



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

January 2023

# Management Report to Council






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**Economic/Community/Rural Services Development and Corporate Services Directorate  
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)**

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u>				
Policy Changes/Updates		Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage	
LEADER 2023-2027		Following successful completion at EOI, commence development of the Tipperary LDS including public consultation for implementation and adoption by August 2023		
Local Economic and Community Plan		High Level Goals agreed at Advisory Committee, LCDC & Economic SPC  Commence public consultation Q1 2023 with view to final LECP adopted in Q3 2023		
Directorate Priorities				
Major Current Issues	Progress to date			Next Stage
<b>Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2022</b>	Tipperary County Council secured funding for 7 projects under the 2022 TVRS announced on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 as follows:			
		Project	Description	Approved Funding
	1	Ballina	Provision of an access promenade and viewing area across the River Shannon, to drive tourist and local footfall activity, to enhance the accessibility to public outdoor recreational area creating a conduit connecting the amenities and business area of Ballina	€360,000
	2	Lorrha	To extend the community hall and to renovate existing space at St. Ruadhan's Hall, Lorrha to provide a community centre and remote working hub that compliments the existing community services (café and shop) provided by the community centre	€238,937
3	Mullinahone	The conversion of a derelict section of Mullinahone Community Centre to provide space for a community digital hub	€95,000	

4	Templemore	The installation of an inclusive outdoor gym facility. The proposal states also that another element to the project will be to install a low safety fence to make safer the boundary of the existing town park along the roadway within the park.	€51,075
5	SEM - Tipperary Town	Funding under the Streetscape Enhancement Measure in Tipperary Town	€100,000
6	PDM - Newport	Feasibility & options report for the redevelopment of the courthouse into a community space, including all surveys, and to progress through to planning including design.	€45,000
7	PDM - Cashel	Feasibility study to develop business case for development of a digital hub in Cashel and evaluation of the selected building to host the hub, including site/architectural surveys, design and planning, floor plan and preliminary cost estimate.	€44,058.60

**TVRS 2022 – Building Acquisition Measure (BAM)**

The Council had secured €400,000 funding under the Building Acquisition Measure earlier in 2022 allowing the Council to purchase the Goldcrop site in Carrick-on-Suir to be used in the future as a multi-purpose community space.

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022**

**Measure 1 and Project Development Measures- €321,884**

The objective of this scheme is to provide funding for the development of new outdoor recreation infrastructure and for the necessary repair, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreation infrastructure in countryside areas. Tipperary County Council secured funding of €321,884 announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 for 8 Measure 1 projects and 2 Project Development Measures (PDM), details as follows:

	Project	Description	Lead Partner	Approved Funding
1	Adventure Lough Derg	To improve both design and content of Adventure Lough Derg app available on AppStore and Google Play	North Tipperary Development Company	€27,000
2	Ballinderry River Walk Phase II	Upgrade of section of riverwalk along the Ballyfinboy River	Tipperary County Council	€26,784
3	Carrick-on-Suir and Nenagh – Age Friendly Cycling Initiative	Carrick-on-Suir and Nenagh Promotion of voluntary cycling initiative	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
4	Clare Glens River Walk (PDM)	Clare Glens River Walk Upgrade- Planning and Design	Tipperary County Council	€48,600
5	Kilballyboy Wood	Kilballyboy Wood Trails - Provide 3 looped walks	Tipperary County Council	€30,000

6	Liam Lynch Trailhead Car Park	Provision of a car park at Liam Lynch trailhead	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
7	Sliabh na mBan Cairn and Walk	Sliabh na mBan Cairn and Walk Create road side parking at the trail head	Tipperary County Council	€30,000
8	Soloheadbeg -Greenway and Water Park (PDM)	Planning & Design- Water Park & proposed Greenway	Tipperary County Council	€42,500
9	Tipperary Angling	Complete audit of current angling infrastructure in Tipperary Promote and market Tipperary as quality angling destination of choice	North Tipperary Development Company	€27,000
10	Vee Car Park, Bay Lough Knockmeald own Mountains	Upgrade of Carpark at the Vee	Tipperary County Council	€30,000

These projects are due to be completed by October 2023.

**ORIS Measure 2 and Measure 3 - €847,991**

ORIS Measure 2 and Measure 3 funding was announced on 28<sup>th</sup> November with 3 projects benefitting from this funding as follows:

Measure	Project	Description	Approved Funding
2	Monaincha Abbey Looped Walk	Upgrade existing trail and develop a loop walk at Monaincha Abbey	€197,991
2	Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Trail	Upgrade Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Walkway and Cycleway	€200,000
3	Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway	Upgrade of 20km Suir Blueway between Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir	€450,000

These projects are due to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

<b>Clár Grants 2022</b>	Tipperary County Council secured funding of €315,541 announced on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 for 8 projects as follows:			
		<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Approved Funding</b>
	1	Clogheen Playground Committee/Tipperary County Council	Upgrade Clogheen playground and provide disabled toilet facilities in the adjacent public toilets building	€50,000

2	Knock GAA	Knock Community Ball Wall & 3G Astro & Turf Facility	€50,000
3	Solohead GAA Club	An all-weather AstroTurf developed as part of an integrated 5-year community development plan	€50,000
4	Clonakenny Playground Enhancement/ Tipperary County Council	Development and enhancement works at Clonakenny playground and adjoining car park	€15,141
5	Tipperary County Council	Resurface Drombane Village Car Park	€23,400
6	Cloughjordan FC Community Facility Development	Transformation of greenfield site into an inclusive community facility incorporating two playing pitches, parking and changing areas	€50,000
7	Sean Treacys GAA Club	Community carpark enhancement	€50,000
8	Drangan Playground Committee/Tipperary County Council	Resurfacing of Drangan playground and provision of new play equipment along with repairs to existing equipment	€27,000

A further tranche of Clár funding was announced on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and Tipperary County Council secured a further €160,735 to benefit a further 4 projects, details as follows:

	Recipient	Description	Grant Funding
9	Ballingarry Community Field - The Commons	Development of Walkway & Car Park	€48,725
10	Duhill Community Council	Duhill Community Hall - Renovation	€12,600
11	Moneygall GAA	Improvements to safety of driveway and parking facilities by laying tarmac, kerbing and bollards	€50,000
12	Lismackin - Bourea Development Association	Construction of a new rain play area and community sensory garden	€49,410

These projects are due to be completed by September 2023.



**Local Community Development Committee**

The LCDC met 11 times in 2022 providing oversight and coordination of local and community development funding through such programmes as the Rural Development Programme, Social Inclusion Funding, Department of Rural and Community Development Schemes (such as the Community Support Funds) and the budgets for the displaced Ukrainians. In 2023, the capacity of the LCDC will be called on in relation to the Development of the Local Development Strategy for LEADER 2023-2027 (with partners NTDC & STDC), the procurement of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP+ programme), and the development of the Local Economic and Community Plan Framework and Implementation Plan

**Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)**

The SICAP programme has two goals- to support the capacity of community groups across County Tipperary and to support the most marginalised individuals back to employment, self employment education it training. In 2022, the SICAP programme were resourced to work with the displaced Ukrainians and further budget has been provided in 2023- see total budgets for 2023 below (a maximum of 25% of budget can be used on administration)

**Annual Budget 2023**

NTDC SICAP Budget	€657,968.00
NTDC Ukrainian Budget	€90,747.00
NTDC Total	€748,715.00

STDC SICAP Budget	€812,300.00
STDC Ukrainian Budget	€109,053.00
STDC Total	€921,353.00

2023 is the final year of the current programme, therefore the procurement process for SICAP 2024-2028 will commence in Q1 2023.

**Local Economic and Community Plan**

An Advisory group in place for the development of the LECP 2023-2029. To date the ground have focused on the development of a socio-economic statement and the development of High Level Goals. Quarter 1 2023 will see the rollout of an online interface (eg webpage) for information, awareness and submission purposes as well as the planning of community consultation to take place in both geographical location and online.

**Tipperary LEADER programme**

The LEADER programme is a key intervention of Our Rural Future, the Government’s Policy for rural development launched in 2021, which aims to deliver a range of actions to rural communities over the lifetime of the policy. It is a multi-annual programme for rural development co-funded by the EU through the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plan (CSP). The programme is based on a community-led approach to rural development and plays an important role in supporting communities and enterprises in progressing job creation, social inclusion and environmental projects at local level. The specific objective of Leader is ‘to promote employment, growth, gender equality, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry’

Under the last LEADER programme 2014-2022 Tipperary achieved over €10.2m in projects and an additional €2.03m in National Food & Cooperation Projects with over 294 projects approved by Tipperary LCDC in this period.

A partnership of Tipperary LCDC, South Tipperary Development Company and North Tipperary Development Company submitted a joint Expression of Interest to develop a Local Development Strategy (LDS) for Tipperary and the next round of LEADER 2023-2027. At total of €7.8m is available to Tipperary for the next

LEADER programme. It is anticipated that the outcome of the EOI phase will be announced before the end of January and the successful applicants will then proceed to stage 2 and commence the process of developing the LDS for Tipperary.

### Community Enhancement Programme.

In 2021 Tipperary received €299,381 CAF from the DRCD. €193,000 was given out in small grants to 200 community groups to fund the purchase of equipment and support running costs. the remaining money was targeted at:

- Migrant Projects €10,000
- Greener Communities €9,000
- Age Friendly Projects €6,900
- Womens Health Projects €5,400
- Domestic Violence Projects €10,000
- Mens Sheds Equipment and Running costs €18,000
- Traveller Community Projects €2,200
- Mental Health Projects and
- Running costs €10,000
- Family Resource Centre Projects and running costs €35,000

In November 2022 Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State, Joe O'Brien TD, announced a new €10 million fund (Community Support Fund or CSF) to support thousands of local community & voluntary groups with their energy bills/running costs.

Tipperary received €338,885. Of which €100,000 is ring fenced to fund specific initiatives in the county. The remaining amount will comprise of:

- 49% Current funding (Non-Pay) for use towards energy running/operating costs
- 50% Capital funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.

- 1% ring-fenced for Women's sheds

The fund will open for applications via an online portal till the end of January. It is planned to have the applications approved at the February LCDC meeting and to have all the money drawdown completed by the end of August 2023.

### Joint Policing Committee

Four meeting where held in 2022. Chief Superintendent Derek Smart has been replaced on the JPC by Chief Superintendent Colm O'Sullivan who took charge of his first on December the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The JPC are currently working on Property Marking and Community based CCTV.

The property making machine has been loaned out to the Community Garda in Tipperary Town and to community Groups in the Clonmel Area.



Garda in Tipperary District marking a car trailer with Tipperary County Council property marking machine

The following Community based CCTV schemes have been recommended for Garda Authorisation and we are waiting for the final authorisation documentation to come from An Garda Síochána



- Littleton
- Fethard
- Borrisokane
- Burgess, Birdhill and Cooleens
- Nenagh

This means that footage from the scheme in Fethard can be used in court as evidence. Carrick MD and Clonmel BD are working on the authorisation documentation and plan to present to the National Garda CCTV Authorisation committee in 2023. Borrisokane should be able to go to tender in 2023. Roscrea CCTV have completed the CCTV design and will continue to work on sourcing funding in 2023.

### Tipperary Age Friendly



The National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards ceremony is an annual acknowledgement of the significant work that takes place across the country, recognising in particular those whose efforts contribute to older people living better lives as they age. Tipperary Age Friendly were honoured to receive the Age Friendly Community Innovation Award for the EXPO held in TUS Campus Thurles showcasing positive ageing in Tipperary.



### Tipperary Older Peoples Council

The executive of Tipperary Older Peoples Council (OPC) took part in training facilitated by Age and

Opportunity in September 2022 and a significant emphasis for 2023 is to increase membership and awareness of Tipperary Age Friendly and to increase membership of the Executive



Tipperary Age Friendly aim to host an information afternoon in Thurles on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. This information session will include a visit to the Stanwix Village in Thurles, information session with Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative, SEAI and Tipperary Housing Supports followed by Tipperary OPC AGM. All older adult community groups, nursing homes will be invited to attend the event.

### Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance

The alliance of Tipperary Age Friendly held a workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December to review the objectives and actions of the Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy. A further workshop will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> January to agree priority actions for 2023, which will align to the LECP Annual Implementation Plan.

### Positive Ageing Week

Tipperary Age Friendly supported local community activities during Positive Ageing Week 2022 with activities in Clonmel, Slieverdagh, Tipperary Town, Newport, Nenagh, Thurles and Fethard. In addition, partnership with Tipperary Libraries and funded through Healthy Ireland, supported a 6-week Health and Wellbeing events for Positive ageing across the county.

### **Age Friendly Business Training**

The Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme encourages retailers and service providers to think about what low- or no-cost changes they can make to help their older customers' experience better.

Participating businesses are asked to nominate an 'Age Friendly Champion' to undergo a short online training course, consult with customers, and implement three Age Friendly actions. Some of the changes that successfully accredited businesses have made include providing a rest chair, making sure all signage is easy to read and in large print and making sure to give each customer as much time as they need.

Having completed the programme, Age Friendly accredited businesses can display their certification and accreditation window sticker at their premises and will also be listed on the [agefriendlyireland.ie](http://agefriendlyireland.ie) website.

You can contact [agefriendly@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@tipperarycoco.ie) for further information.

### **Back in My Day Volume 2**

Working with Jimmy Duggan, we have completed Back In my Day Volume 2. This sought feedback from older people throughout the county with interviews held in the library network and also in some nursing homes and day care centres. This will be launched on 24<sup>th</sup> January with the OPC information event.

### **Tipperary Understand Together**



Tipperary Age Friendly continue the promotion, supports and awareness of Dementia in County Tipperary.

We have setup a website to guide you to information and supports throughout the county. <https://www.dementiatipperary.ie/>

Each month there are a range of dementia Cafe in the county providing supports and information. The cafe takes place in Thurles on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in Nenagh/Ballina on second Tuesday, Tipperary and Roscrea on the last Friday of every month.

The Tipperary Library Craft group took part in a fidget blanket project providing supports for those with dementia and sensory requirements in the Tipperary Area



Supported by Healthy Ireland funding those attending the cafe in Nenagh and Roscrea will undertake mindfulness supports in January

### **Cycling without Age Tipperary**

Tipperary Age Friendly have secured funding from ORIS for provision of Cycling without age in Nenagh and Carrick on Suir. This will compliment funding achieved for Roscrea, Clonmel and Cahir. A recruitment drive to engage volunteer drivers will commence with training late January early February with view for launch of this amenity across the county in the spring.



