



Management Report to Council



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December dates for your Diary

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
				<u>1</u> 10:00 Community, Culture & Library Services SPC
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 10:30 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	<u>6</u> 14:30 Environment & Climate Action SPC	<u>7</u> 10:00 JPC Meeting	<u>8</u> 10:00 CPG Meeting 11:00 Infrastructure SPC Mtg
<u>11</u> 11:00 TCC Plenary Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting 15:00 THH/TCC Annual Mtg	<u>14</u> 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>15</u>
<u>18</u> 10:00 LCDC Mtg 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting, Muintir na Tíre Hall, Littleton	<u>19</u> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Meeting	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting	<u>22</u>
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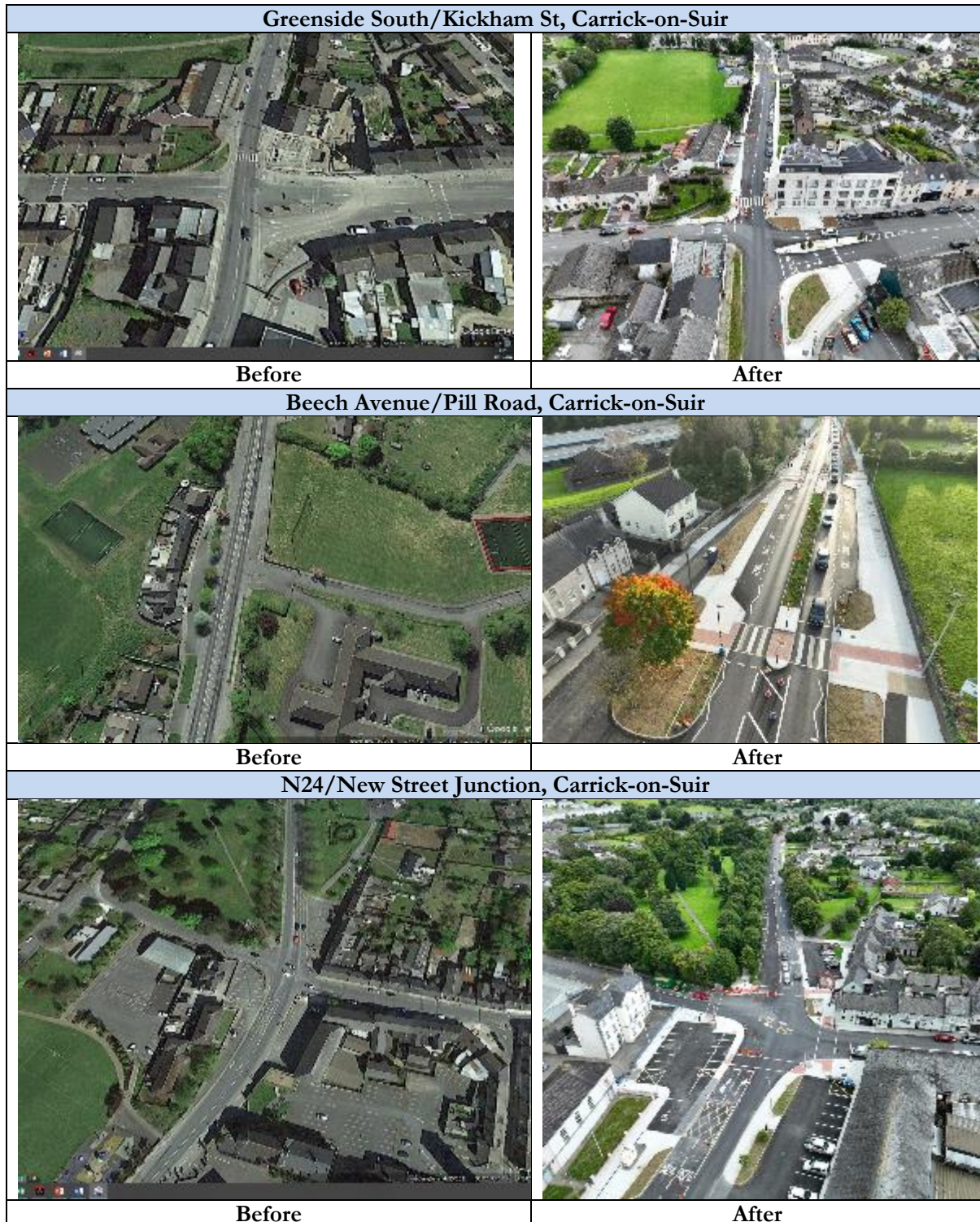
ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>		
Policy Changes/Updates		
A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC is scheduled for 8 th December 2023 at which the National Cycle Manual will be discussed.		
<u>Directorate Priorities</u>		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Transport Options & Alternatives Public Consultation complete August 2021. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021. Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option. Design Update No. 2 planned for March/pril 2024. ABP Application programmed Q1/Q2 2025.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2 will be completed in January 2024. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution.</p>
Capital Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.

