing Agency Emma D Marketing + Entrepreneur + Founder Marketing Success Summit + "Consultant" + "Speaker" + "Litter" + "Lecturer" in marketing
View profile

Top media Tweet earned 344 impressions
Design Update No. 1 for the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project is available on the project website n24cahir.limerick.ie. For further information visit n24cahir.limerick.ie or contact the project team by email at cahirlimerick@midwestroads.ie or by calling 061 951000. pic.twitter.com/VxdEFwojX9




JAN 2023 SUMMARY
Tweet impressions: 13K
New followers: 25


Feb 2023 • 28 days

Tweet Highlights

Top Tweet earned 2,933 impressions
A busy day for Minister Darragh O'Brien around the county of #Tipperary, opening of Kickham Barracks, visiting the Regional Sports Hub followed by opening of housing developments at Glenconnor Clonmel. Next stop Ned Hayes Park Two Mile Borris and Long Orchard Park Templetooty.
pic.twitter.com/lge6zJymKj



Top Follower followed by 127K people
We Don't Have Time @WeDontHaveTime FOLLOWING
Welcome to the social media for climate solutions 🌱 Join us and we'll plant a tree 🌳 #WeCanDroit



Top mention earned 325 engagements
Olivia O'Sullivan @oliviass Feb 25
I struggle to understand how a public representative of @TipperaryCoCo thought it ok to bring Moyross into his issue without a thought for the community this affects. It undermines all the good work going on in Moyross. This councillor should apologise and withdraw the comment.
pic.twitter.com/tipperaryliver/...

Top media Tweet earned 603 impressions
Lovely to confer a civic welcome to Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy to Polish Ambassador HE Anna Sochanska @sochanska in #Nenagh today @PLinireland @StMarysNenagh #Bohateronaward
pic.twitter.com/Ss8LR78422



March
Top tweet and mention

Tipperary County Council
@TipperaryCoCo



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Bin it... Don't Fling it!

Shame on you, if you are responsible for this....

Dispose of your litter & Waste properly or face a FINE of €150 or up to €3,000 in COURT

Keep Tipp Tidy
www.tipperarycoco.ie

Apr 2023 • 30 days




Tweet Highlights

Top Tweet earned 936 impressions
pic.twitter.com/1ldFVKWwQ

Top mention earned 245 engagements
Rebecca Loughry @rebecca_loughry Apr 10
On our way home from sunny Clonmel. Great opportunity to use the @corkcitycouncil E-Car! Huge thanks to @TipperaryCoCo and all at the @lamaawards2023.
pic.twitter.com/Rs8ZIOELI2q

Top Follower followed by 4,976 people
IRISH THRONES @IrishThrones FOLLOWING YOU
-Ríocht na hÉireannach - Irish history + Irish media locations & their history. @Netflix-Vikings Valhalla | @HBO-Game of Thrones | @Disney-Star Wars.

Top media Tweet earned 522 impressions
pic.twitter.com/WUTzdY1iik

May 2023 · 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 751 impressions

pic.twitter.com/5MBSf96CU1



1 retweet 1 like

View Tweet activity

View all Tweet activity

Top mention earned 348 engagements

Martin Quinn
@martinquinn · May 4

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Achievements May-June 2023

Library/Cultural/Enterprise

Contract signing refurbishment of Templemore Town Hall



Bealtaine Festival

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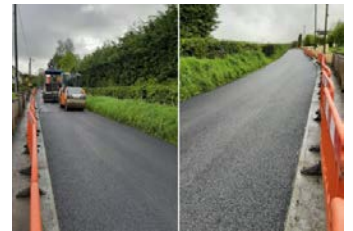
Nenagh MD Works from Clash to Carrowrea Toomevara



LEO Student Enterprise Programme



Carrick on Suir MD Resurfacing at Grangemockler



Tipperary Age Friendly National Conference



Sports Partnership



Arts Office supporting Helen Costello exhibition in Nenagh Arts Centre



Tipperary Women in Politics



**Clonmel BD
Supporting Clonmel Tidy Towns**



**Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD
Reception for Ladies footballers**



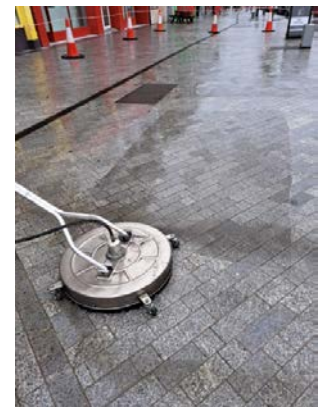
**Thurles MD
New signage approaching
Roscrea**