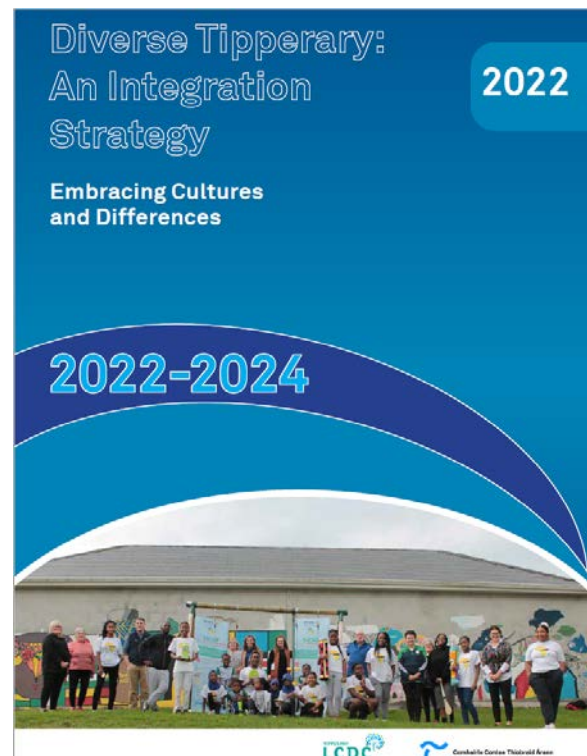
### Migrant Integration

The Tipperary Migrant Integration Strategy is at pre-print stage. The strategy contains 42 actions to improve the quality of life of non-Irish communities. The actions focus on the following thematic areas.

- Support educational outcomes and language abilities within the migrant communities
- Promote integration and life chances of non-Irish through volunteerism and community involvement
- Increase awareness of multi-culturalism within organisations and communities through training and media
- Celebrate the diversity that multi-culturalism brings to Co Tipperary
- Promote multi-cultural diversity through sport
- Challenge racism and discrimination against people from different cultures



- Increase representation of migrant groups in decision-making committees and groups
- Targeted support for the most marginalised non-Irish community especially those in need of basic supports e.g., secure accommodation



Sláintecare Healthy Communities - Clonmel



Tipperary County Council and the HSE welcomed all community partners, agencies, services and community participants to their Sláintecare Healthy Communities launch on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, held in Hillview Sports Club Clonmel.

Minister Frank Feighan who launched the Clonmel programme commented that “To make real and lasting change we need to work together to create communities where people can thrive”.

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities in Clonmel will be a partnership to coordinate interventions that address the quality of life determinants at a local level with community engagement.

Tipperary County Council has been tasked at a local level with elements of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. Tipperary County Council, through the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), will establish an Implementation Team supported by the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer (LDO) Stephanie O’Callaghan.



Healthy Ireland fund 2023 – 2025

Under Strand 4 2023 to 2025 there is a change from activity led to outcomes led approach. There is a greater recognition of the social determinants of health and emphasis on evidencing the difference the work undertaken makes with the chosen target group and evidence base for choice of actions undertaken.



There are 5 national outcome indicators:

- Lifestyle & Behaviour Risk Outcome Area
- Mortality & Morbidity Outcome Area
- Wellbeing Factors Outcome Area
- Environmental Factors Outcome Area
- Socio Economic Factors Outcome Area

At the October Tipperary LCDC meeting we agreed to select the Lifestyle and Behaviour Risk Outcome Area and the Wellbeing Factors outcome area.

Within this for *Lifestyle and Behaviour* our area of focus will be on the increase in % of adults and children meeting physical activity guidelines and,

in the *Wellbeing Factors* the increase in % of people aged 50+ engaging in one or more social leisure activity at least once a week.

Tipperary LCDC must submit a new Healthy Tipperary Strategy and activities work plan relating to the 2 outcome areas by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023, together with annual implementation plan and will align to the Tipperary LECP.

### Public Participation Network (PPN)

Tipperary PPN held its Plenary, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Cabragh Wetlands. The title for the Plenary is Healthy Us - Healthy You, Healthy Community, Healthy Planet. Tipperary PPN has a number of rep vacancies which can be found on <https://www.ppntipperary.ie/current-rep-vacancies/>

### Period and Hygiene Security

There are currently plans for a Hygiene Security Campaign across the county in response to identified needs for supports in this area. Healthy Ireland Period Poverty funding has been increased to support this once of initiative in response to this need through Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Healthy Ireland. Tipperary County Council and the Community Activities fund are also supporting this initiative. Currently orders with suppliers are being completed and arrangements for packing packs for distribution across the county through existing services such as FRC's and Youth Services and community services. We are hoping to distribute 750 packs across the county in January 2023. Additionally, there will be the standard Period Poverty campaign across the county through the Healthy Ireland County Co-ordinator. We will have a community call through civic offices and libraries for members of the public to contribute items, which will be redistributed further through the partner agencies and services

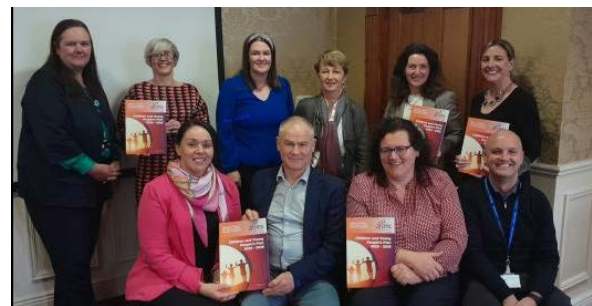
### Comhairle Na Nóg

A successful AGM of Comhairle na Nóg was held at the TUS campus Thurles in October. A video documentary showcasing the work and energy of the AGM is featured on the tipperarycoco website on the following link:

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/what-comhairle-na-n%C3%B3g>

### Children and Young People Services Committee (CYPSC)

Tipperary Children and Young People's Plan, 2022-2025 was publicly launched on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Anner Hotel, Thurles.



The plan provides a profile on the children and young people of Co. Tipperary, drawing on key statistics relating to health, education and economic circumstances, and on responses in consultations carried out with them, with parents and with front-line staff. It also identifies the key issues affecting the 0-24 years age cohort and includes a range of actions to address these. [Plan Link](#)

### Pride of Place

The Pride of Place Awards, now celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, holds the annual awards ceremony on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Showcasing Tipperary in this year's awards we are represented by Cahir Tidy Towns and Tipperary Town's Mens Shed and we wish them both every success at the awards.

### Tipperary Together

'*Tipperary Together*' newsletter which issues at the end of each month and showcases support and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals. Content for this newsletter can be submitted to [tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie)

### What's on in Tipperary

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

### Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership implemented its 2022 Operational Plan and successfully secured over €738,000 for sports and physical activities in the County in 2022. During the year there was a focus to support the return to sport and physical activity.

Tipperary Sports Partnership awarded over €32,000 to 37 sports club under their 2022 Coaching, Development Fund & over €8,500 under Return to Sport Funding Scheme. These schemes are currently being administered.

Phase 2 funding for the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with TUS, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club was received to further develop and enhance the experience and to deliver outreach programmes.

There were two new 8-week Community Walking programmes delivered in Newport and Tipperary Town with 56 participants. Currently, planning further walks for the start of 2023.



A new Park Run was established in Fethard with the support of TSP, the first event took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and runs every Saturday morning at 9.30 in the Fethard Town Park.

In Nenagh, TSP worked with Silver Arch and the HSE and delivered a second 'Let's Get Moving Green Exercise' programme with 16 participants engaged.

A very successful Swimmin Women programme was delivered in 6 swimming pools in Carrick, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Tipperary Town and Thurles.

2 Aqua Fit programmes were delivered for older adult in Roscrea and Carrick on Suir with 56 participants.



TSP supported Clonmel AC who hosted a very successful Primary Schools Athletic Event with 1,453 participants.

The Wibly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme has been delivered to a further 12 Preschool settings in the Autumn with another 303 toddlers receiving their Driving Licence. A total of 765 toddlers took part in the programme in 2022.

38 Primary Schools were supported to deliver Schools Cycle Right programme for 905 children across Tipperary.

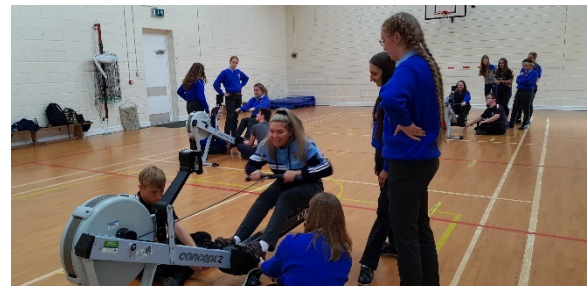
107 primary school children took part in the Outdoor Education programme ‘Sli Naduir’.



2 Secondary Schools St. Mary’s College in Nenagh & Newport College TY students completed the Sports Leader programme.

A Cyclocross event was supported in Upperchurch which aimed to introduce people to the cycling discipline.

TSP linked with Rowing Ireland and Clonmel Rowing Club to deliver 3 ‘Get Going Get Rowing’ programmes with High School Clonmel, Loreto and Cashel Community School, a total of 192 pupils engaged. 2 TY rowing programme ‘TrY Rowing’ were completed in the Patrician Presentation School and Newport College with 45 TY students trained as rowing leaders where they facilitated rowing for the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students in their respective schools.



A programme of activity for marginalised groups with YWIT was supported with activities including Circus club, general fitness, Gym & Swim and Horse Riding, 164 youth took part. Also, a programme supported for LGBT+ community; activities included tennis, soccer, basketball, boot camp, 35 young people engaged.



An Autumn Boccia League was attended by over 30 participants.

As part of TSP Adapted Schools programme, Scoil Chormaic completed a yoga and exercise to music programme and St. Annes of Roscrea completed a Yoga programme.

In August, TSP supported a VI Soccer taster session in Thurles with the view to creating a South hub in the town. 8 participants attended. Work is continuing to establish the Hub.



Movement for All virtual exercise is currently running for disability services online.

Inclusive Swim programme have been supported with Down Syndrome Tipperary, South Tipp Mental Health and Presentation school, with over 40 participants.

Sports Inclusion Disability Awareness delivered in November and Disability Inclusion workshop is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

As part of the Outdoor Community Sports Hub in Clonmel TSP linked with Canoeing Ireland & Clonmel Canoe Club to support a 'For the Love Summer Camp.

3 Inclusive Paddling programme with Special Olympics was completed with 6 young people from Scoil Aonghusa in Cashel and 6 from the National Learning Network.



5 students from Colaiste Dun Iascaigh are currently undertaking kayaking as part of their Leaving Cert, over the last few months they have been progressing from Level 2 with Level 3 with both river and pool sessions. 14 5<sup>th</sup> year pupils completed a 5-week kayaking programme with a further 14 to complete their sessions in Spring 2023.

As part of National Blueway Day, 2 Dabbler 'Come n Try It' Days took place in Cahir & Clonmel.



TSP, TCC and the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre are continuing on the development of the Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town. To date, equipment has been purchased, support for the design of the centre along with the delivery of a variety of programmes such as social tennis, boccia, inclusive soccer, walking football, social basketball and activator walking programmes. The highlight was a new Badminton Club established with over 30 members following a Badminton Taster programme.





Sports Clubs were supported with Child Protection training with 11 Safeguarding 1 workshops were delivered with 113 sports volunteers receiving training, Two Safeguarding 2 workshops with 16 participants and Two Safeguarding 3 with 19 participants were throughout the year.

A 4-night sports club training package was delivered in October and attended by 18 volunteers. This package focused on Nutrition, Physical Literacy, Long Term Player Development and Strength & Conditioning and was delivered by leaders in these areas.

Attracting & Retaining Volunteers Workshop was attended by 8 volunteers, who are currently receiving ongoing support from the Tipperary Volunteer Centre.

## FAI

This report is an update on football initiatives and development within Tipperary between July and December 2022. Following on from Q1 and Q2 several new programmes have been implemented helping grow participation as can be seen in the following portfolio of initiatives.

### Club Development

The 'FAI Club Mark' is an award based on best practice in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. In embarking

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



### 1-STAR AWARD:

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

### ENTRY-LEVEL AWARD:

Most recently Ballymackey FC achieved the entry level award in June 2022 placing them alongside Lough Derg FC, Cahir Park, Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC, Holycross FC, Moneygall FC, Killavilla FC and Carrick United FC who have all received the FAI Club Mark entry level award.

### APPLIED:

In addition, Nenagh Celtic, Nenagh AFC, Rearcross FC Newport Town AFC, Peake Villa FC, Arra Rovers FC, Knigh United FC, Cloughjordan FC, BT Harp FC, Birdhill FC, Borrisokane FC, Tipperary Town FC, Galbally United and Killenaule/Moyglass. FC have all

applied for the FAI Club Mark and are currently being supported towards fulfilling the criteria to make an application for an entry level award.

Meetings have also been recently held with Clonmel Celtic FC, Cashel Town FC, Slievenamon Celtic FC, Silvermines FC to give information around the advantages of the FAI Club Mark and outline the steps in the process. Throughout the process at all stages of the process we as Development Officers are in constant communication with clubs via meetings, calls and emails to support clubs on their journey toward achieving the FAI Club Mark Award.

### Women's/Girls Football

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



The Tipperary Women's League pictured above entered and competed in the 2022 Angela Hurst Competition with players and management from across Tipperary representing the county. Since it has been ratified to enter this competition once again 2023 providing an avenue for on-going competition at county level for Women's football in Tipperary.

South Tipperary U19s Women's Team also competed in this year's inter-league tournament providing a pathway to allow players to transition from schoolgirls to senior women's football.

Whilst both North Tipperary and South Tipperary schoolgirls seen below competed at club, inter-league and Gaynor Cup level also with considerable success demonstrating the strength of the 25 clubs

and their members ability at both a local and national level.



### UEFA DISNEY PLAYMAKERS

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



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

Training took place with the Disney Playmakers club coaches prior to the programmes launching in June in Nenagh AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC,

Killenaule Moyglass Ladies FC and Cahir Park AFC (133 participants registered). Thereafter, block two of this programme commenced in September with eight weeks of successful participation taking place for these 5-8 year old girls in the aforementioned clubs.



**AVIVA FUTURE STARS**

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

Successful eight week ‘Aviva Future Stars’ programs for girls aged 9-12 were held in Slievenamon Celtic FC, Rearcross FC and Nenagh Celtic FC with 87 girls taking part overall.



**KICKFIT PROGRAMME**

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



Moneygall FC pictured above started a new KickFit group with 27 participants which is leading towards Moneygall FC entering a new team in the Tipperary Ladies Soccer League whilst continuing to run the KickFit programme with the remaining members who want to play recreationally. The programme will also continue to be club led. Nenagh AFC also launched the KickFit programme in March and the participation numbers continue to increase steadily whilst Shinrone LFC had a KickFit taster session.

**FAI SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS**



Planning took place with clubs across Tipperary to run the FAI Summer Soccer School camps. To date, Development Officers have been liaising with clubs to facilitate the camps, recruiting summer soccer schools’ coaches and assisting those coaches with Garda Vetting, Safeguarding and Coach Education. Local summer soccer schools coach training also took place in the lead up to the camps. Development officers and club Venue coordinators also took part in training.