**Sports Partnership
Kayaking camp Blueway**



**Thurles MD
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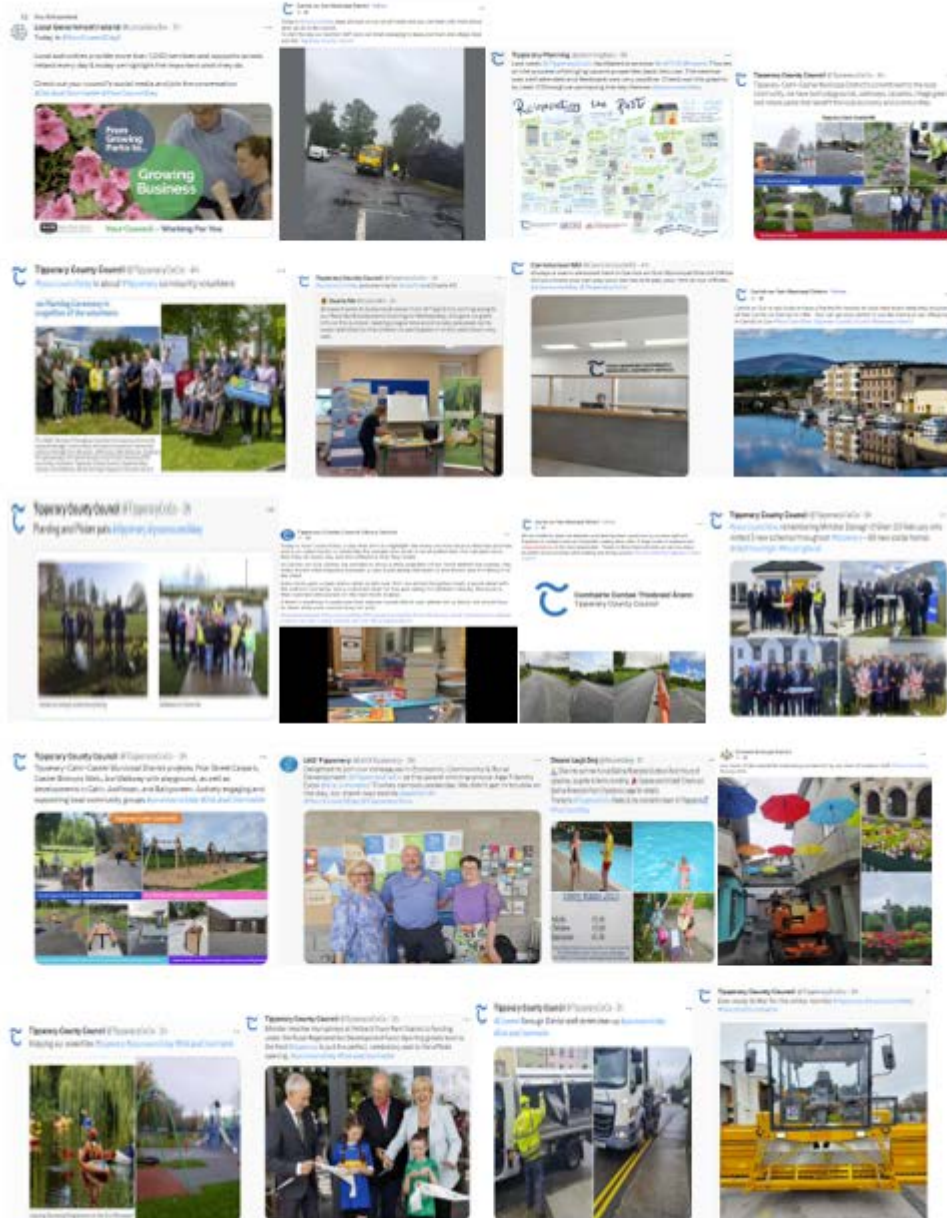
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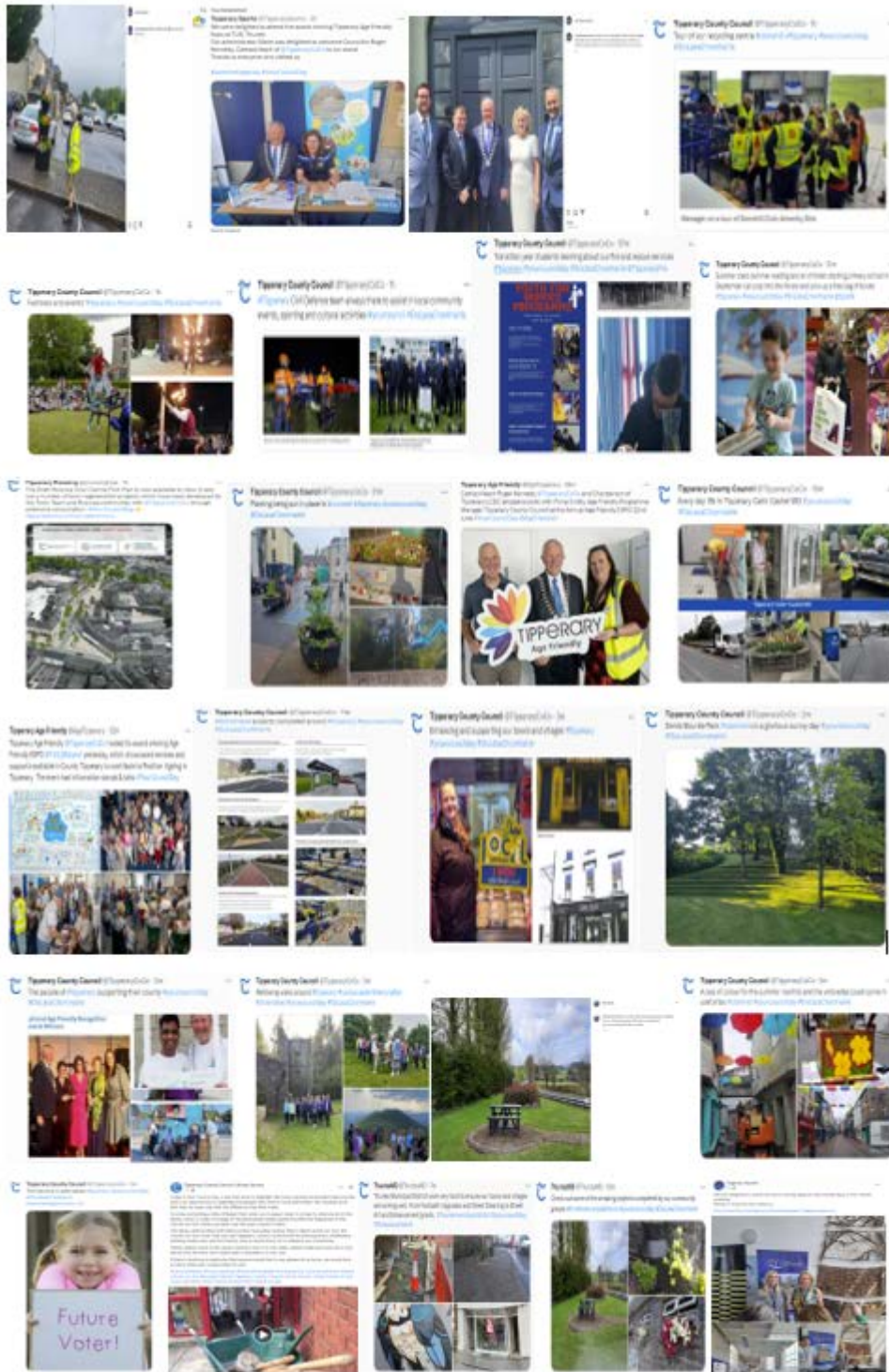


**Arts Office
Nenagh Arts Centre**



#Your Council Day 23 June – snapshot







Communications focus		Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion August-September 2023
August	National Heritage Week 12-20 August 2023	showcase events being supported by local authority or at local authority sites. Opportunity to profile Heritage Officer or focus on heritage plan local authority involvement in protecting heritage and promoting public interaction with heritage sites.
September	Tidy Towns Awards TBC	celebrate the winners, celebrate local authority staff who contribute to litter management and placemaking
September	European week of sport 23-30 September 2023	highlight events but also an opportunity to highlight all sports facilities and amenities run by local authority and their availability to community sport - Park Run etc
September	National Ploughing Championships 19-21 September 2023	showcase LEO involvement, agri-food strategy or agri-food in enterprise strategy
September	Culture Night 22 September 2023	highlight events in the area for culture night and opportunity to demonstrate culture services and actions
September	World Suicide Prevention Day 10 September 2023	an awareness day always observed on 10 September every year, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides

Customer Service Activity

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

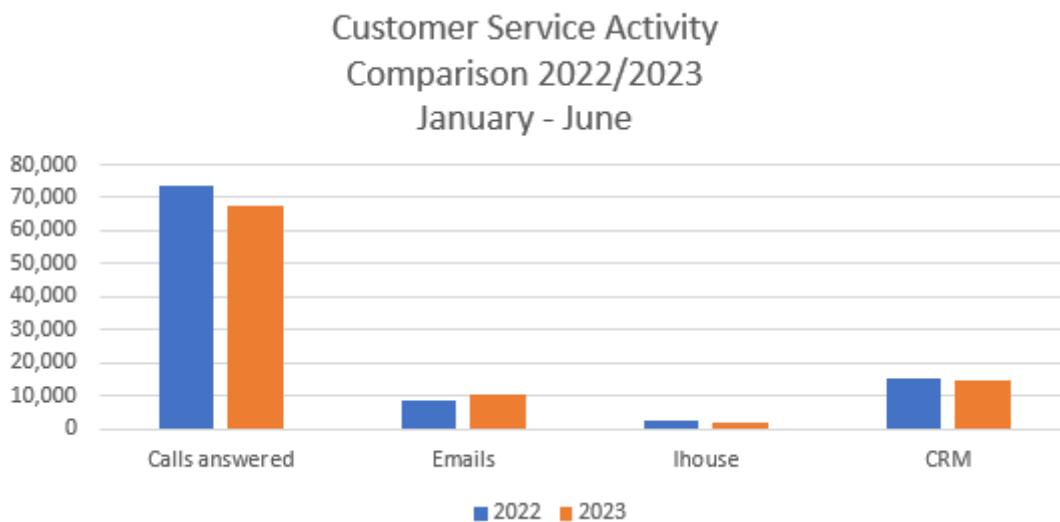
- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