In total twenty-five FAI Summer Camps are set to take place over July and August in (Lough Derg FC, Peake Villa FC, Moneygall FC, Arra Rovers FC, Shinrone LFC, Borrisokane FC, Arra Rovers FC, Rearcross, Newport Town AFC, Clodiagh Rangers FC, Killavilla FC, BT Harps FC, Birdhill FC, Clonmel Town FC, Mullinahone FC, St Michael's FC, Two Mile Borris St Kevin's FC, Cashel Town FC and Cahir Park AFC).

Over 2,500 participants throughout Tipperary enjoyed the summer camp programme experience over July and August with 28 camps taking place. In addition, these camps provided summer employment throughout Tipperary to 65 people.



## SOCIAL INCLUSION

### FOOTBALL FOR ALL



Football For All sessions continue weekly in Clonmel Town FC with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel & Journeyman Program from Carrick on Suir. In addition to weekly sessions this group are taking part in National Learning Network Southeast Blitz days further increasing their participation.

Football For All sessions are also taking place within Cahir Park AFC Football For All; And Cahir Park FFA have been supported in running a successful Southeast Regional Football For All blitz day with over 16 FFA teams competing from junior to adult ages.

In addition, Ballymackey FC's Football For all Cub programme continues to run weekly at and participation numbers encouragingly continues to rise steadily. The older group in Ballymackey has since had their first blitz event with another FFA club in Limerick.

Coaching sessions in St Cronans Association adult disability service Roscrea have also taken place with participants from these sessions being informed about the FFA clubs in the area.

Meetings were held with Peake Villa & BT Harps to set up a new Football For All section in both clubs. Ongoing support will be provided to both clubs in setting up the new FFA sections with the aim to set up the programme early in 2023. In addition, discussions are being held with Clonmel Town FC to assess the viability of setting up a FFA sections within this club.



Moreover, increased opportunity for participation in Regional Squads for Tipperary players has been seen as Southeast FFA Regional Squad sessions now take place in Cahir AFC on a rotational basis.

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

### **WALKING FOOTBALL**

Walking Football programs continued with Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre & St Marys Roscrea have been successfully completed whilst a successful eight-week programme was also completed in Thurles with local Men's Shed groups and Walking Football sessions have also been delivered in St Marys, Roscrea.

Pictured Top: Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre

Pictured Middle: Brothers of Charity

Pictured bottom: St Marys Roscrea



### **LATE NIGHT LEAGUES**

The Late-Night Leagues take place during prime anti-social hours and is based around the concept of using football as a tool for social inclusion and learning.

In September, meetings were held with Tipperary Youth Work Service, Foroige, the direct provision centre in Borrisokane, An Garda Síochána and Youth Work Ireland Tipperary Town to plan the LNL's in Borrisokane and Tipperary Town respectively. Then with inter-agency co-operation and the support of Tipperary Sports Partnership in October.

Late Night Leagues ran at the Tipperary Sports Hub (Tipperary Town) with 50 participants taking part over four weeks and at Borrisokane FC with 136 participants taking part over four weeks.



### FAI SCHOOLS

#### FAI FUTSAL IN THE YARD

FAI Futsal in the yard which is a programme that targets primary school children from 1st – 4th class. The programme promotes participation in physical activity in the primary school setting, using the game of Futsal to encourage pupils to stay active and to develop their fundamental movement skills.

Between September – November the following schools in Tipperary took part: Bishop Harty N.S, Sacred Heart Roscrea, Leugh N.S, St Marys Convent Primary School Nenagh, CBS Nenagh, Scoil Angela Thurles, Dunkerrin N.S, Moneygall N.S, St Mary's Central NS Killenaule, Presentation Convent Primary School Carrick-On-Suir, St Olivers NS, Rathkeevin NS, St Mary's NS, St John the Baptist Boys NS, St John the Baptist Girls NS, Thomastown NS, Presentation Primary School Tipperary Town and Bansha NS.



18 Schools in Tipperary



### FAI Coach Education

Coach education is being delivered across Tipperary in-line with the 2021-2025 Coach Education Pathway. This pathway provides coaches at all levels a clear direction for their development as a coach. In transitioning evermore from COVID 19 lockdowns, the following courses have been delivered in Tipperary in 2022.

### FEMALE COACH EDUCATION:

18 Female Coaches from Tipperary completed a Female only coach education programme in September.

The coaches obtained a National D Licence having completed the PDP 1, PDP 2, 7v7, 9v9 & Football Fitness Workshops.

Coaches from Newport Town AFC, BT Harps, NTSFL, TSSDL, Cahir Park AFC, Clonmel Town, Holycross FC and Moneygall FC completed this programme successfully.



Additionally, 75 female TY students attending Presentation Secondary School Thurles completed their PDP 1 course in September further strengthening female coach education across Tipperary.



### COACH EDUCATION SUMMARY 2022:

- 7 x PDP 1 Course (244 participants)
- 3 x PDP 2 Course (73 participants)
- 2 x PDP 3 Course (53 participants)
- 2 x National D Licence course (42 participants)
- 1 x 9v9 Workshop (42 participants)

- 1 x 7v7 Workshop (18 participants)
- 3 x 4–6-year-old Introduction to football workshop (60 participants)
- 2 x Player Development Plan Workshops
- 3 x Football Fitness Intro course (88 participants)
- 7 x Safeguarding 1 workshops (198 participants)
- 1 x Safeguarding 2 course (15 participants)
- 1 x Safeguarding 3 course (14 participants)
- 1 x Jigsaw One Good Coach workshop (18 participants)

### FAI MRS BROWNS BOYS HEARTCARE PROGRAMME

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

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

## CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### Strategies/Policies/Plans

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee Work Prog	Completed
SPC Scheme	Completed
Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Completed
Communication Strategy	Completed
Social Media Policy & Protocol	Completed
Property Asset Management Strategy	Completed
Records Management Polices/Procedures	Completed
GDPR & Data Protection Policies / Procedures	Completed
Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023	At Draft Stage
Annual Report 2022	At Draft Stage
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

### Circular Letters

- LG 08/2022 dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Local Representation Allowance and end of year requirements and Guidance to Local Authorities on the Local Representation Allowance 2022.
- LG 09/2022 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 Maternity Leave for Elected Members / Temporary Substitutes Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Members of Local Authorities) Act 2022

### Audit Committee

The last Audit Committee took place on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The following items were discussed:

- Annual update from Chief Executive
- Presentation & update from Housing Section
- Presentation & update from Economic Development & Community/Enterprise Section
- Update on Unfunded Balances Aging Profile
- Update on Risk Register
- Update on Internal Audit Plan
- Discussion on Internal Audit Reports completed since last meeting
- TCC Management Report October 2022 - for noting
- NOAC Report No. 51 - November 2022 - Public Spending Code Report 2021 – for noting

### Ethical Framework

This framework imposes a statutory duty on all in the service to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.

### Annual Declaration

- **28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 deadline for the submission of Annual Declarations by elected members.** Under Section 171 of the 2001 Act, every member must prepare and furnish to the Ethics Registrar before the end of February, an Annual Declaration in writing containing particulars of his or her declarable



interests and an undertaking that he/she has read and understood the Code of Conduct for Councillors and to have regard to and be guided by the code in the exercise of his or her functions.

### Political Donations by Elected Members

#### • 31 January 2023 deadline for the reporting of political donations by elected members

Each person who, in the preceding year, was a member of a local authority is required, under section 19E of the *Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999* (as amended) (referred to hereafter as “the 1999 Act”) to furnish to their local authority, not later than 31 January, a donation statement indicating whether during the preceding calendar year the member received from the same person, a donation exceeding €600 in value. This provision applies to each person who was a member of a local authority in 2022.

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

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

### Annual Report 2022

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

Work has commenced on the collation and drafting of the Annual Report for 2022 and a draft of the report will be submitted to the Council at its April meeting.

### Service Delivery Plan 2023

The service delivery plan for 2023 is currently being drafted and will be submitted for the consideration of the Council at the April meeting of the Council following notification of Road grant allocations for the year ahead. This plan will be consistent with the budgetary provisions estimated to be necessary for the Council to carry out its functions during 2023. The adoption of the plan is a reserved function of the Council;

### Insurance Management

Period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

- Pothole Claims = 87
- Public Liability Claims = 66
- Total = 153

### Coroner Service

Period to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- Death Certs issued = 615
- Post Mortems / Inquests held = 145
- Undertaker Removals = 122

### Graduate.ie Youth Engagement Programme

Tipperary County Council is partaking in the 2023 Graduate.ie youth engagement programme, which will allow the Council to set 20 questions about the various topics which are relevant to its local authority e.g. democracy & participation, environment & waste management, library service, etc. The questions will be available to all secondary school students in Co Tipperary over a 20 week period i.e. one question each week on the Graduate.ie website. At least one student from Tipperary Co Council electoral area will win a free 4-day educational trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg. There will be a total of 24 students from Ireland travelling and they will be taking part in a youth parliament (Euroscola) at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. This is a unique and very effective way to engage and inform the next generation of potential leaders, customers, voters, politicians, workers, etc.

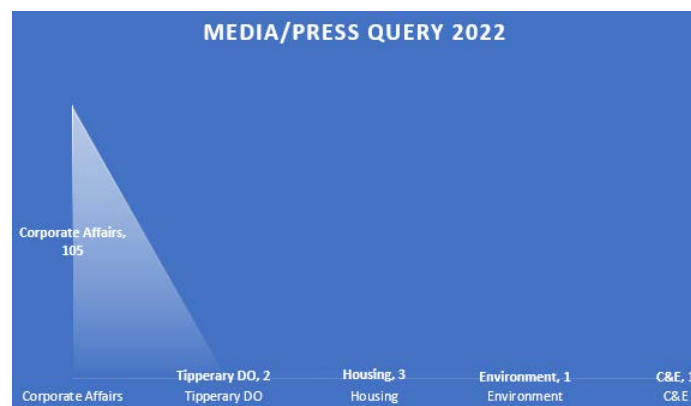
Miss Doireann Kinsella, Year 4, Loretto Secondary School, Clonmel won the citizens and democracy programme run by graduate.ie and sponsored by Tipperary County Council in 2022 and will be travelling to the European Parliament in Brussels/Strasbourg in 2023.

### Communications

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

**Media releases** issued during **October - December** include: -

18/10/22	Press Statement - Flooding Friar Street, Thurles
20/10/22	Press Release - EasyGo & eir partnership sees installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers
2/11/22	Media Notice Official Sod Turning for the Killaloe Bypass Shannon Bridge Crossing R494 Improvement Scheme
10/11/2022	Press Release – RRDF funding for County of Tipperary
11/11/2022	Press Release – RRDF funding for Cahir
18/11/2022	Press Release - Advanced Building Solution at Ballingarrane Business, Science and Technology Park, Clonmel

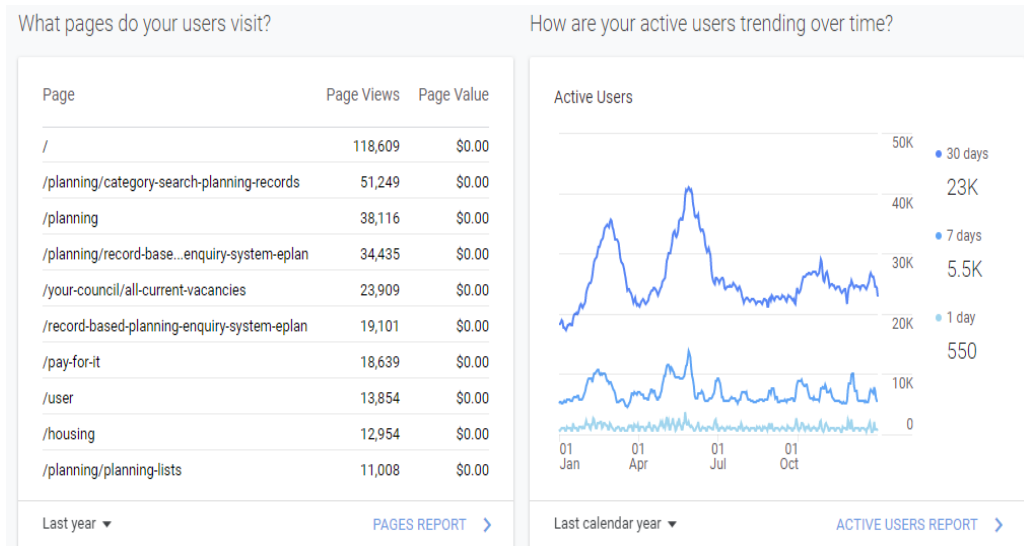


## Digital and Social Media

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.

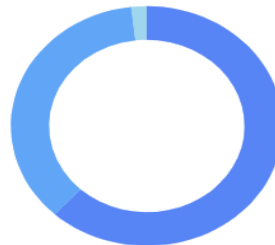


### Website audience overview 1/1/2022 - 31/12/2022



### What are your top devices?

#### Sessions by device



Mobile	Desktop	Tablet
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↓ 16.3%	↓ 33.5%	↓ 57.4%

Last year ▾ [MOBILE OVERVIEW >](#)



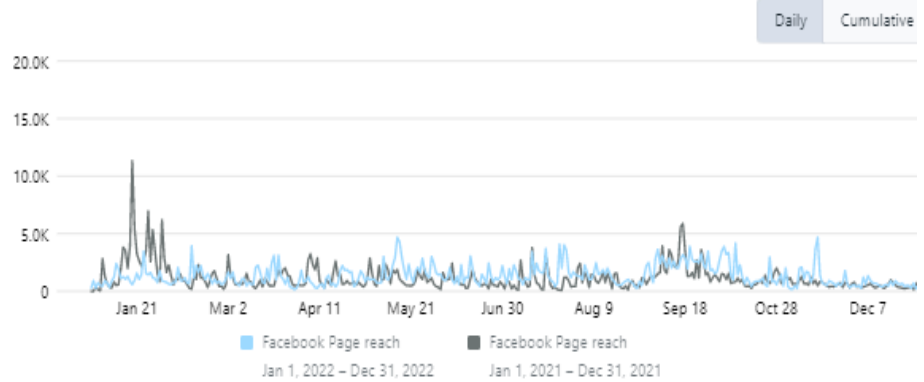
FACEBOOK

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98,217 ↑ 7.5%

Instagram reach ⓘ  
5,295 ↓ 26%

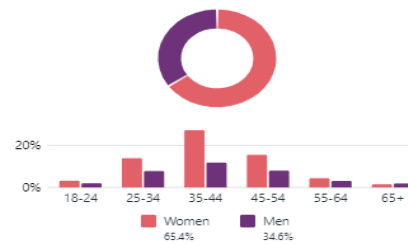
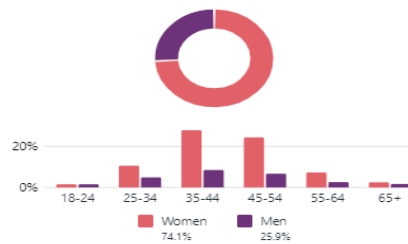


Facebook Page likes ⓘ  
4,310

Instagram followers ⓘ  
1,493

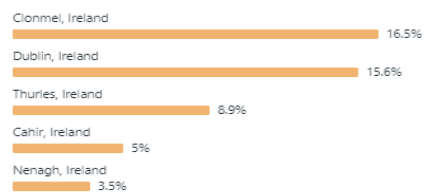
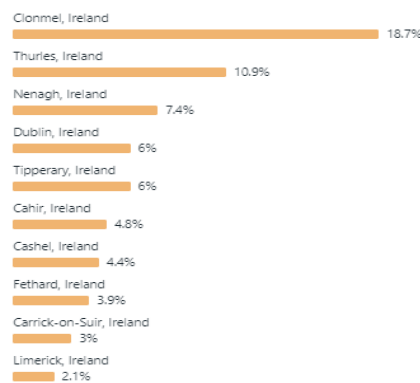
Age & gender ⓘ

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TWITTER



<h3>January</h3> <p><b>Top Tweet</b> earned 2,804 impressions An online book of condolence is available for people to leave their condolence message for Ashling Murphy and her family. <a href="https://twitter.com/9Zb0V2gc">tipperarycocco.ie/forms/book-con...</a> The book will close on Friday, January 21. <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/9Zb0V2gc">pic.twitter.com/9Zb0V2gc</a></p>  <p><b>Top mention</b> earned 759 engagements <b>Tipperary Studies</b> @TippStudies Jan 18 Our #Tipperary senior hurling final programmes collection starts in 1949 and now has 2021 added as well. Take a look here <a href="https://tippstudiedigital.ie/collections/sh...">tippstudiedigital.ie/collections/sh...</a> #TipperaryGAA #Hurling @TippLib @TipperaryCoCo @SportingTip @TipperaryGAA @MidTipp <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/bmAAWVZ3">pic.twitter.com/bmAAWVZ3</a></p>  <p><b>Top Follower</b> followed by 38.2K people</p> 	<h3>February</h3> <p><b>Top Tweet</b> earned 1,530 impressions Storm Eunice update - Press Release (1) 17 February 2022. A status Orange storm warning has issued for Tipperary bringing severe and damaging winds for a t <a href="https://twitter.com/divr/SK8sqV">divr/SK8sqV</a></p> <p><b>Top mention</b> earned 662 engagements <b>Leo Varadkar</b> @LeoVaradkar Feb 18 A big thank you to the @TipperaryCoCo staff for all their work during the #Covid19 pandemic. Lovely to be out meeting people again here in Nenagh as we launch the #RegionalEnterprise plan for the Mid West <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/8bKW0Y0e3">pic.twitter.com/8bKW0Y0e3</a></p>  <p><b>Top Follower</b> followed by 38.2K people</p> 	<h3>March</h3> <p><b>Top Tweet</b> earned 3,171 impressions What a great day for the premier county #Tipperary in #Cahir and #Castel #RoyalVisitIreland Lots of fun, laughter, dancing and song, a proud day for one and all. A huge thank you to all who participated. #VisitTipperary #AllEyesAreOnTipperary @TippFood #CeoltsCeilidhEireann <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/LocwVWj3e">pic.twitter.com/LocwVWj3e</a></p> <p><b>Top mention</b> earned 1,282 engagements <b>Gemma shouts for Tipp Mayo Wexfordts</b> @vedathoney Mar 1 I met a Mink on the Blueway in Carrickon Suir this afternoon. @CarlowWeather @SuirBluewayTipp @PureRadioTipp @VisitTipp @TipperaryCoCo @PureRadioTipp #Wildlife #WildlifePhotography <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/UNSBjrn0VK">pic.twitter.com/UNSBjrn0VK</a></p>  
<h3>April</h3> <p><b>Top Tweet</b> earned 433 impressions Delighted to support @irishdonors by lighting up green in support of #DonorWeek22 <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/RVIC685uJR">pic.twitter.com/RVIC685uJR</a></p>  <p><b>Top mention</b> earned 545 engagements <b>Thurles Hour</b> @ThurlesHour Apr 18 Looks like lots of taracadem to be laid down along the bank of the River Dish. @npwsBioData recommend other materials be used close to water bodies. Walkers that want to enjoy nature probably expect @TipperaryCoCo to respect it. #Ladyswell #Thurles <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/OSpXCSqik">pic.twitter.com/OSpXCSqik</a></p>  <p><b>Top Follower</b> followed by 9,559 people</p> 	<h3>May</h3> <p><b>May 2022</b> • 31 days</p> <p>TWEET HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p><b>Top Tweet</b> earned 712 impressions N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project: Public Display of the Preferred Transport Solution continues Thursday 26 May 2022 from 1pm to 8pm, in the Great National Ballykisteel Golf Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co. Tipperary. Visit <a href="https://n24cahirilimerick.ie">n24cahirilimerick.ie</a> for more info. <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/8HUWVV0y0u">pic.twitter.com/8HUWVV0y0u</a></p>  <p><b>Top mention</b> earned 521 engagements <b>Tipperary Studies</b> @TippStudies May 4 Nice bit of #GAA nostalgia in the slide collection I'm scanning. A Limerick v Cork game from the 70s in #Semple stadium with cars parked where the new stand is now. @TipperaryCoCo @TippLib @gaanostalgia @DammieMary @GAABanter <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/m118C4bx">pic.twitter.com/m118C4bx</a></p> 	<h3>June</h3> <p><b>Jun 2022</b> • 30 days</p> <p>TWEET HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p><b>Top Tweet</b> earned 1,508 impressions Annual General Meeting held on 24 June. Cllr Roger Kennedy was elected as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the coming year. <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/f5xjVNSicN">pic.twitter.com/f5xjVNSicN</a></p>  <p><b>Top mention</b> earned 495 engagements <b>dovic dunne</b> @dovic Jun 10 Honoured and humbled to be the new chairperson of the Carrick-on-Suir municipal district. @smntainireland @TippFM @TipperaryCoCo <a href="https://pic.twitter.com/F1XHy0uKB">pic.twitter.com/F1XHy0uKB</a></p> 



### July

Jul 2022 - 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 818 impressions

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**Slow down and expect the unexpected.**

Final visit to Nenagh, Co Tipp before we press the big button on the new film & TV studios. Lots of announcements to follow. Visited the new Tourist Office today. Very impressive staff & venue! @NenaghArts @NenaghArts @VisitTipp @TipperaryCoCo pic.twitter.com/CureAcVcUy

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**Top mention** earned 269 engagements

**Silver Rock Studios**

@SilverRockStudios Jul 21

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### August

Aug 2022 - 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 734 impressions

Inviting members of the public to have their say on the Thurles Walking and Cycling Scheme. The 6 route options are now available for inspection: Council's website: consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/ - Thurles Municipal District Office E41 KA44 Closing date submissions: 16.30 Mon 12 Sept pic.twitter.com/LXG9FKq0

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**Top mention** earned 218 engagements

**Waterford City & County Council**

@WaterfordCoCo Aug 21

We and @TipperaryCoCo want to hear your views in a non-statutory public consultation on the proposed Carrick-on-Suir-Kilmeaden #Greenway to deliver a differentiated and attractive visitor experience through a varied landscape ow. yfSu2B50KwIrc #Waterford #HaveYourSay pic.twitter.com/WkdyGYZD3

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### September

Sep 2022 - 30 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 1,442 impressions

Tipperary County Council is inviting members of the public to have their say on the route options for the Thurles Walking and Cycling Scheme on Tipperary County Council's website: consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/ pic.twitter.com/T6A4Z0Gq0

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**Top mention** earned 294 engagements

**Dereelict Waterford**

@DereelictWaterford Sep 6

New Quay, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. A lovely quayside street until this year's ugly head. #DereelictIreland #HousingCrisis @TipperaryCoCo pic.twitter.com/40M7Uy02M

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### October

Oct 2022 - 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 1,821 impressions

Join @Tipperary County Council for a civic reception to honour the 2022 All Ireland Minor Hurling champions live on Saturday 8 October at 12 noon facebook.com/tipperarycc. youtube.be/1YFNFQz\_2E pic.twitter.com/b5zEa3ANU3

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**Top mention** earned 425 engagements

**Darragh Scott**

@darragscott Oct 5

Ye really are outdoing yourselves @TipperaryCoCo Filling pot holes today in between the 1 thunder shower. Must be a good bit left in the budget. pic.twitter.com/XBQ24UmrZ7

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### November

Nov 2022 - 30 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 1,703 impressions

Convent Bridge, Clonmel - road reopened The road at the Convent Bridge, Clonmel has now reopened divi.#S22hvy

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### December

Dec 2022 - 6 days to go

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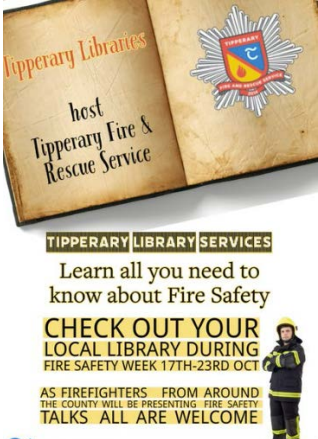
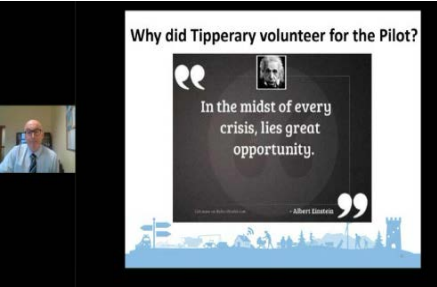
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Achievements October - December 2022

October	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Corporate</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Civic Reception for All Ireland Minor Hurling Team 2022</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sports Partnership</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walking programmes commenced in Tipperary Town and Newport</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carrick MD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">L-R Footpaths installed to link the primary and secondary school in Killenaule and Fethard Active travel funding</p>





	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Tourism</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Digital Transformation at Tipperary Chamber Awards</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nenagh MD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">New benches installed around the town of Nenagh</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Libraries</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosting information talks on Fire Safety</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eamonn Lonergan, A/Director of Services participation in the OPR (Office of Planning Regulation) pilot on planning function reviews</p>



	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Libraries</b></p> <p>Design team has been appointed to progress the design and planning phases of the new Library for Clonmel</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOAC Good Practice in Local Government</b></p> <p>Brian Beck, Director of Services outlines project to develop a sustainable energy centre of excellence in Nenagh at the National Innovation Week conference</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Age Friendly</b></p> <p>Tipperary Age Friendly Expo event, winners in the Age Friendly Community Innovation Award</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Fire and Rescue</b></p> <p>Cashel crews attend a house fire. Station Officer Arthur Fitzell shares a video with an important safety message on discovering the potential source of the fire</p>

November	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Area Plans Roscrea, Thurles, Nenagh, Clonmel</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary BCP</b> (broadband connection points)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Arts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calls for Bealtaine 2023</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Active Travel works Goatenbridge Road, Newcastle</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carrick on Suir MD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Active Travel works Mullinahone</p>

	<p><b>Tipperary Planning</b></p> <p>RRDF funding for Carrick on Suir, Cahir and Roscrea</p>
	<p><b>Tipperary Studies</b></p> <p>Lecture series</p>
	<p><b>Tipperary Sports Partnership</b></p> <p>Swimming programme</p>
	<p><b>Tipperary BCP</b></p> <p>Digital first</p>
	<p><b>Local Enterprise Office</b></p> <p>Sustainable Tipperary</p>
	<p><b>Healthy Communities</b></p> <p>Clonmel Healthy communities project launch in Hillview Sport Club</p>

December	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thurles MD</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Energy Agency</b></p>
	<p>Residents of Ballygraigue Court were recognised at the <b>Nenagh Municipal District Awards Ceremony</b> for their work to enhance and maintain the presentation of their estate and for their efforts in promoting sustainability and biodiversity</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clonmel Library</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Irish sign language storytime for children</p>



**Communications focus**

**Summary of some items  
PLANNED for promotion  
January – March 2023**

Month	Title
January	Natural tree Christmas Tree Recycling
January	Library Showcase
January	Operation Transformation Walks
January	Promoting Tipperary as a holiday destination
January	LIS Scheme
January	Job change/start your own business
January	Community groups - grant applications
January	Community Smoke Alarms
January	Membership Scheme for Tipperary Tourism
January	Hedgecutting Reminder
January	Tipperary Active Travel
February	Road allocations
February	Responding to Climate Change
February	Ireland Reads
February	Spring clean
February	Libraries - Aoitas adult learning
February	Smoke Alarms and checking on neighbours
March	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March	Enterprise week
March	St Patrick's Day festivities
March	Tree month
March	Fire safety and awareness Primary Schools Programme