Customer Service activity – CSD staff

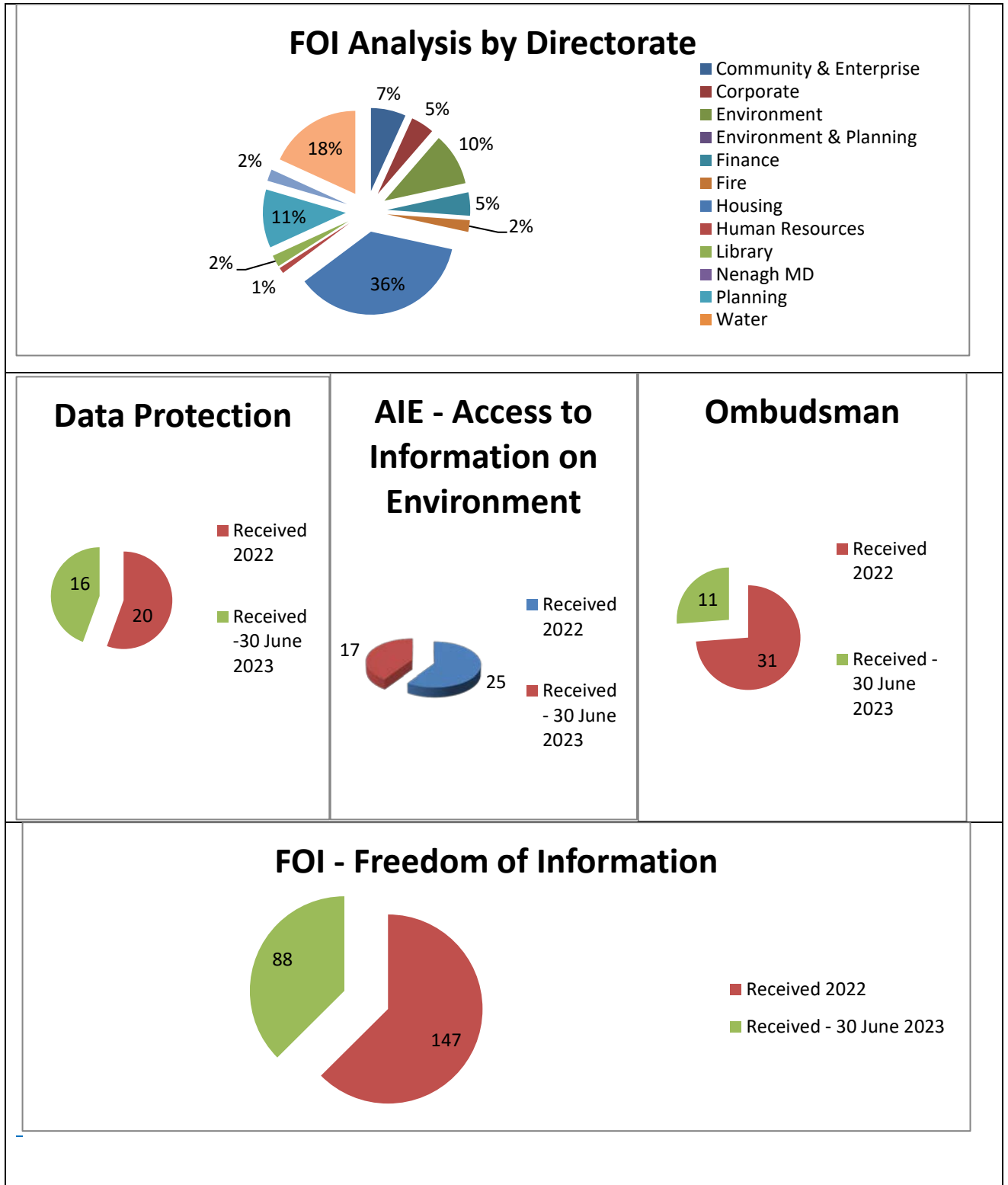
Comparison 2022/2023

1 January – 30 June

	Calls answered	Emails	Ihouse	CRM
2022	73,828	8,359	2,209	15,228
2023	67,245	10,152	1,790	14,474



Information Management



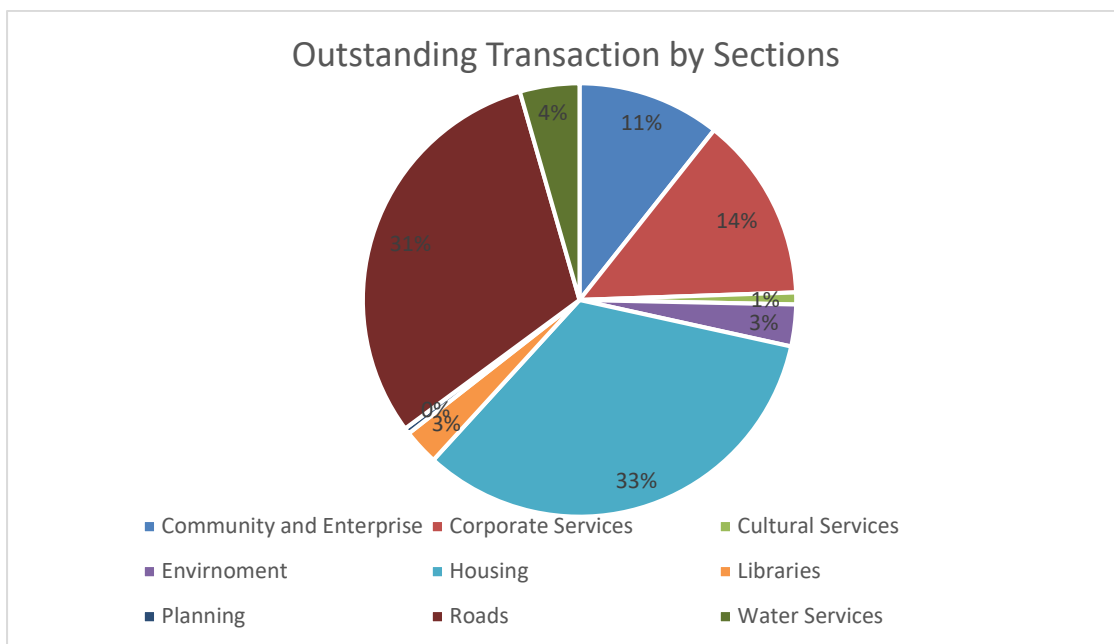
Property Management

Property Unit, Corporate Services are responsible for managing Tipperary County Council Property Portfolio, ie. 842 properties consisting of 236 buildings and 606 Land, and public property related enquiries, ie. transactions

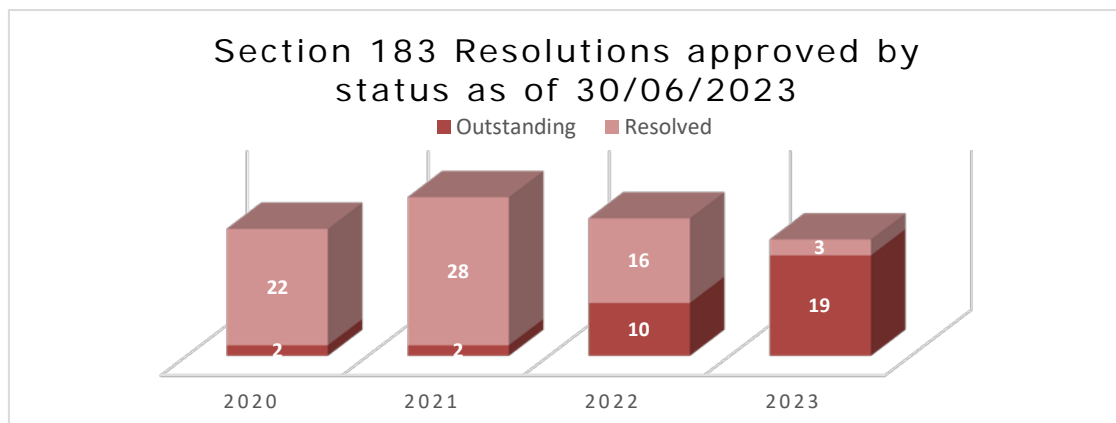
Transactions:

There is currently 225 outstanding transactions as of 30/06/2023, i.e.