### Customer Service Activity

Comparison year end 2020 to 2022

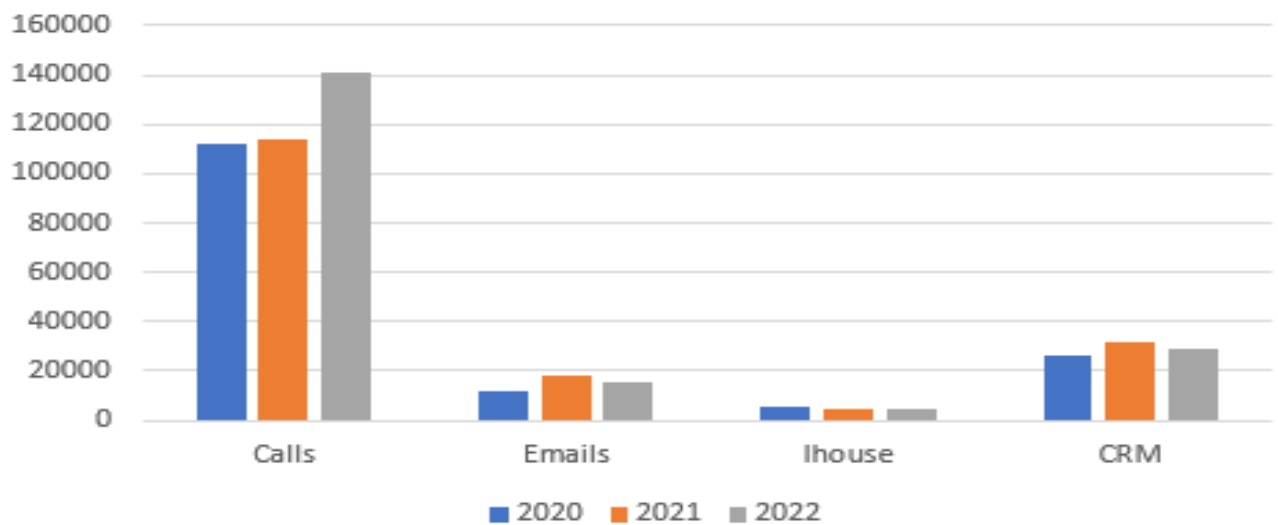
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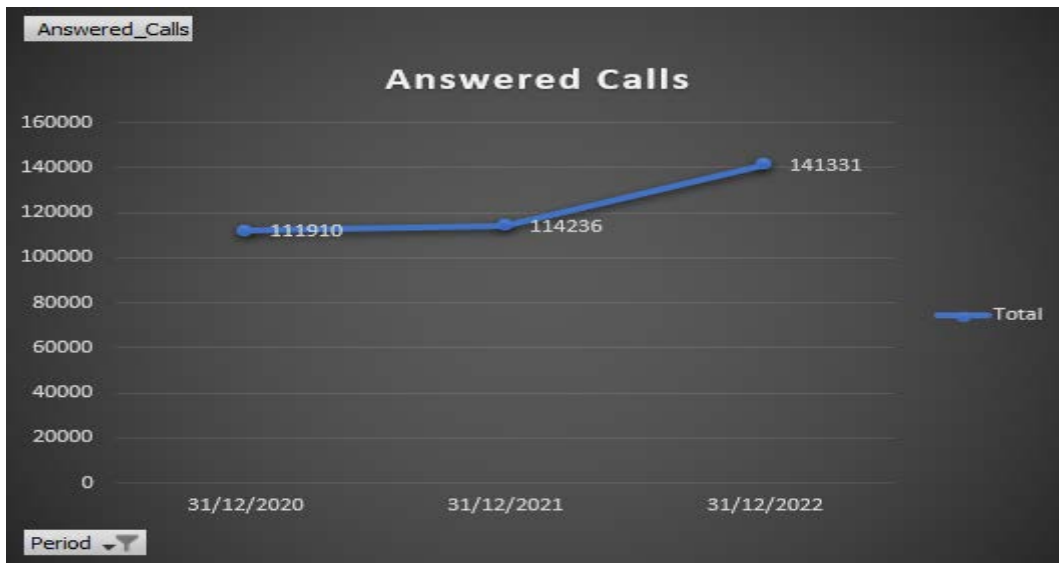
- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- ihouse

#### Customer Service activity – CSD staff

	Calls	Emails	ihouse	CRM
2020	111910	12036	5863	26137
2021	114236	18099	4920	31865
2022	141331	15607	4540	29408

CSD Activity 2020-2022



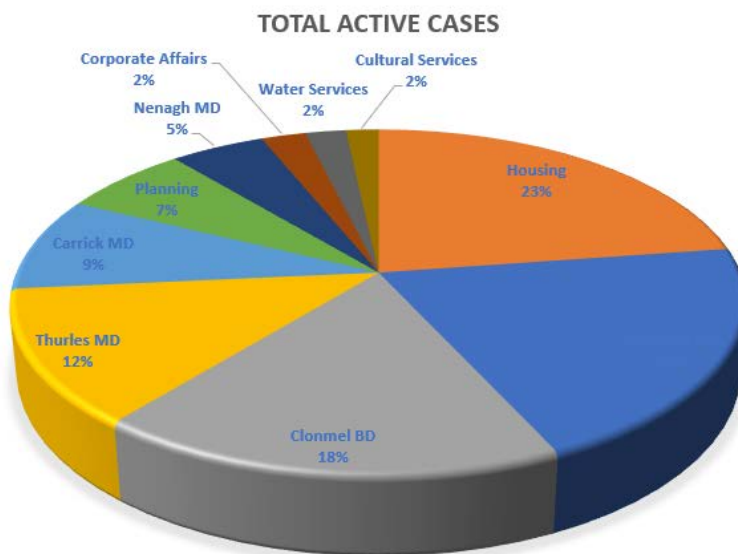


### CRM – Customer Relations Management System

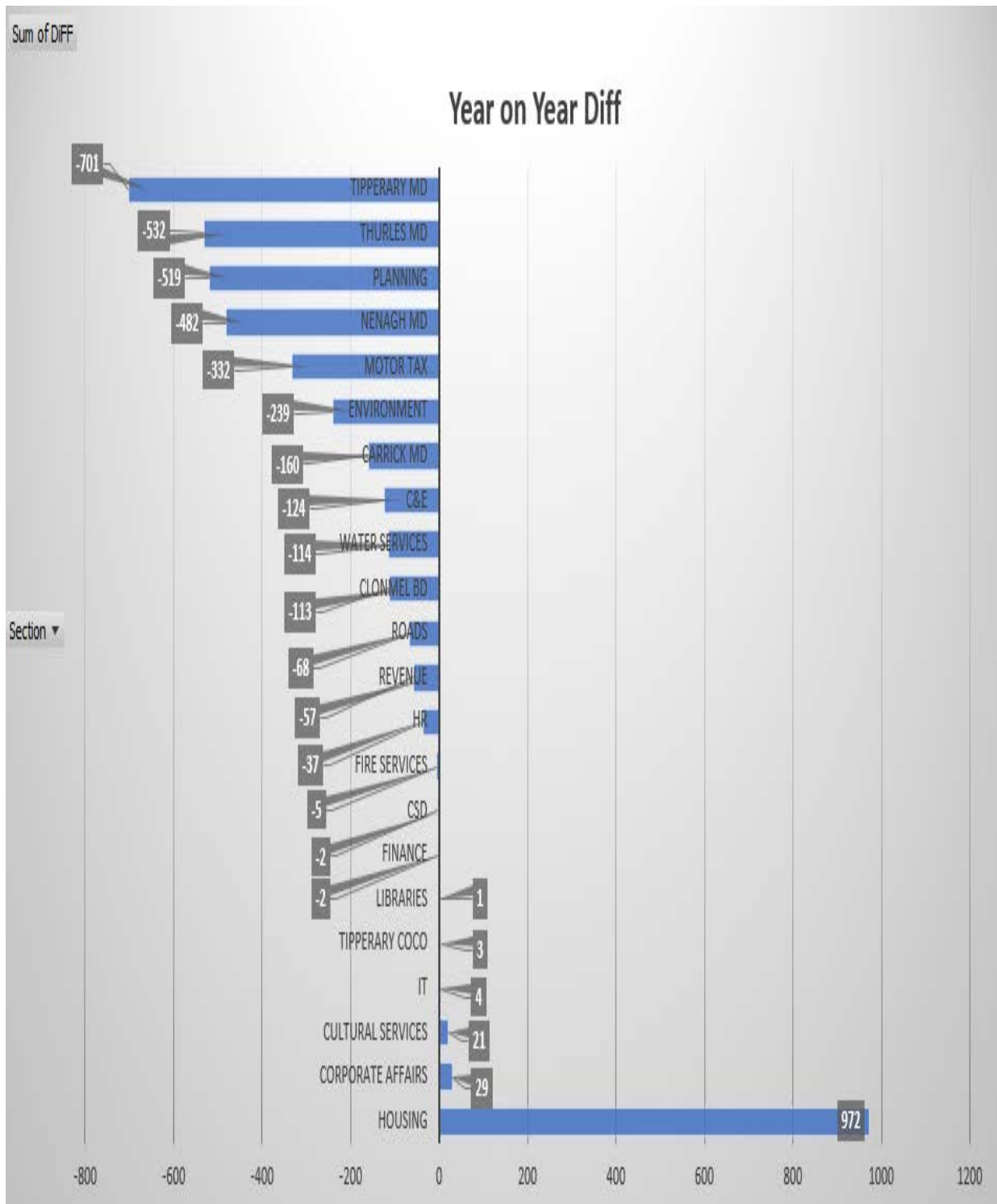
Comparison year end 2021-2022 – Actives cases

Section	2021	2022	Diff
C&E	495	371	-124
Carrick MD	1350	1190	-160
Clonmel BD	1843	1730	-113
Corporate Affairs	473	502	29
CSD	15	13	-2
Cultural Services	100	121	21
Environment	1613	1374	-239
Finance	113	111	-2
Fire Services	280	275	-5
Housing	13176	14148	972
HR	286	249	-37
IT	76	80	4
Libraries	24	25	1
Motor Tax	473	141	-332
Nenagh MD	1778	1296	-482
Planning	2167	1648	-519
Revenue	1007	950	-57
Roads	674	606	-68
Thurles MD	2790	2258	-532
Tipperary Coco	0	3	3
Tipperary MD	2683	1982	-701
Water Services	449	335	-114

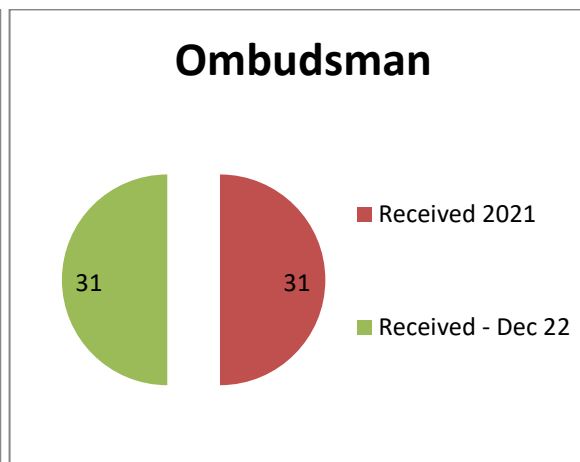
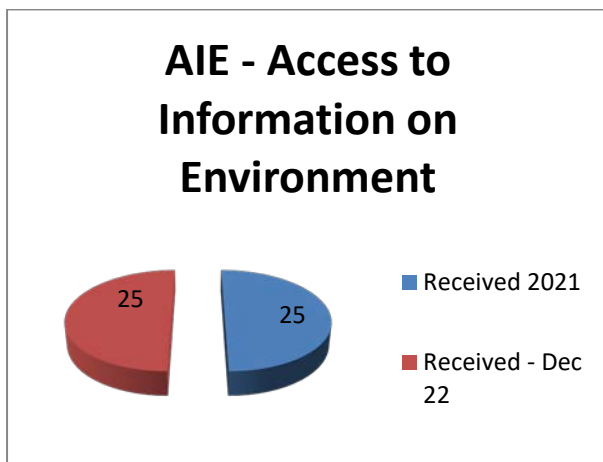
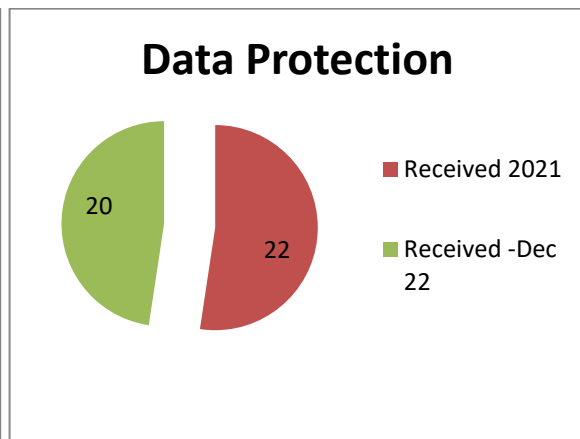
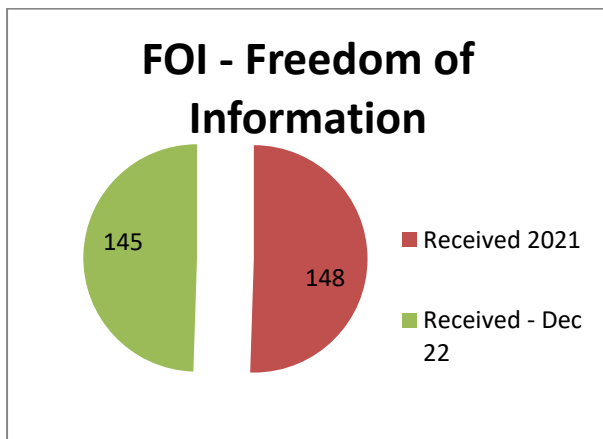
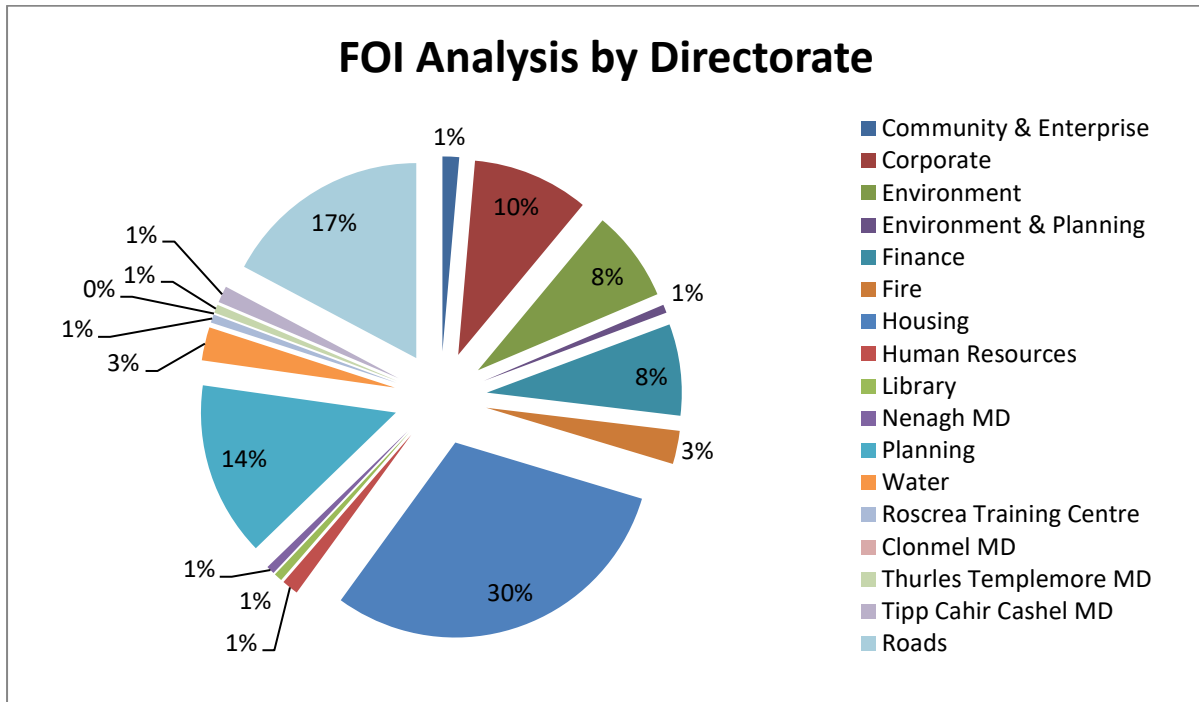
Sum of Total Active Cases







### Information Management

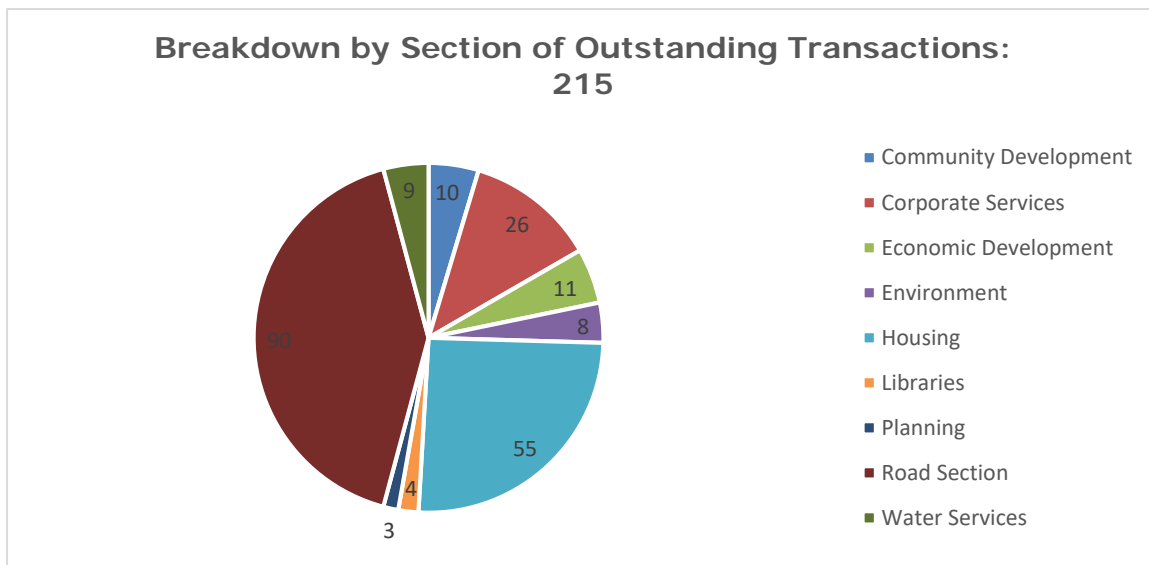


## Property Management

Property Unit, Corporate Services are responsible for management of Property Related Enquiries, i.e. acquisitions, disposals and the letting of lands or buildings by or to Tipperary County Council.

	2020	2021	2022
Opened	131	169	183
Resolved	143	227	170

There was overall increase of 8% new requests submitted in 2022 from 2021.



Section 183 Resolutions approved by Elected Members			
	2020	2021	2022
Passed	24	30	19
Resolved	21	28	10
Outstanding	3	2	9

Locations of outstanding Section 183 resolutions, i.e.

1. Redmond Square Tipperary Town
2. Knockmorris, Cahir
3. The Mall, Templemore
4. Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel
5. Old Motor Tax Offices, Nenagh
6. Melview, Clonmel
7. Templemore Demesne, Templemore
8. Church Street, Toomevara
9. Glencarrick, Roscrea
10. Birdhill, Nenagh
11. Upper Green Street, Fethard
12. Yewston, Nenagh
13. Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel
14. Hughes Lot East, Cashel



## Environment & Climate Action Directorate

### Policy

The Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting was held on the 2nd November at Thurles Municipal District Offices. Presentations were made on the following topics;

- National Waste Management Plan for A Circular Economy
- Climate Action Update
- Burial Ground Capital Policy
- Update on Rural Water Programme

### Public Awareness Initiatives

#### **Picker Pals Programme**

The Environment & Climate Action Section has supported the roll out of the Picker Pals Programme in 20 primary school classrooms throughout the county. This innovative primary school programme, run by environmental NGO; VOICE (Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment), equips children to become the next generation of environmentalists by leading their families on local litter-picking adventures. The litter packs provided to schools contain child-friendly litter-picking equipment and enable children and their families to make a real impact in their local areas.

The Picker Pal Programme provides ongoing interaction with participating classrooms through Picker Pals TV, competitions and other events, ensuring long-term motivation and behavioural change.

Bansha National School, Presentation Primary School, Carrick on Suir, and Clogheen National School attended a live Zoom meet-up, where they took part in a fun online quiz and heard all about the launch of an art competition being run by picker pals.



2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> class from Rathkeevin National School on their first day with the Picker Pack

### Staff Awareness Energy Campaign

The Environment & Climate Action Section in association with the Tipperary Energy Agency, ran a 12-week Staff energy awareness campaign, promoting energy savings at home and in the workplace, through a series of energy saving webinars, staff quizzes and promotion of home energy saving kits.

Over 60 staff registered their interest in trying out the home energy saving kit, to see where they can reduce energy costs in their homes. Worksheets and a survey are included for feedback purposes. A children's energy saving poster competition was also held and all posters will be displayed in the Civic Offices in Clonmel and Nenagh.



### RETROFITTING YOUR HOME

All you need to know about grants, renewable energy, heatpumps and more

Tuesday , 22 November  
12 Noon

David Flannery  
Retrofit Advisor  
Electric Ireland SuperHomes




### Childrens Energy Saving Poster competition

Do you have a budding artist in the family? If so they could be in with a chance to win a €150 One4All voucher. Just in time for Christmas!

**Theme:** Clever Energy Saving Ideas at home/school/work

**Categories:** U8 / U10/ U12/ U14/ U16.

**How to enter:** Email poster to [fiona.flynn@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:fiona.flynn@tipperarycoco.ie) or [maeve.egan@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:maeve.egan@tipperarycoco.ie)

**Deadline for submission: Friday 16th of December**



### Fast Fashion Workshops

Fast Fashion workshops have been organised in 10 secondary schools throughout the county, in association with Carrie Ann Moran of Circular Fashion Ireland. These online workshops introduce students to the complexities of the global fashion industry and the impact it has on both our planet and people. The topic is very relevant for the secondary school age group and aligns well with the Green Schools Litter & Waste themes. The workshops were highly informative, practical and engaging and allowed students to consider how they could introduce simple changes to their fashion choices, which would have a big impact. The feedback from both students and teachers has been very positive.

## WHAT IS THE TRUE COST OF OUR CLOTHING?

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOLS TO RAISE AWARENESS ON "FAST FASHION AND OUR ENVIRONMENT"

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**Topics to include:**

- What is Fast Fashion?
- Environmental Impacts of Fashion & Textiles Industry
- Activity: Clothing landfill Lifespan
- Sustainable Fashion
- Circular Economy and Fashion
- SDG'S
- Reuse & Fashion
- Repair & Fashion
- What can you do to be sustainable?
- Documentary, Podcast and Book Recommendations
- Workshop call to action



### “Play it Again” Musical Instrument Project

To date, 30 instruments have been donated under our “Play it again” musical instrument project and these have been distributed to Comhaltas groups, parent groups and schools throughout the county. Due to the success of the pilot project, we will be continuing this project on a rolling basis and instruments can be donated to any of our 5 civic amenity sites. We hope to engage with more interested groups in the community, to promote sustainability and the circular economy throughout 2023.



Children from Toomevara N.S. with violins donated from “Play it Again” music project

### Household Waste Pre-Tenancy Training



The Environment & Climate Action Section continues to work with Community Liaison Officers in the Housing Section to highlight to new tenants, their responsibilities regarding household waste management. Staff carried out pre-tenancy training with 18 households, including a group of new tenants in Prior Park Grove estate in Clonmel.

Tenants were provided with food waste caddy packs and information on our civic amenity sites, recycling and food waste reduction tips and advice was also given on responsible dog ownership.

## Veterinary Services

### Horses

35 horse queries were reported, which resulted in 30 horse pickups to date.

### Dogs

A total of 300 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to date. Of this number, 47 dogs were reclaimed, 181 dogs sent to rescues and 26 dogs were re-homed, 21 were put to sleep. The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 7,539. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

### Abattoirs

Bovine	Ovine	Porcine	Caprine	Turkeys	Deer	Abattoir Visits
1729	5116	67	55	9797	2429	1152

## Infrastructure

### Civic Amenity Sites

#### Customers visits to the CAS

Waller's-Lot	25,164
Carrigeen Clonmel	26,406
Nenagh	26,307
Roscrea	23,401
Donohill	13,248

A total of 114,526 customers used the services in 2022 (to date of report preparation). The preferred tender for the servicing of the Civic Amenity Sites has been identified and negotiations will commence in early 2023. At the Sites, a small number of the services provided to the public will see modest price increases from next month. Newsprint is currently accepted at the sites free of charge. However, the Council now has to pay for its disposal. Newsprint will now be charged for under the €3, €5 or €7 car recycling charge platform. Due to the upsurge in the cost of oil since earlier this year, the cost of procuring plastic recycling bags has increased 57%. The price for a roll of 5 recycling bags is being increased from €1.50 to €2.00 and the disposal cost of a bag of household recyclables is also going up 50cent from €1.00 to €1.50. The charge for certified vehicle weighing on the weighbridge for registration/motor tax purpose is being brought up to date to €20.



### Derelict Sites

The derelict site register lists 43 properties. 4 properties were added to the register during 2022 with a further 4 removed. The section engaged with 112 owners in relation to remediating their properties.

Municipal/Borough District	Number of properties engaged with during 2022 (pre-Section Notice being issued)
Tipp /Cahir/Cashel	40
Nenagh	21
Clonmel	21
Carrick-on-Suir	13
Thurles	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>112</b>

### Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

Burial Ground	Progress update
Ballina (Boher)	Land Acquisition completed December 2022. Boundary Works to commence onsite on completion of Boher School Astro Pitch development in quarter 1.
Fethard	Land Acquisition negotiations completed. Part 8 drawings being modified. Part 8 application will be lodged in quarter 1, 2023.
Cahir	Cahir Parish & Tipperary County Council have agreed upon a preliminary land acquisition purchase cost. Part 8 drawings have commenced. Part 8 Application is to be lodged in quarter 3, 2023
Cloughprior	The National Monuments Section was consulted on the development of the burial ground extension as part of Part 8 process. A geo-physical survey, as requested by National Monuments, deemed the site and adjacent site unsuitable. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish. The Environment & Climate Action Section is actively exploring suitable sites within the parish.
Carrick on Suir	Land acquisition negotiations are agreed with landowners. The Council will commence with land acquisition.
Shanrahan	Ministerial consent to commence with boundary works to adjoining landowner's property. Works have commenced.
Kilmore	The boundary modification works have commenced.
Tipperary Town	The Section has provided funding to Tipperary MD towards civil works to upgrade the entrance and provide for additional parking.
Thurles (St Patricks)	Surfacing of the access road and widening the existing road and corners in the lower section of the burial ground has commenced.
Holycross	New access road and plinths completed. Additional works to be completed in quarter 1, 2023.
Kilnarath BG Newport	€80,000 of emergency structural works completed, funded by CMF (Community Monument Fund) Grant.
General	Headstone plinths constructed in Borrisokane, Ardcroney, Holycross, Clooneen, Holycross and Carrick on Suir.



## Waste Management and Enforcement

Notice	Update	Details
Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	18 issued consisting of: 8 Resolved 8 In progress 2 proceeded for prosecution for non- compliance. – Successful Prosecutions.	5 for illegal clothes banks - resolved 2 dumping of waste - resolved. 2 ELV (scrap metal) sites and waste metal – in progress. 3 for deposits of mixed household waste – in progress and escalating to legal proceedings 1 for deposits of C&D materials – resolved 2 for deposits of mixed waste – in progress  1 for deposit of waste tyres – resolved  1 farm plastic, domestic waste dumped – escalated to legal proceedings Court Sept 26th 2022 – Successful Conviction  1 for waste on a vacant property, privately owned – escalated to legal proceedings Court 24th Nov 2022 – Successful Conviction.
Section 55 Notices	2 Notices on-going since 2021	1 Notice complied with.  1 Notice – Proceeded to court for non- compliance, case heard in Dec 2022 re- listed for January 2023 to offer the offender an opportunity to engage services of an environmental consultant.

### Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022

All projects completed and reports sent to the Department for funding recoupment.

€83,500 was awarded for 6 projects, 5 of which involved remediation of sites with substantial deposits of waste and collaboration with the Municipal District and Community Liaison Officers.

The largest expenditure involved the project for the Free Household Hazardous Waste Days at the Recycling Centres, which collected approx. 19 tonnes of household hazardous waste (paints, pesticides, chemicals, oils etc).



### Litter Fines

	Clonmel	Thurles	Nenagh	Carrick on Suir	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel	Total Fines
<b>Total Issued</b>	13	25	39	4	36	117
<b>Total Paid</b>	6	13	27	3	12	61
<b>Total Cancelled</b>	4	7	10	1	5	27
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	3	5	2	0	19	29

### Legal Proceedings:

13 Court Cases took place from October to December 2022.

- 5 were successful convictions for offences under the Litter Pollution Act, for non-payment of Litter Fines.
- 8 Cases were for offences under the Waste Management Act.
  - 6 Cases were successful convictions, one case in particular resulted in a 3 month prison sentence.
  - 2 Cases were deferred for hearing in 2023

### Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

3,179 tonnes of glass and 100 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of November. For the same period in 2021, there was a total of 3,533 tonnes of glass and 132 tonnes of cans collected, which represents a reduction of 10% on glass and 24% on cans from the previous year. 395 tonnes of textiles were collected up to the end of November. For the same period in 2021, there was 412 tonnes collected, which represents a reduction of 4%.

### Household Waste Inspections

303 Household Waste Inspections were undertaken to date, with 75 households categorised as non-compliant pending submission of documents in relation to their refuse service.



## Climate & Energy

### Community Climate Action Fund

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

Projects will address the following five themes:

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

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

### Climate Action Plan

In line with the guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications, preparatory work has commenced for the drafting of the Council's Climate Action Plan. In collaboration with CARO and other Local Authorities in the region, consultants were appointed to assist with mapping Tipperary County Council's Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA). The CCRA is necessary to understand the current and future risks posed by climate change to the local authority's assets and activities. This exercise will enable the Council to better understand the likelihood of current and future climate hazards and potential impacts of these hazards at local and community levels and assist with adaptation actions to try address the impacts of climate risks.

A workshop was held in November with staff from all Sections of the Council, to facilitate discussion and allow input by all into the Climate Change Risk Assessment process.

## Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin



**Ballaghveny Landfill - Wedge Cell being filled with waste, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**



**Ballaghveny Landfill - Wedge Cell being filled with waste 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### **Ballaghveny landfill**

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. Waste acceptance at Ballaghveny recommenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The Wedge cell 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. During 2022, the landfill has



accepted in total 48,952t of waste up to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022, this is 99.9% of our licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.