	2021	2022	2023
New transaction opened	164	186	93
Existing transaction closed	221	183	79



Section 183 Resolutions:

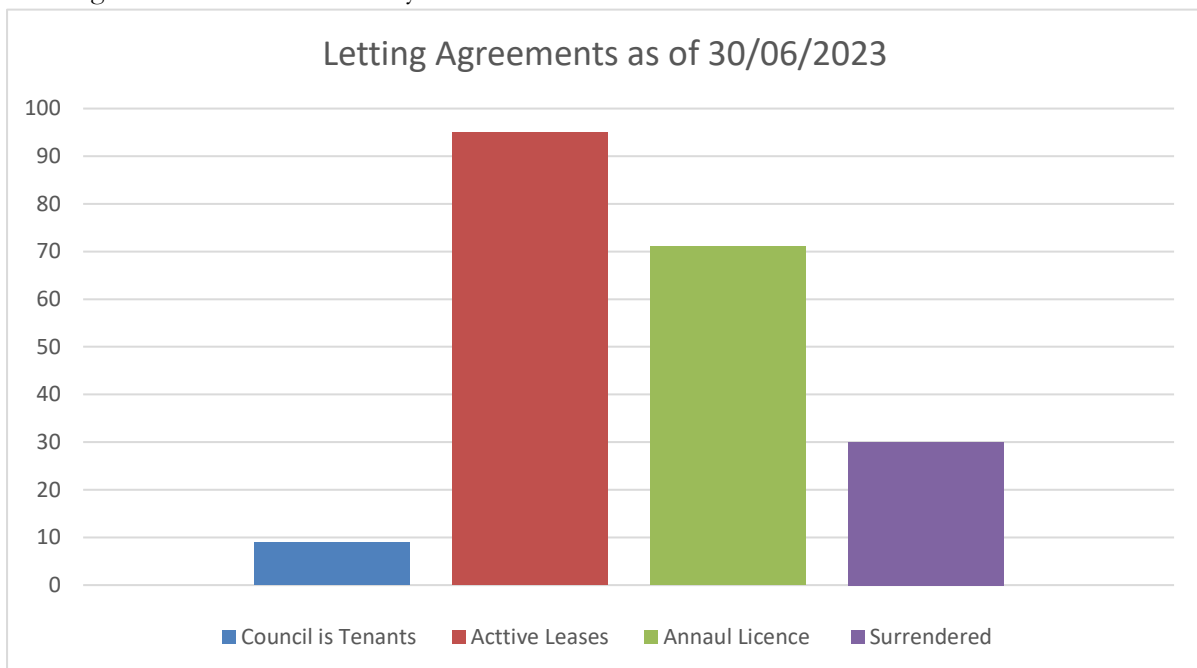


Schedule of Section 183 resolutions o/s

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| 1. Redmond Square, Tipperary Town | 16. Palmers Hill, Cashel |
| 2. The Mall, Templemore | 17. Greenane Drive, Tipperary Town |
| 3. Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel | 18. Carrowclough, Tipperary Town |
| 4. Old Motor Tax Office, Nenagh | 19. St. Martins, Monadreen, Thurles |
| 5. Templemore Demesene, | 20. Abbeyside, Holycross |
| 6. Glencarrick, Roscrea | 21. Wilderness, Clonmel |
| 7. Birdhill, Nenagh | 22. OldBridge, Clonmel |
| 8. Upper Green Street, Fethard | 23. Fairfields, Clonmel |
| 9. Yewston, Nenagh | 24. Curragh, Portroe |
| 10. Heywood Terrace, Clonmel | 25. Nenagh Road, Borrisoleigh |
| 11. Main Street, Templemore | 26. New Road, Roscrea, |
| 12. Twomileborris | 27. Carrig Hill, Roscrea |
| 13. Carrick Street, Mullinahone | 28. Lisbunny Business Park, Plot 3, Nenagh |
| 14. Slievenamon Road, Clonmel | 29. Lisbunny Business Park Plot 4, Nenagh |
| 15. Nenagh Road, Borrisokane | |

Letting Agreements:

Property Unit is responsible for the management of lease agreements, issuing of annual licence and ensuring that the leases are correctly surrendered.



Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Climate & Energy



Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029

Through the delivery of its services and functions, Tipperary County Council has an important role in mitigating and adapting to Climate Change. It will do this through the following ways:

- Directly - by Achieving a 51% reduction (over 2018) levels in Green House Gas emissions across its own internal operations and,
- Indirectly - by influencing, facilitating and advocating for other sectors and communities in their achievement of their own emissions reductions obligations.

A key mechanism to support this process will be the preparation of a Local Authority Climate Action Plan for the period 2024 – 2029 (LACAP).

Tipperary County Council has a new Climate Action Office with the following key positions filled:

- Clare Lee, Climate Action Co-ordinator
- Eddie Meegan, Climate Action Officer
- Marie O'Donnell, Community Climate Action Officer

Contact details for the new office are outlined above along with the new logo for the Climate action office '**Setting the Scene for Going Green**'.

Local Authority staff representatives have been identified to sit on a new Tipperary County Council Climate Action Team to represent the services/functions of the Council, providing leadership, governance and multi-disciplinary support for climate action across services and contributing to the LACAP Targets and Actions



The preparation of a Draft LACAP is underway with a view to the publication of the draft for stakeholder comment in September 2023. The final LA CAP must be formally made by the elected Council by the deadline of 23rd February 2024.

Community Climate Action Fund

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

Projects will address the following five themes:

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

Once a launch date has been agreed by the Department of the Environment and Climate Change, the rollout of the Community Climate Action fund will commence. It is envisaged this will happen in quarter 3, 2023 and communities will be invited to submit project applications for this funding. Marie O'Donnell is the Community Climate Action Officer and will administer this fund.

Policy

The Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting took place on 7th June 2023 at Thurles Municipal District Offices. Presentations were given and discussions were held on the following topics;

- Climate Action Plan and Community Climate Action Fund,
- Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy,
- Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026,
- Updated Burial Ground Development Capital Policy.

Public Awareness Initiatives

An Taisce Green Schools

28 schools throughout Tipperary, including the first Further Training and Education Centre (Carrick on Suir) were awarded their Green Flags at a ceremony in Hotel Kilkenny on the 9th May. The aim of Green Schools is to increase students' awareness of environmental issues and to transfer this knowledge into positive environmental action in their schools and also in the wider environment.

A great day was had by all at the first “in person” award ceremony since the raising of covid restrictions.



Students from Scoil Chormaic Cashel receiving their Green Schools water flag, with their teacher & Green School Co-ordinator Laura Cummins, An Taisce Rep, and Aine Brett and Fiona Flynn, Tipperary County Council

National Food Waste Recycling Week – 5th to the 11th June



Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy at Food Waste Stand at Tipperary Age Friendly Expo Thurle

This year’s campaign focused on proper food waste segregation, with an emphasis on separating food waste from all packaging, such as plastics / containers to prevent contamination at compost and anaerobic digestion facilities.

The overall aim of the campaign is to show food waste as a resource and to generate awareness of food waste recycling, which diverting this valuable resource from landfill, allowing it to be transformed into renewable energy and fertilisers for horticulture and agriculture use in Ireland.

To promote the national campaign, the awareness team attended the Age Friendly Expo in TUS campus Thurles on the 22nd June, promoting proper food waste segregation and demonstrating the correct use of food waste caddies. Practical advice, hints and tips on recycling was also given on the day.

Summer Events



Preparations have been put in place for the awareness team to attend the following shows over the summer months. At these events, staff will be promoting key messaging around food waste segregation and recycling, disposing of waste correctly and the services provided at the Council’s civic amenity sites, as well as providing advice on responsible dog ownership.

Clonmel Show	Clonmel Show Grounds	Sunday 2nd July
Cahir Heritage Day	Inch Field Cahir	Sunday 13th August
Bansha Show	Bansha Fair Field	Wednesday 23rd August
Dualla Show	Dualla	Sunday 27th August

Tree planting and Wild on Flowers Initiative

Over 1,200 Native Irish Tree saplings were distributed to Tidy Towns, community groups, resident associations and schools throughout the county, as part of National Tree Week. Planting week. Native trees not only help address the climate and biodiversity emergencies, but also create an outdoor classroom for local communities to explore as woodlands mature.