The amount of leachate produced this year at Ballaghveny landfill to the end of November has increased (+33%) on the same period in the previous year (2021). The leachate generation increase was anticipated however the drier than average first 8-months of 2022 was replaced by a significantly wetter than average September, October and November 2022.

The allocation of money from the landfills Community Gain Fund has been completed for 2022 with Letters of Offer issued to three successful applicants on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The allocation of funds as follows:

Successful Applicant and Brief Description of Project	Funding Award
Ballymackey Football Club – New storage building	€10,000
Toomevara Healthy Club – AED training	€450
Ballinree New Burial Ground – Maintenance and upgrade of BG	€435
<b>Total Value Awarded from this fund in 2022:</b>	<b>€10,885</b>

The value of the Community Gain Fund from waste accepted during 2022 is currently expected to be approximately €62,000 and will be made available for distribution in 2023.

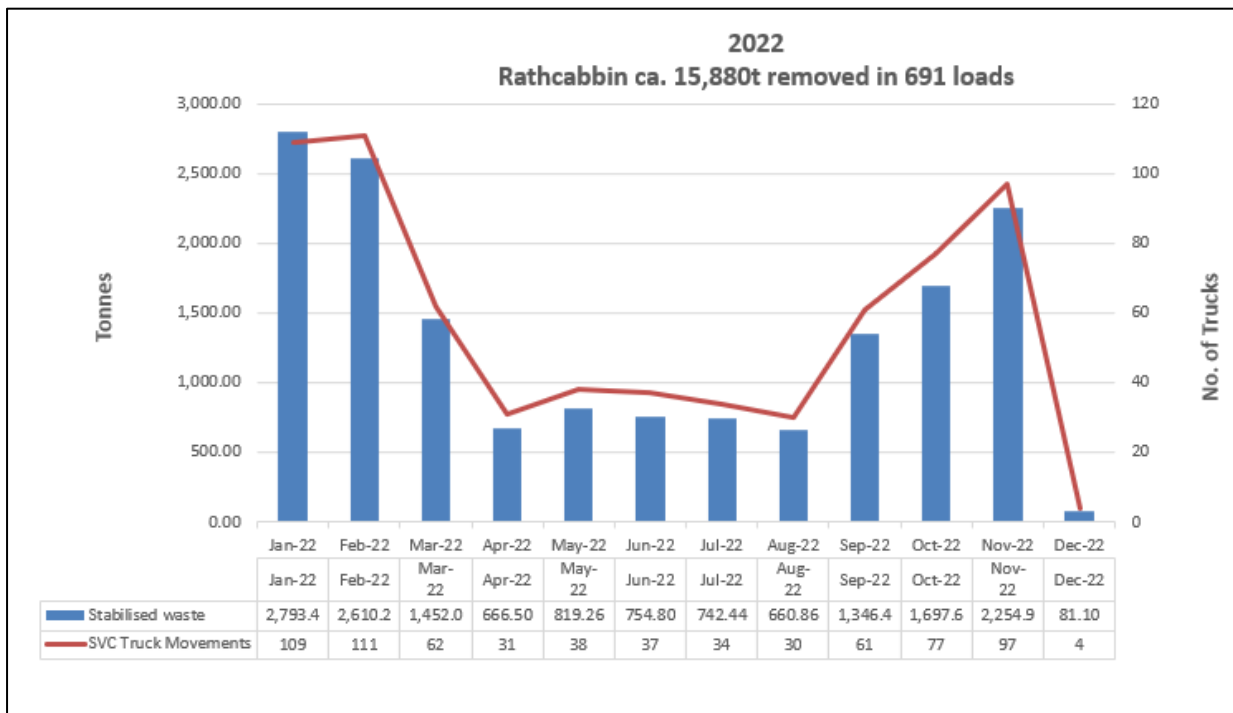
### Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The leachate volumes produced at Donohill landfill are ca. 20% higher than the same period last year, i.e. the first 11 months of 2022.

### Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. From the beginning of January and up to 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, Ballaghveny landfill accepted 15,879.59t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin.

The total amount of waste removed to date from SVC Rathcabbin is 17,470.41t. The SVC waste removal is now estimated to be 50% complete.



Monthly distribution of waste removed from SVC Rathcabbin during 2022

The mixing of the SVC Rathcabbin waste within the landfill cell was difficult during prolonged periods of wet weather. This was most noticeable during February & March and again during September, October & November of 2022, where the waste deposited within the cell became too soft for machinery to track over the waste.



SVC Rathcabbin – large areas of waste removed during 2022



<b>Historic Landfills</b>	
<b>Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir</b>	Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys were completed in preparation of an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.
<b>Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir</b>	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 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including those at: Killeigh, Cahir; Caherabbey, Cahir and Deansgrove Cashel
<b>Thurles – Templemore</b>	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 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including those at: Kiltillane, Templemore
<b>Carrick-On-Suir</b>	Connawarries, Carrickbeg – A consultant was appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are to be completed in preparation of NIS for submission to the EPA and ABP.
<b>Nenagh</b>	Contracts were completed on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022 appointing consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of closed landfills including those at: Shesheraghscanlon, Borrisokane





## Environment Protection

### Water Pollution /Agriculture

- 862 samples were taken as part of WFD sampling programme
- 2 Section 4 Discharge Licence Application have been assessed and issued.
- 63 Section 4 monitoring samples have been taken.
- 42 Farm inspections performed
- 6 Source Protection investigations were completed (2 in conjunction with Coillte & IW)
- 2 Section 12 Notice under the WPA 1977 - 2007 was served (Agri Related)
- 5 Cross reports to DAFM.
- 38 Nutrient Management Plans were submitted for assessment and associated site visits inspections.
- 523 (191 Group Water Scheme & 332 Small Private Supply) Drinking Water samples taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 122 of which were investigative follow up samples.
- 14 on site Drinking Water Audits performed (Small Private Supplies)
- 3 Boil Water Notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE(SPS)
- 3 Do not consume notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE(SPS)
- 11 on site Drinking Water Audits performed (Group Water Schemes)
- 3 Boil Water Notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE(GWS)
- 1 Do not consume notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE(GWS)

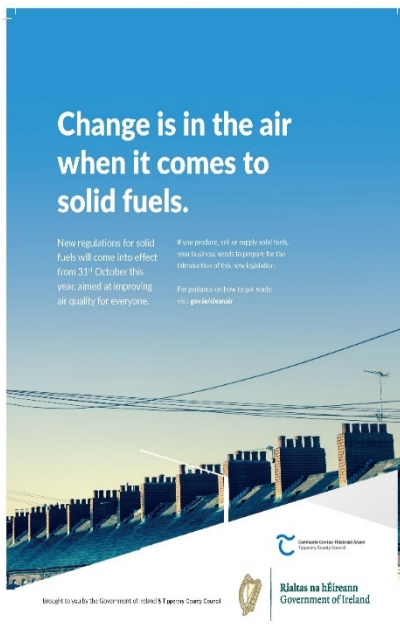
### Bathing waters

- 25 bathing water samples were taken at 5 locations on Lough Derg (May-Sept)
- 5 Algal bloom inspections took place in response to reports with 2 press releases issued of 'Warning of algal bloom on Lough Derg'.

## Planning Referrals

62 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



Tipperary County Council launched an awareness campaign on the introduction of new Solid Fuel regulations called 'Change is in the Air', in conjunction with the Department of the Environment & Climate Action.

The new regulations govern the sale of solid fuels across the state. These extend the previous restrictions on selling smoky coal in the "Low Smoke Zones" of Clonmel and its environs to the entire county of Tipperary. Restrictions on the sale of wet wood and turf were also introduced. These regulations came into effect on 31 October 2022. Adverts were placed on all social media platforms and on Tipp FM and Tipp Mid-West informing the public and businesses of the change.

## Air Inspections

### *Solid Fuel Inspections*

- 11 site inspections under the new Solid Fuel Regulations for 2022 have been completed.

### *Deco Paint Inspections*

- 12 inspections have been completed.

### *Solvent Inspections*

- 13 inspections have been completed

### *Petroleum Vapour Inspections*

- 12 site inspections have been completed in 2022.



### **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 & Tipperary Town can be retrieved at [airquality.ie](http://airquality.ie)

### **Rural Water Programme**

#### **Annual Maintenance Subsidy**

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for AMS 12/01/2022, closing date 30/06/2022.
- 66 applications have been received.
- 69 GWSs paid, value of €551,531.44; DHLG&H recoupment €547,130 – balance will be recouped Spring 2023.

#### **Current Capital Projects:**

There are 18 Group Water Schemes currently engaged in Capital projects assisted by The Rural Water team. Invested at 12/12/2022 is €132,813, (13 GWSs).

#### **Private Well Grants:**

101 Applications were received at 12/12/2022; Grants awarded 92, 3 Refusals, (Public Water Supply in proximity), and 1 withdrawn in the year. A total of €264,167 has been invested and recouped at 12/12/2022, 84 Applicants paid.

#### **Septic Tank Grants:**

1 New application; 3 payments have been made investing €10,658.75 in the community; all recouped from DHLG&H.

**Lead Piping Grants (LPG):** no new applications or payments were processed.

#### Scheme Revision:

In place since 2016, the LPR Grant is revised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. A publicity exercise is planned for early 2023.

New aspects of the Scheme (operating from 1st Dec., 2022):

- ➤ Removal of the income limit;
- ➤ 100% of eligible costs or €5,000 of eligible costs whichever is the lesser figure, may be paid;
- ➤ maximum grant payable €5,000, (increase of €1,000); minimum expenditure €750, (increased from €200);
- ➤ house is to be one's normal place of residence;
- ➤ Eligible Works relate to the piping alone, (clarification sought on this from DHLG&H);

## **Education & Awareness**

### **Drinking Water**

3 workshops were held during October & November. The workshops were designed to raise awareness and educate water suppliers on the requirements of The Drinking Water Directive and were specifically geared toward the Small Private Supplier (SPS). Very positive feedback has been received from the water operators who attended.

### **Rural Water Team**

**Domestic Water Treatment Systems (Septic Tank)** In association with local radio stations, an awareness campaign was run in March to inform homeowners with domestic waste water treatment systems (septic tanks), about their obligations to register the septic tank and to contract the services of a contractor who is registered with National Waste Collection Permit Office.





## Agriculture

A Tipperary County Council representative presented at the final nationwide Derogation Training on-line event in 2022. This concluded the compulsory national training for all derogation farmers in the “Farming Sustainably under Derogation, reducing the impact of emissions, water and biodiversity” module of the course for clients of the Agricultural Consultants Association (non Teagasc, private consultants). 45 farmers from all over the County participated in the event.

## Environmental Complaints

Complaint Category	Carrick-On-Suir		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	0	16	2	14	2	13	1	6	0	15
Animal	0	50	2	91	4	82	4	110	4	164
Infrastructure	1	4	0	4	2	6	2	4	2	13
Litter	1	77	5	86	2	138	2	203	2	157
Noise	2	17	1	0	3	7	2	4	0	10
Waste	3	26	9	46	8	79	4	55	4	56
Water	1	6	1	9	6	18	2	7	4	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	8	196	20	250	27	343	17	389	16	431
<b>Total</b>	204		270		370		406		447	

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All figures relate to the period 01 January 2022 – 30 November 2022

### 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>
<b>Puckaun</b>	21	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Design
<b>Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir</b>	30	Decision required on third river crossing -	Stage 1 submission
<b>William Street, Nenagh</b>	7	Appointment of Integrated Design Team	Part 8 Planning
<b>Clogheen</b>	12	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
<b>Mountain Road, Cahir</b>	43	Part 8 documentation being finalised	Part 8 advertisement
<b>Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore</b>	23	Planning Application	Planning Decision
<b>Ashbury, Roscrea</b>	10	Stage 2 Approved	Appointment of Design Team



<b>Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town</b>	4	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approved
<b>Glencarrick, Roscrea</b>	46	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
<b>Church Street, Templemore</b>	4	Stage 3 Approved	Advertise on E-Tenders
<b>Grove Street, Roscrea</b>	6	Part 8 to be advertised January	Part 8 Report to members for consideration
<b>William Street, Clonmel</b>	4	Stage 2 approved	Being reviewed due to complex site issues
<b>Borrisoleigh</b>	12	Stage 2 approved	Preparation of Part 8 in 2023
<b>Boherclough Street, Cashel</b>	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Woodview Close, Nenagh</b>	10	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Moyne</b>	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Bansha</b>	12	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Ardfinnan</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Portroe</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Ballyclerihan</b>	14	Contractor on Site- in discussions	Completion 2023
<b>Donohill</b>	8	Contractor on Site – in discussions	Completion 2023
<b>Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir</b>	22	Turnkey	Contracts Signed
<b>Cullen</b>	8	Turnkey	Awaiting Contracts
<b>Ard Na Sidhe, Clonmel</b>	9	Turnkey	Phased Delivery



<b>Tyone Road, Nenagh</b>	67	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised -2024
<b>Coopers Lot, Cashel</b>	44	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised
<b>Farranahassery, Cahir</b>	48	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised -2024
<b>Waller's Lot, Cashel</b>	40	Tuath AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised -2024
<b>Abbey Street, Cahir</b>	10	Contractor on Site	Substantially Complete
<b>Two Mile Borris</b>	23	Contractor on Site	Substantially Complete
<b>Ardcrony</b>	4	Contractor on Site	Substantially Complete
<b>Prior Park Grove, Clonmel</b>	41	Turnkey	Phased Delivery
<b>Mullinahone</b>	10	Contractor on site	Substantially Complete
<b>Ma Chaoin, Templemore</b>	13	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Phased Delivery
<b>Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles</b>	19	Contractor on Site	Substantially Complete
<b>Glenconnor Road, Clonmel</b>	31	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Substantially Complete
<b>SPADE Deerpark Road, Cashel</b>	2	Scheme Completed	
<b>Dun Uisce, Cahir</b>	8	Scheme Completed	
<b>An Grianan, Killenaule</b>	4	Scheme Completed	
<b>Ardfinnan</b>	3	Scheme Completed	
<b>Kilsheelan</b>	3	Scheme Completed	
<b>121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel</b>	2	Scheme Completed	
<b>Mill Road, Thurles</b>	28	Scheme Completed	





<b>Ballycraig Road, Nenagh</b>	5	Scheme Completed
<b>Cormack Drive, Nenagh</b>	12	Scheme Completed
<b>Twomile Borris</b>	2	Scheme Completed
<b>Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel</b>	9	Scheme Completed
<b>Tuath, Kickham Street, Carrick on Suir</b>	13	Scheme Completed
<b>Focus AHB, Nenagh</b>	16	Scheme Completed
<b>Borrisokane</b>	15	Scheme Completed
<b>Mulcair View, Newport</b>	11	Scheme Completed
<b>Templetuohy</b>	10	Scheme Completed
<b>Hazel Close, Carrick-on-Suir</b>	14	Turnkey Delivered
<b>Ballycommon</b>	2	Part V Delivered
<b>Mitchel St. Thurles.</b>	1	Units Completed
<b>Cois na hAbhainn, Mullinahone</b>	3	Turnkey Delivered
<b>Knockanrawley, Tipperary.</b>	28	Scheme Completed
<b>Cloughjordan</b>	2	Scheme Completed
<b>Glentara, Roscrea</b>	2	Turnkey Delivered



**RAS Voluntary**

New properties	47
Total tenancies	308
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	1

**RAS Private**

New properties	3
Total tenancies	704
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	413

**Long term lease**

New properties	5
Total tenancies	301
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	146

**Mortgage to rent**

New properties	18
Total tenancies	66
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	36

**Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

HAP tenancies set up in 2022	206
Total tenancies	1700
Average weekly HAP set up	4

## Inspections

	1 <sup>st</sup> inspection	2 <sup>nd</sup> inspection
RAS	67	34
Private rented	30	8
Long term lease	6	2
HAP	333	158
Mortgage to rent	32	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>207</b>

For much of 2022 there was only 1 inspector working in the county however an additional 2 inspectors have commenced in the latter half of 2022 which will mean an increase in regulatory activity for 2023.