Students from St. Ailbe’s secondary school Tipperary planting Tree saplings during National Tree Week



Students from Colaiste Dun Iascaigh Cahir planting a Choill Bheag in the Inch Field Cahir

Community Services

Burial Ground Maintenance and Tidy Town Grants 2023

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

Municipal District	Number of Tidy Town Grant Applications Received	Total amount approved	Number of BG Maintenance Grant Applications received	Total amount approved
Clonmel BD	7	€12,000	21	€12,600
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD	40	€56,000	70	€58,498
Carrick-on-Suir MD	16	€12,000	49	€32,600 (48 approved)
Nenagh MD	30	€56,700	66	€44,773
Thurles MD	28	€43,324	57	€39,900



Derelict Sites

There are currently 55 properties on the Derelict Sites Register. The section is currently engaging with 50 property owners in relation to remediating their properties.

31 Section 8(2) Notices and 19 Section 8(7) Notices were issued as at 26th June 2023.

Municipal/Borough District	Number of properties engaged with in 2023 (pre-Section Notice being issued)
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	25
Nenagh	9
Clonmel	5
Carrick-on-Suir	3
Thurles	8
Total	50

Draft Litter Management Plan

The Draft Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2026 was presented to members of the Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee at the SPC meeting held on the 7th June. It was agreed the Draft Plan should proceed to the July plenary meeting for approval to go to public consultation.

Irish Business Against Litter Nationwide Survey

The 2023 nationwide survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) shows Clonmel ranked amongst the cleanest towns in the country. Out of 40 towns and cities surveyed, Clonmel ranked at 4th spot under the category of “Cleaner than European norms”. This result is a great achievement for the Borough District and recognises the hard work by the Council and by all those who reside, work and visit Clonmel in tackling litter.

Veterinary Services

Horses

20 horse queries were reported to the Environment & Climate Action Section, which resulted in 27 horse pickups to date in 2023.

Dogs

A total of 144 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens as at the 19th June 2023. Of this number, 16 dogs were re-homed, 84 dogs sent to rescues, 17 dogs were reclaimed and 23 were put to sleep.

The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 3,353. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

Abattoirs

Bovine	Ovine	Caprine	Porcine	Deer	Turkey	Abattoir Visits
760	2010	6	44	788	2303	313

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

A total of 51,867 customers have used the services as at the 18th June 2023.

Customers visits to the CAS	
Waller's-Lot	12,500
Carrigeen Clonmel	9,720
Nenagh	11,750
Roscrea	11,372
Donohill	6,525
Total	51,867



A recent school visit to Roscrea CA by Gaelscoil Shlí Dála

Burial Grounds

Draft Burial Ground Development Capital Policy

An updated Draft Burial Ground Development Capital Policy was presented to the members of the Environment and Climate Action SPC and agreed at the meeting held on the 7th June 2023. It is anticipated that this will be presented to the Council at its meeting on 9th October 2023.

Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

Burial Ground	Progress update
Ballina (Boher)	Boundary works to commence onsite in Quarter 2 / Quarter 3, 2023 on completion of Boher National School astro pitch development.
Fethard	Land acquisition negotiations have been completed. A resolution to proceed with the proposed Fethard Burial Ground, in accordance with the Part 8 planning and development consent process, was adopted by the members of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District at its meeting which took place on 25 th May 2023. Boundary Works to commence in Quarter 3 2023.
Cahir	The preparation of the necessary drawings and documentation, in accordance with the requirements of the Part 8 planning and development consent process, has commenced in respect of a new burial ground in Cahir.
Solohead/Monard	A potentially suitable site was identified and a hydrologist was engaged by the Environment and Climate Action Section. Preliminary site suitability trial holes have been completed and the consultant's report has indicated that the site maybe suitable, subject to further site assessment.
Carrick-on-Suir	Land acquisition negotiations have been completed with the relevant landowners. The Council has commenced with the land acquisition.
Shanrahan	The boundary wall has been completed. Further boundary works to be completed in Quarter 3 or 4 2023.
Kilmore	Works are substantially completed, to be finalised in Quarter 3 2023.
Cloughprior	The National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, was consulted in relation to the development of the burial ground extension during the Part 8 planning and development consent process. A geophysical survey as requested by the National Monuments Service, deemed the site and adjacent site unsuitable. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the area. The Environment and Climate Action Section is actively exploring alternative suitable sites within the area.



Thurles (St. Patrick's)	Surfacing of the access road and widening the existing road and corners in the lower section of the burial ground have been completed.
Holycross	New access road and plinths completed. Additional works to be completed in Quarter 3 2023.
Kilnarath	€80,000 of emergency structural works were completed, funded by a Community Monuments Fund (CMF) grant. A funding application was submitted under the CMF for Phase 2 works. The grant application has been successful with further works to commence in Quarter 3/Quarter 4 2023.
Clonmel (St. Patrick's)	Clonmel Borough District is currently exploring options in relation to an extension to St. Patrick's Cemetery. A consultant has been appointed to design an entrance at the rear of the cemetery.

Waste Management and Enforcement

Notices issued	Update	Details
Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	As at the 19 th June 2023, 11 Notices have been issued consisting of: -4 that were complied with, -7 in progress.	4 - Dumping of waste - Resolved. 5 – Relate to construction & demolition waste deposits – In progress 2 – End of Life Vehicles (scrap metal) site and waste metal - In progress. In relation to ELV Sites, 22 Fixed Payment Notices were issued, 6 were paid, 1 was cancelled and 15 are currently outstanding.

Litter Fines

	Clonmel	Thurles	Nenagh	Carrick-on-Suir	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel	Total Fines
Total number of fines Issued	6	12	17	2	25	62
Number of total fines Paid	4	7	11	1	1	24
Number of fines cancelled	0	0	1	1	1	3
Total Outstanding	2	5	5	0	23	35

Legal Proceedings

- 8 court cases as at the 19th June, with successful convictions for breaches under the Litter and Waste Management Acts.

Household Waste Inspections

The number of Households surveyed was 224, with 185 of said households being compliant which gives a percentage of 83% compliance while the national average is approximately 75%.

2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative

Tipperary County Council was awarded approx. €90,000 for projects under the 2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative.

Details below in relation to approved projects:

Project #	Project Name	Cost awarded (€)	Note	Project Status
1	Household Haz Waste	20,000	Countywide	At pre-implementation
2	TippMattress Amnesty	20,000	Countywide	At pre-implementation
3	Carrigeen Illegal dumping	10,000	Clonmel MD	In progress
4	St. Patricks The Commons	5,000	Carrick MD	Completed
5	Derryaflan Drive	2,000	Thurles MD	Completed
6	Knockanroe Silvermines	3,000	Nenagh MD	Completed
7	Roadside Illegal Dumping	30,000	Countywide	Preparations in progress

2023 Annual Farm Plastics Collection Days

The Irish Farm Film Producers Group (IFFPG) have organised their annual collection day/s over 13 authorised bring centres from June to July. Bring-centres represent the most cost-effective and convenient means by which farmers can recycle farm plastics. Dates and information in relation to these collection days can be found on the Council's website.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

1,412.41 tonnes of glass and 43.65 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of May 2023, these figures represent a 5% decrease in glass and an 7% decrease in cans collected for the same time period in 2022. 174.46 tonnes of textiles was collected to end of May 2023. For the same period in 2022, there was 182.56 tonnes collected, which represents a decrease of 4%.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin



Ballaghveny Landfill – Cell 10b being filled with waste, 30th May 2023

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The filling of Cell 10b with waste, commenced on 23rd March 2023 and is currently being filled with contaminated soil, stone and wood ash, which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon Vermi-composting facility in Rathcabbin. Up to the end of May 2023, the landfill has accepted in total 29,319t of waste, this is 59.8% of our licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate removed from Ballaghveny landfill, up to the end of May this year, is ca. 17% below the same period in the previous year (2022).