## Energy Efficiency

### **Midlands Retrofit Programme**

Finalising of the Midlands Retrofit Programme is in progress.

58 out of 60 units installation works are now completed. All houses achieved a B2 BER (Building Energy Rating) or better. Post BER surveys are now completed for the 58 houses and claims have been submitted to the Department for recoupment purposes.

### **Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme**

Housing units for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 have been identified across the 5 districts, with 100 houses allocated to Tipperary County Council.

59 Houses are now fully complete under the 2021 Scheme. Post works BER Surveys are significantly complete and claims have been submitted to the Department for recoupment purposes.

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 an allocation of €3,331,250 in 2022 for the funding of private grants and €1,379,999 in funding for the provision of local authority grants. An additional €548,000 was approved in funding for private grants and an additional €400,000 approved for Local Authority grants. Approvals for grant commitments carried forward into 2023 should not issue in excess of 65% of the current year allocation as per the Department guidelines.

The scheme was opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2022 for both private and local authority grants and will be kept under constant review to ensure funds are prioritised for the most urgent cases.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,118,750	€3,581,971	176
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€125,000	€233,281	40
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,087,500	€1,527,532	159
<b>TOTAL</b>	€3,331,250	€5,342,784	375
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,379,999	€1,779,999	101

### **Voids**

The number completed from 01/01/2022 to 30/11/2022 is **119**.

- Carrick - 18
- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir - 45
- Clonmel - 10
- Nenagh - 12
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 34

### Vacant Houses<sup>1</sup>

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses <sup>2</sup>
Carrick	365	13	0.2%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	830	27	0.4%
Clonmel	653	12	0.2%
Nenagh	700	27	0.5%
Templemore/Thurles	837	40	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

### Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	45	37	1	6	19
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	74	54	7	11	7
Clonmel	46	38	3	4	19
Nenagh	76	70	2	3	27
Templemore Thurles	126	90	5	22	7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>79</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

<sup>2</sup> Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

### Number of Housing Applications received

There were **1251** housing applications received of which:

- 583 were found to be invalid
- 668 were found to be valid

### Number of Housing Assessments carried out

Month	Number of Assessments
January	57
February	101
March	104
April	103
May	119
June	124
July	115
August	101
September	120
October <sup>3</sup>	322
November	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,335</b>

### Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Lettings (CBL) went live on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

To date:

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

<sup>3</sup> Figure is high due HNA being run in October

## Homelessness

The focus of homeless services in 2022 continues to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle.

### Homeless Presentations

Single	284
Couples	16
Couples with children	39
Singles with Children	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>461</b>

## Homeless Prevention

The use of private rented accommodation with the assistance of HAP is the primary option for those presenting as homeless. The 2 Homeless Prevention Officers, working in tandem with the HAP Placefinder Service operate to secure such accommodation.

Prevention work was carried out by the HAP place finder on 83 of these presentations. They facilitated 22 singles and 26 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

Whilst a significant amount of work is ongoing in addressing the accommodation needs of those in emergency accommodation, there are still 23 singles and 2 families in emergency B&B accommodation. There are however pathways in place to address the accommodation needs of the 2 families. In addition to the B&B emergency accommodation, our OFD emergency accommodation is also fully occupied with 3 families and 4 singles and these are being fully supported by our own Homeless staff and also PMVT. To date, we have moved 7 singles and 2 families from OFD to either HAP property or LA houses.

We received 109 NTQ in respect of RAS and LTL properties and 214 NTQ in respect of HAP properties in 2022 to 30 November.

We were given some additional flexibility to purchase a number of properties in respect of Notice to Quit tenants and to-date 22 properties have acquired and 4 are a work in progress. This initiative has been extended by the department to June 2023 and we are actively pursuing this.

## 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. 9 houses have been purchased under this scheme in 2022 to-date.

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. To date there are 5 viable schemes which are at an advanced stage of consideration. This was extended to allow developers to participate in the scheme in order to further enhance the delivery of long term social housing supports.

### **Local Authority Home Loans**

The Local Authority Home Loan Scheme has replaced the Rebuilding Ireland Home Scheme from 4th January, 2022.

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. An applicant can apply to borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €250,000 in Tipperary.



### **Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications**

Number of Applications Received	0
Number of Valid Applications Received	0
Number of Loan Applications Approved	3
Number of Loans Issued	12
<b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>	<b>€919,585</b>

### **Local Authority Home Loans<sup>4</sup>**

Number of Applications Received	136
Number of Valid Applications Received	42
Number of Loan Applications Approved	21
Number of Loans Issued	9
<b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>	<b>€1,233,550</b>

### **Increase to Variable Mortgage Interest Rate**

Following a rise in wholesale interest rates and increased interest rate volatility an interest rate increase for lending to local authorities, from 1% to 1.5% has been approved.

With effect from **1 December 2022**, the standard variable interest rate charged by local authorities to variable rate mortgage holders has been increased from 2.3% to **2.8%**. This increase applies to all Variable Rate Mortgage Loans, both new and existing, and any other loan type which uses this rate.

### **Tenant Purchase Scheme**

Formal applications to purchase received	31
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	33
Sales completed	22
<b>Total proceeds of sales received</b>	<b>€1,519,470.00</b>

### **Traveller Accommodation Programme**

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP), outlines the accommodation requirements of the travelling community from 2019 to 2024. The projected housing units need over the five-year period is 90. TCC has exceeded this target and has delivered 104 units to-date. As required by the Department a review of the TAP was carried out

<sup>4</sup> 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"

recently and following consideration of the TAP and submissions received it was decided not to amend the current Programme.

A target of 25 accommodation units for traveller families was set out for 2022 of which 23 have now been delivered.

### **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting**

Tipperary County Council has held 3 Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meetings (LTACC) in 2022; - 12<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> August and the most recent meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November was held in Ashbury Halting Site, Roscrea. Items discussed included the current status of the Traveller Accommodation Programme including the mid-term review, an update on the Dormant Account Funding and the Council's 3-Year Capital Traveller Accommodation Plan.

### **Traveller Dormant Account Funding**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage secured Dormant Account Funding for measures to provide supports/facilities in Traveller Specific accommodation. TCC were successful in receiving approval for funding for the following 3 projects.

- **Tipperary Traveller Educational Initiative 2022**

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with other agencies, NGOs and members of the community commenced a process to support a Traveller Educational Initiative over a sustained 5 year period as a pilot. The decision to lead on this project is based on the premise that the provision of traveller accommodation on its own does not sufficiently address the significant number of challenges faced by this community and its impacts subsequently on accessing and managing accommodation. This initiative is in the early stages. Funding for a designated space to provide educational and homework support for primary and secondary school children has been successfully applied for by the Council from the Dormant Account Fund and we have secured suitable premises and are working with the relevant agencies to furnish it. It is hoped to have this project rolled out in January.

- **Regeneration of Entrance to Waller's Lot Group Housing Estate**

TCC were successful in receiving funding to regenerate the entrance to Waller's Lot Group Housing Estate. This includes new grassed areas, kerbing and raised beds. Work is nearing completion on this project.

- **Horse Project at Ballyknock Halting Site**

Approval from the Department to refurbish the Ballyknock halting site has been received and it is proposed that four families from Waller's Lot will reside there when the works are completed. TCC have been successful in receiving funding under the Dormant Account Fund to have the paddock beside the site re-seeded and to have an agricultural advisor give a training course to the families on horse management. This project has just commenced.

## **Ukrainian Refugees**

The war in Ukraine continues to result in a steady stream of people seeking refuge in Ireland. To-date, the Housing, Civil Defence & C&E sections have been tasked with assisting with this humanitarian crisis.

### **Temporary rest facilities**

Two rest centres continue to operate in Littleton & Clonmel as temporary emergency centres. This service has been managed in conjunction with Thurles Lions Trust and Clonmel Town Football Club and to date has been successful in meeting the emergency needs of those fleeing the conflict in the Ukraine. To date, close to 1000 clients have passed through the two centres to permanent type of accommodation. While Littleton is currently unoccupied, there are 37 residents in the Clonmel centre.

### **Pledged Properties:**

As part of the initial Red Cross pledging process, 377 properties were made available by property owners in Tipperary. 266 of the properties offered were shared properties and 111 were vacant properties. Following inspections, withdrawals, inability to contact landlords etc, some 95 properties were actually available and 66 or 69.5% of those properties are now tenanted. The majority of those properties not tenanted are located in areas that are not on a viable transport route and this matter is currently under consideration with a view to making such properties accessible.

A second Pledging Process, administered & wholly managed by the Local Authorities named “Offer a Home” commenced on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. This call is in respect of vacant properties only. A national and local advertising campaign accompanied this call for properties and to date Tipperary Council has received the offer of 35 vacant properties which will be assessed, inspected and tenanted.

The Council works closely with the Local Development Companies in assisting the families housed to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational and other supports.

### **Modular type Accommodation;**

Thurles has been identified as one of five initial sites across the country for the provision of modular type homes on public owned land. The OPW intends to provide 60 such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles. The department and the OPW have engaged with the local elected members and community in respect of the proposal. Work is progressing and it is hoped that tenants will be on site by March 2023. As part of the process, engagement has also taken place with service providers such as REALT, H.S.E., Community Support Groups etc to ensure an integrated approach to the provision of services to clients once they take up occupancy of the homes.

## Social Housing Assessment – changes to income thresholds

Local Authorities have been notified of the changes to the Social Housing Assessment Regulations which come into effect on 1 January 2023: Circular 48 of 2022.

This circular increases by €5,000 each of the 3 bands of maximum income limits for eligibility for social housing support across the State.

We are working on plans to implement these changes and the public relations initiative for same.

## Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA)

The purpose of the SSHA is to capture the **total number of households qualified** for social housing support across the county whose social housing need is not being met, in order to understand the level of need for such support. The files requiring review were those not yet assessed for the first time or which had not been reviewed since 3 September 2021. Applicants approved for a transfer or currently in HAP accommodation were not included as part of this review.

The SSHA report captured data between 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and it identified a **total net need of 1094 households that were deemed qualified for social housing support**. Of these approved households, the following is a breakdown of the housing type required:

- SHS1 (one bed unit) – 541
- SHS2 (two bed unit) – 323
- SHS3 (three bed unit) – 207
- SHS4 (four bed unit) – 22
- SHS5 (five bed unit) – 1

## AHB forum

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum. Over the duration of the Housing For All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target. The forum facilitates the Council to:

- provide details on the type and quantity of the housing need in specific areas of the county
- reduces competition in local areas to ensure that each AHB is maximising delivery county wide
- engage with AHB's to ensure the prompt tenancing of new and existing properties

The forum has helped to identify areas of need by linking in with other bodies; for example, the provision of housing for persons with a disability and the work required to identify all of the

people who fall into this category and how best to provide the specialised housing and associated supports.

The formation of a second forum to allow for the direct interaction between housing officers from the AHB's and the Council has also made the process of selecting new tenants more efficient.

## **Affordable Housing**

### **Croí Cónaithe fund**

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

- Building must be empty for at least 2 years.
- Up to €30,000 available as a grant. An additional €20,000 is available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.
- 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 is complete.
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years.

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

Tipperary County Council intend to offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme. Please note that this is contingent on the Tipperary gaining access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A survey has been created and is available on our website to gauge the interest in affordable housing in the county. 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>

### **First Home Scheme**

Following on from the SPC meeting on Housing, the Council has actively engaged with the Department and provided them with supporting documentation around the average all in cost of building a new build in Tipperary. As a result of this engagement the ceiling in Tipperary for new build has been lifted from €250,000 to €325,000. As a consequence of this the Council intends to engage with private developers to encourage the activation of their planning permissions.

The Council is actively exploring all options open to us to deliver affordable housing options in the County and as initiatives are worked up, members of the Council will be advised

## **Disability strategy**

The second National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 was published on 14th January 2022. It aims to facilitate access and provide a framework for people with a disability to the appropriate range of housing and related support services delivered in an integrated manner, which promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice and independent living with the user of the services at the centre of policies and plans.

Tipperary County Council has prepared a Disability Strategic Plan to cover the period 2022 to 2027. The Plan aligns with and informs both the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability (NHSPWD) and the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The preparation of the local plan was coordinated and led by the Housing and Disability Steering Group, which is a working group of relevant service providers, including HSE, AHB's and service users chaired by the Council to oversee the delivery of disability services within the county of Tipperary. There were 3 meetings held in 2022 where these issues were discussed.

The Tipperary Strategic Plan aims to facilitate access for people with disabilities to the appropriate range of housing and related support services. This Plan promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice and independent living. The core goal of the Strategic Plan is to meet the identified housing needs of people with disabilities in Tipperary whether they are currently living in the community and or in a congregated setting. A key element is that the actions are guided and informed by the lived experiences of service users and that it puts their requirements at the centre of the strategy.

### **Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)**

During 2022 the SPC focussed on a number of key areas within housing. Over the course of the year, the committee considered a diverse range of topics including:

- A review of the Communication Protocol
- The new Tenant Purchase scheme
- The Own Front Door (OFD) initiative
- Approved Housing Bodies and their work within the county
- Roll out of Choice Based letting
- Traveller Accommodation Programme
- The role of Community Liaison Officers
- Affordable Housing Scheme and KPMG analysis of affordable housing need
- The Ukraine crisis
- Vacant properties and turnover times
- Housing grants
- Inspections of Private Rented properties
- Construction Industry Federation and the difficulty faced in the construction of new developments.

There were also a large number of agenda items addressed and issues reviewed prior to submission to the wider Council meeting.