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

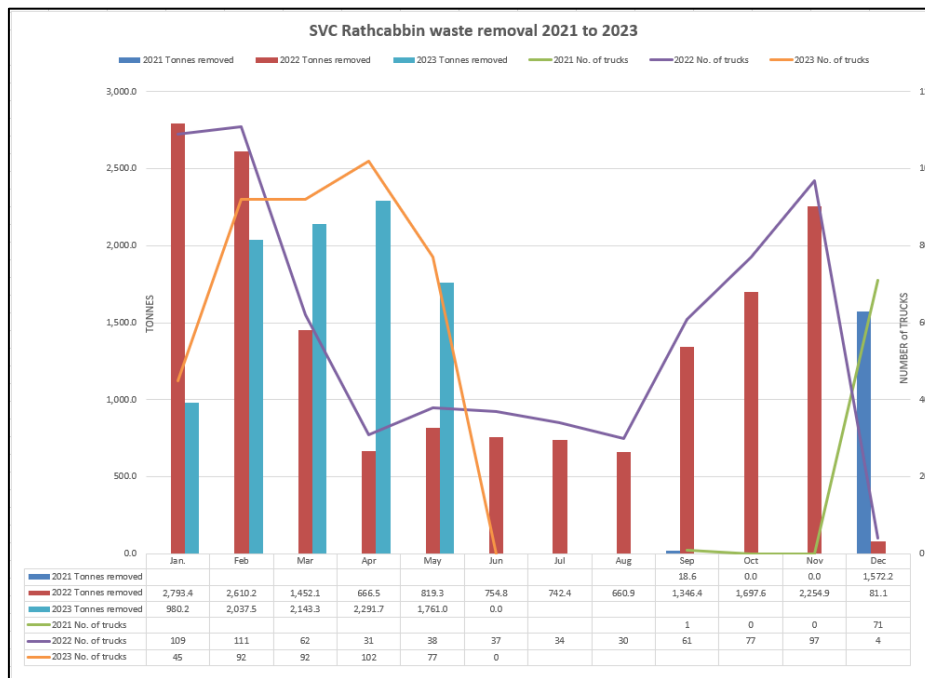
Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing. The leachate volumes removed from Donohill landfill are ca. 3.5%, higher than the same period last year, i.e. during the first 5 months of 2022.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced on 2nd December 2021. From the beginning of January, up to 31st May 2023, Ballaghveny landfill accepted 9,213.78t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin.

The total amount of waste removed, up to 31st May 2023, from SVC Rathcabbin is 26,684.19t. The SVC waste removal is estimated to be 76% complete, based upon a total of 35,000t.



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

Historic Landfills

Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir

Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation documentation is complete and applications were submitted in May 2023 to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.

Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir

Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) have been submitted to the EPA for the Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing.

Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills at: Killeigh, Cahir; Caherabbey, Cahir, and Deansgrove, Cashel.

Thurles – Templemore

Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Brittas road and Monanearla historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing.

Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessment of the closed landfill at: Kiltillane, Templemore.

Carrick-On-Suir	Connawarries, Carrickbeg – A consultant was appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are complete in preparation of a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for submission to the EPA and An Bord Pleanála.
Nenagh	Contracts were completed on 22nd November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfill at: Shesheraghscanlon, Borrisokane.

Environment Protection

Water Pollution /Agriculture

Figures below are as at the 19th June 2023.

- 630 samples were taken as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 40 Section 4 monitoring samples have been taken.
- 20 Farm inspections were performed.
- 7 Source Protection investigations were undertaken (Glengar crypto, slurry spreading at Hollyford & Tullaheady (decommissioned supply), Turraheen, Goatensbridge, Ironmills and Monroe).
- 21 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted for assessment.
- 179 Drinking Water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 12 of which were investigative follow up samples.
- 15 on site Drinking Water Audits were performed (Small Private Supplies).

Planning Referrals

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

AIR

Air Inspections

Solid Fuel Inspections

- 21 onsite inspections were carried out under the new Solid Fuel Regulations for 2023.
- Solvent regulations: 2 certificates were issued; 4 inspections were carried out and 4 annual reports were received.
- Deco paints: 1 certificate was issued.
- Petroleum Vapours: 1 petroleum vapours inspection was carried out. 7 Certificates were issued.

Air Monitors

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

Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for an Annual Maintenance Subsidy in January 2023. The closing date for applications was 30th June 2023.
- 29 applications have been received.
- Annual Maintenance Subsidies of €34,216 were paid in May 2023.

Current Capital Projects:

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

Private Well Grants:

As at the 13th June 2023, 42 new applications were received and 29 grants were awarded, 3 were refused (alternative source in proximity) and none withdrawn to date.

A total of €114,339, has been invested, as at 14th April 2023 with 29 applicants paid.

Septic Tank Grants:

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



Environmental Complaints

Complaint Category	Carrick on Suir MD		Nenagh MD		Thurles MD		Tipperary, Cahir, Cashel MD		Clonmel BD	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	1	1	3	8	2	4	1	9	1	0
Animal	4	27	1	59	7	49	4	83	8	44
Infrastructure	1	1	1	2	1	4	2	2	3	1
Litter	5	33	4	86	4	133	6	69	17	53
Noise	2	2	7	1	1	0	2	6	2	3
Waste	3	18	12	26	1	68	3	22	9	37
Water	0	3	2	14	1	8	1	11	0	5
Totals	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
	16	85	30	196	17	266	19	202	40	143
Totals	101		226		283		221		183	

[Housing Directorate](#)



All figures relate to the period 01 January 2023 – 31 May 2023

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	<p>Serviced sites identified</p> <p>Draft scheme of priority in place</p> <p>Turnkey advertisement for affordable housing development</p>	<p>Advertise serviced sites;</p> <p>Advertise for suitable turnkey affordable units</p>
Review of the Housing Allocation Scheme & associated policies.	<p>The SPC members were informed at the February meeting that the option of sending an email to an unsuccessful CBL applicant was not possible as the system is not sophisticated enough to cater for this. It was agreed to introduce a text heading on the CBL site which will make it clear that only successful applicants will be contacted.</p> <p>The option of allowing applicants approved for 1 bedded units to view 2 bedded units is possible but it is a policy decision that will be taken as part of the review of the housing allocation scheme.</p> <p>Following a presentation and in-depth discussions, a decision was taken at the May SPC that grant aid for double glazed windows would not be made available. Currently single glazed window applications account for 42% of applications and until such time as this figure drops below 20%, the situation as it stands will</p>	<p>Scheme & relevant policies to be updated in line with review.</p>



remain. A commitment was given to review the request in the next 12 months.

Sub-SPC working group has been set-up to review the housing allocation scheme in relation to tenancy breaches, succession & other minor amendments & align the changes with internal policies.

Disability strategy

Meeting with relevant stakeholders to identify support pathways for persons with disabilities

Finalise outline of 3 year capital programme to support disability strategy

Housing Delivery

The current status of the projects is as follows:

2022 – 2026 Construction Programme

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Gort an Oir, Fethard Belmont Park Housing Association	7	Stage 1 Approved – Capital Assistance Scheme	Stage 2 preparation
Gortlandroe, Nenagh	27	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 submission
Puckane	21	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 submission
Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir	30	Decision required on third river crossing -	Stage 1 submission
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 2 Approved	On Hold
Clogheen	12	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Ballingarry (South)	10	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Gantley Road, Roscea	16	RIAI Design Competition	Appointment of Design team
Rialto site, Nenagh	12	Design team appointed	Stage 2 submission
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	6	Stage 1 Approved	Under review with Thurles MD
Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Section 179A	Tender Documentation
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	Planning Application	Planning Decision
Ashbury, Roscrea	10	Integrated Design Team Appointed	Stage 3 submission
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approved



Glencarrick, Roscrea	46	Section 179A	Tender Documentation
Church Street, Templemore	2	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor Appointment
Glennconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Part V and Turnkey	Commencement on Site
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Part 8 approved	Stage 3 submission
William Street, Nenagh	7	Stage 2 Approved	Tender documents being prepared
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 approved	Design Team Appointment
Boherclough Street, Cashel	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Woodview Close, Nenagh	10	Contractor Onsite	Completion 2023
Moyne	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Portroe, Nenagh	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Bansha	14	Substantially Complete	Completion June 2023
Ardfinnan	14	Turnkey	Completion 2023
Ballyclerihan	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Donohill	8	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir	22	Turnkey Contractor on site.	Phased Delivery (9 by Q4 2023 other 13 Q1 2024)
Cullen	8	Turnkey	Awaiting Contracts
Ard Na Sidhe , Clonmel	9	Turnkey Contractor on site	Completion June 2023
Tyone Road, Nenagh	67	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised. CALF
Coopers Lot, Cashel	44	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised CALF
Farranahassery, Cahir	48	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised CALF



Wallers Lot, Cashel	40	Tuath AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised CALF
Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	19	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Wheatfields, Clonmel	34	Turnkey Contractor on site	Phased Delivery in 2023/2024
Stradavoher Road, Thurles	32	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Glencree, Newport	8	Turnkey	Completion 2023
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Abbey Street, Cahir	10	Substantial Completion	
Ardcroney	4	Complete	Houses being allocated
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey Project on Site	Phased Delivery, 2023/2024 (6 delivered in 2022)
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey	Phased Delivery, 3 substantially complete
Irish House, Tipperary Town	6	Focus Ireland, AHB	Substantially Complete
Glennconnor Road, Clonmel	31	Turnkey, Completed	Tenants moving in.

RAS Voluntary

New properties	48
Total tenancies	320

RAS Private

New properties	5
Total tenancies	632
Rent Reviews carried out	69

Long term lease

Total tenancies	294
Rent Reviews carried out	54

Mortgage to rent

New properties	0
Total tenancies	88
Rent Reviews carried out	5

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up	82
Total tenancies	1660
Average weekly HAP set up	4

Inspections

	1 st inspection	2 nd inspection
RAS	11	22
Private rented	189	13
Long term lease	5	1
HAP	128	175
Mortgage to rent	3	2
Total	336	213

Energy Efficiency Works

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

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

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

All four tenders have been/are in the process of being awarded in the coming weeks.

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

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

Housing Grants

The Council has received confirmation that we will receive a total of €3,408,125 in private grant funding for 2023. The allocation we have received for LA DPG's is €2,110,262 for this period which is the highest allocation in the country.

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

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,408,125	€1,861,011.55	115
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€300,000	€61,687.42	10
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€700,000	€914,297.26	141
TOTAL	€3,408,125	€2,836,996.23	171
Local Authority DPG Grants	€2,110,262	€855,599	23

Provision for double glazed windows in grants scheme

	HGD	MAG	HOP	Total
Valid	298	45	296	639
Paid	249	55	241	545
Returned	232	29	193	454
Total Approved	259	43	269	571

Type of Grant	No. of grants approved	Difference
HGD Q1 2022	55	
HGD Q1 2023	72	17
MAG Q1 2022	12	
MAG Q1 2023	6	-6
HOP Q1 2022	46	
HOP Q1 2023	97	51
Additional grants approved Q1 2023		62

Voids

The number completed is 54.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir - 18
- Nenagh - 10
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 11
- Carrick - 9
- Clonmel – 6

Vacant Houses¹

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ²
Carrick	355	18	0.33%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	800	23	0.42%
Clonmel	612	21	0.39%
Nenagh	732	19	0.35%
Templemore/Thurles	854	31	0.57%
Total	3,353	112	2.1%

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	25	18	3	4	3
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	69	65	4	0	1
Clonmel	49	41	7	1	3
Nenagh	30	20	9	1	5
Templemore Thurles	82	59	18	5	21
TOTALS	255	203	41	11	33

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

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Rent figures May 2023

It was agreed in 2022 that the Council would give more regular updates on its rent collection on the basis that rents should be read over particular agreed points in time so that there can be more accurate interpretation of how the rent area is performing and that the appropriate context can be given for their analysis and interpretation. On this basis, the Housing section reports on rents in January, at all MDs/BD in March, in June and again at the budget time in November.

In the context of interpreting the figures below, it is important to remember that a review of the accuracy of rent payments per tenant was carried out in late 2021 and into 2022. As previously explained, roughly 800 tenants had significantly underpaid the rent amount due to the council based on undeclared income coming into their household over the previous couple of years. Arising from that rent review, those tenants that had outstanding rents owed to the council were met/engaged with and a payment plan was put in place for those who were not in a position to pay off the rent owed. This has resulted in an increase in the level of arrears in rents but the Council is satisfied that this full amount will be repaid over the coming 2 years or so based on the payment plans in place.

A small number of households agreements are over a longer period with agreement to avoid undue hardship,

In this context, the total number of rent accounts as at the end of May 2023 totals 6,144 (LA; RAS 7 LTL). As of the 31st May 2023 the amount of arrears lies at €2,705,278 but when credits on rent accounts are taken into account, the overall net balance of arrears is €2,187,678. In terms of percentage rent collection, the Council is currently at 79% which compared to this time last year is a 3% increase. (and the end of year collection rate in 2022 was 90%). The Council expects to exceed the 90% collection rate by year end in 2023.

It should be noted that rents are calculated in accordance with a tenants income (the lower the income, the lower the rent and vice versa subject to a cap) and there is a requirement on behalf of the tenant to inform the council of any change in their income (up or down). The average rent in May 2023 is €59.80.

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 793 housing applications received of which:

- 541 were found to be valid
- 252 were found to be invalid

Number of Housing Assessments carried out

Month	Number of Assessments
January	65
February	118
March	107
April	74
May	144
Total	508

Choice Based Lettings

- 128 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 116 offers have been accepted.
- 7 awaiting decision
- There have been 5 refusals (4% refusal rate)

Homelessness

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

Homeless Presentations

Single	106
Couples	15
Couples with children	18
Singles with Children	69
Total	208

Homeless Prevention

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

Prevention work was carried out by the HAP place finder on 18 of these presentations. They facilitated 15 singles and 2 couples in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

Emergency B&B Accommodation:

There are currently 27 singles and 7 families in emergency B&B accommodation who are particularly vulnerable or have complex needs. To date in 2023, the HAP Placefinder service assisted 6 single persons and 6 families in exiting emergency accommodation. In addition to the B&B emergency accommodation, our OFD emergency accommodation, consisting of 11 units, is also fully occupied and being fully supported by our own Homeless staff and PMVT.

Notice to Quits (NTQ) for RAS & HAP properties

NTQ applicants are the sector who have been given a notice to quit as a result of landlords moving out of the private rental market. Tipperary County Council has been notified of 258 NTQ to date in 2023. The Council has purchased 60 NTQ properties to date. Of the remaining 198 notices, a further 32 properties are at various stages of consideration for purchase. The council will continue to focus on solutions for those in immediate need over prioritising those NTQs which come to fruition in the next 2 months

Our HAP Place-finders are working with all NTQ recipients to assist them in finding alternative accommodation. It is important that recipients of NTQs make contact immediately with the council on receipt of an NTQ.

In relation to the receipt of notices to quit the Housing section has prepared an information sheet which is available on our website at

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/housing/housing/housing-latest-news/2023/protocol-support-households-notice-termination-april-2023>

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

Buy and Renew

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. There is continued engagement with landlords to bring more properties back into use through the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes. Buy and Renew will also assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns. We have a target in 2023 to deliver 5 Buy & Renew properties.

Repair and Lease

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

Local Authority Home Loans

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

From 01 March 2023 an applicant can apply to:

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

Local Authority Home Loans³

Number of Applications Received	36
Number of Valid Applications Received	11
Number of Loan Applications Approved	7
Number of Loans Issued	8
Total Value of Loans Issued	€896,500

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	49
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	27
Sales completed	5
Total proceeds of sales received	€325,300

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

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme, following consultation with traveller agency groups outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community from 2019 to 2024. The projected housing units need over the five-year period is 90 of which 123 have been delivered to-date. A target of 25 accommodation units for traveller families was set out for 2023 of which 18 have been delivered.

The Council is also obliged to prepare a 3 Year Capital Programme and the current Programme covers the period 2022 to 2024. This Programme provides for upgrade works, new build, site remedial works, etc. so as to improve the living conditions of the travelling community.

The following table sets out current position in relation to each project.

3 Year Capital Traveller Accommodation Plan 2022 - 2024

Development Location	Description of Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	STATUS June 2023
Freighduff, Cashel	Purchase and refurbishment of dwelling	2022	Q2 2023	Nearing completion
Ballyknock Halting Site, Cashel	Refurbishment and reinstatement of 4 no. existing tigin's and provision of new mobile units	Q3 2022 – to tender end Aug 22	End Q4 2023	In Progress
Nos. 2 and 3 Waller's Lot Group Housing Estate, Cashel	Refurbish and extend two detached groups houses	Q3 2022 – at tender	August 2023	In Progress
No. 1 Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel	Pre-Letting works	Q1 2024		
Cahir Road Roundabout Halting Site, Clonmel	Connection of halting site to main sewer	Q2 2022	Q3 2023	Contractor Appointed
No. 1 Shanballyduff, Garraun, Cashel	Extend and refurbish existing dwelling	Part 8 to commence Q2 2022	Q2 2024	Part 8 In Progress

Development Location	Description of Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	STATUS June 2023
Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel	Construction of new bay and provision of mobile home	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	In Progress
Knocksaintlour Group Housing Scheme, Cashel	Refurbishment of existing dwelling & removal of caravans	July 2023	Q4 2023	Contractor Appointed
No. 3 Railway Cottages	Extension and refurbishment of dwelling	Q3 2022		On hold
Railway Cottages Group Housing Estate, Powerstown, Clonmel	Refurbishment of Nos. 1 and 2 including site works (subject to injunction being granted)	Commence following completion of legal proceedings 2023		On hold. Legal proceedings under appeal
Lake Road Halting Site, Tipperary Town	Refurbishment of halting site Group Housing	Commence 2024		
Condon's Cross, Clonmel	Refurbish existing dwelling & provide new demountable			At design stage
Rathordan, Cashel	Extend and refurbish existing dwelling	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Going to Tender
Mocklers Hill, Cashel	Extend & refurbish existing LA dwelling	Q4 2022	Q4 2023	In progress
Lissava, Mitchelstown Road, Cahir	Purchase and refurbish dwelling	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Tender in progress
Parkmore Halting Site, Roscrea	Add bedrooms to 4 no tígins and change classroom to tigin	Commenced	Q4 2023	In progress 2 units complete and 2 in progress.
Ballybeg, Littleton	Extension to existing dwelling	Completed	Q4 2022	Tenant in place



Development Location	Description of Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	STATUS June 2023
Lisnaviddogue, Templemore	Demolish existing dwelling and construct new dwelling	TBC		On hold
Ballyvillane Halting Site, Nenagh	Refurbish existing halting site and tígíns.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025	
Dwelling at Rockforest, Knock, Roscrea	Extension to existing house	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Contractor being appointed
14 Clohessy Place, Bouladuff, Thurles	Extend and refurbish existing dwelling	Part 8 to commence Q3 2023 subject to funding	Expected completion 2024	Drawings being prepared
Dwelling at 1 Coolcroo, Two-Mile-Borris	Demolish and rebuild existing house	Part 8 ready for publication Q3 2023	Q4 2024	Drawings being prepared
Dwelling at 7 Brittas, Thurles	3-bedroom extension	Part 8 Q3 2023	Completion Q2 2024	Drawings being prepare
Bay 2 Ashbury Halting Site, Roscrea	Provide additional bedroom to Bay 2	Tender Q4 2023	Completion Q4 2024	To be sent to Dept for funding. Part 8 to be advertised in Sept.
Ashbury Classroom	Refurbish to accommodation unit			At design stage
Ashbury Halting Site	Extend existing bay by addition of two bedrooms			At design stage

Ukrainian Refugees

The war in Ukraine is ongoing, resulting in the displacement of millions of Ukrainians. In response to this displacement, the E.U by means of Directive undertook to provide temporary protection to those fleeing the crisis in the Ukraine. To date, some 80,00 Ukrainians have arrived in the country with approximately 2000 now resident in the county. Tipperary County Council through the Housing, Civil Defence, C&E sections and Local Development Companies in addition to support from key community groups have provided the following services in assisting with this humanitarian crisis:

- 2 x temporary rest facilities (one of which is supported by THLT). 1387 arrivals in 53 number intakes
- IRC Pledged Properties subsequently managed by TCC - 231 Ukrainians have been housed in both vacant and shared units.
- Offer a Home Pledged Property fully managed by the Council has facilitated the provision of 275 Ukrainians housed in 86 properties with a further 8 properties in the process of being assigned.
- Commercial Operators: - there are some 30 commercial operators in the county and housing staff actively support the residents in these facilities to integrate into the broader community.
- Refurbished Properties: The Council is also actively engaging with and supporting the Department of Housing to identify appropriate properties which can be refurbished to accommodate additional BOTP on an interim basis and a number of such properties are currently under consideration.
- Modular Homes: The OPW will provide 62 such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles. It is anticipated that homes will be tenanted by mid-July and the Allocation Assessment process has commenced.
- Community Car Initiative- to assist those Ukrainians living in locations not on a transport route to access services.

Community Integration

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

In recognition of the welcome provided by communities to the arrival of those fleeing the war in the Ukraine, the Community Recognition fund was introduced by Government to provide funding for projects in the areas where large numbers of Ukrainians were housed. Grants in the amount of some €980,000 were recently allocated to such communities across the county for such projects.

Affordable Housing

Croí Cónaithe fund

This scheme has been expanded to include houses in rural areas and an applicant can now apply for the grant for their primary residence and one additional property which they will rent. This additional property must be registered with the RTB and

The same criteria apply for both types of grant application:

- Building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Built before 31 December 2007.
- Up to €50,000 available as a grant. An additional €20,000 is available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.
- The applicant does not have to own the building when applying for the grant but the grant will not be paid until the sale of the building and works are complete.
- The works proposed must be approved in advance, following inspection by the local authority of the
- subject property
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years.
- Grant must be used to renovate the existing building or be within the ambit of exempt development under planning regulations, or as part of a planning application, if required, as part of a wider refurbishment.

Scheme	Croí Cónaithe		
	Scheme Total	2022	2023 (to date)
Applications	155	49	106
Withdrawn	4	3	1
Rejected	14	11	3
Under Review (LA)	19	0	19
FI Requested	41	4	37
On Hold (Applicant)	0	0	0
Approved in Principal	78	31	47
Paid Out	0	0	0



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

Tipperary County Council will offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme, subject to access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A call will be made in the coming weeks to seek expressions of interest from those developers who have an interest in providing affordable homes in the key towns who already have planning permission.

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

The Council has also identified a pilot site for self-build affordable units in Boherlahan and it is planned to advertise these sites for sale in the coming weeks. A business case outlining the project has been submitted to the Department.

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

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