<p>Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2023</p>	<p>Implementation of Programme</p>	<p>Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of available grant funding.</p>
<p>Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2023</p>	<p>Implementation of Programme</p>	<p>Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of available grant funding.</p>
<p>Rural and Community Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR • Community Involvement Scheme 2023 • Local Improvement Scheme 2023 	<p>Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail Department of Rural and Community Development</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Ár dTíodhchái Tuaithe Our Rural Future</p>  </div> </div>	<p>CLÁR Projects for progression in 2024 have been submitted to DRCD for consideration.</p> <p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2023 was €804,600. 17 Schemes have now been completed across the county.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes Round 1 in 2023 was €744,914. The Roads Section requested a substantial Round 2 allocation which was notified on 28 July 2023 in the sum of €1,120,177, bringing the overall 2023 allocation for LIS to €1,865,091. 40 Schemes have now been completed across the county.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.</p>	<p>Annual Meeting with TII scheduled for 13 December 2023</p>

N24 Carrick on Suir Pavement & Safety Scheme



ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2023



Main Street, Portroe



Safety Improvement Scheme – Monroe, Newtown



R491 Cloughjordan



Annaghbeg Bridge – Seven-Arch Masonry Bridge spanning the Nenagh River completely restored. The Bridge is a Protected Structure and was built sometime in the 1750's.



Templederry Bridge



Lisnagonoge Bridge



Climate Adaptation Works – Drombane River Wall



Culvert installation – Curraghnaboola, Borrisoleigh



Ballylanigan Bridge

The damage to the bridge arch occurred over time and required immediate intervention. Installation of Tie-bars into the Bridge to prevent spreading of abutment walls.



Ballylanigan Bridge – works completed June 2023



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR GREENWAYS

Greenways	Allocations 2023
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	€100,000
East Limerick Greenway (Tipperary)	€50,000
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	€300,000
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	€300,000
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	€100,000
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	€150,000
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	€150,000
Local Authority Greenways Support 2023	€250,000
Total Greenway Allocation 2023	€1,400,000

GREENWAY PROJECTS

GREENWAY PROJECT	CURRENT UPDATE
Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel	Planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála.
Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal: Approved by TII and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility under review by TII.
Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir	Phase 0: SAR approved by TII and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility report complete and submitted to TII for approval.
Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer	The Project Team continues with the process of finalising the stage 2 assessment of the Route Corridor Options along with reviewing the project cost estimates to deliver this extensive greenway project in line with TII guidelines and standards.
Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal approved by TII and Phase 1: Public Consultation for Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility to commence on the 1 st December 2023.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Environmental surveys and site investigation underway. Planning application being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála.

ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEMES 2023

Cahir Road – Cashel



R445 Roscrea Active Travel Project - under construction



Rosegreen



Birdhill



Old Road – Cashel





Active Travel Schemes 2023 – Update

Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel	On hold until N24 Waterford to Cahir options Selection Report is published	€50,000
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Alignment altered, environmental assessments and screenings underway	€50,000
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Part 8 planning has been granted for the scheme	€280,000
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	Contractor to be appointed – awaiting construction approval from the NTA	€430,000
Ballina Active Travel Scheme	Project under review	€5,000
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	Design team working on preparing the planning pack for this project.	€59,700
Active Travel Connectivity, Bowes Corner Thurles	Works Complete	€150,000
Clairin Footbridge, Carrick On Suir	Works tendered, Awaiting approval from Irish Rail	€450,000
Carrick on Suir Active Travel Scheme	Request approval to proceed to Construction from the NTA	€70,000
Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel	Alignment under review	€80,000
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	Approval granted to progress to Part 8 planning	€50,000
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Preparing Part 8 planning application.	€50,000
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Part 8 planning has been granted for the project	€200,000
SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's National School, Donaskeagh	Approval granted for approved works	€5,000
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	Awaiting a delivery plan for the project from An Taisce	€10,000
SRTS (R2) St Mary's Central National School, Killenaule	Delivery Plan received from An Taisce, develop design and request approval to proceed to the next phases.	€20,000



Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel	Peer review undertake by the NTA and Preliminary Design is being updated following review	€30,000
Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme	Works substantially complete	€50,000
Nenagh Urban Greenway	Preparing An Bord Pleanála planning application.	€150,000
Borrisokane Community College Footpath linkage	Works Complete	€32,000
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina	Finalising Preliminary Design and secure approval from the NTA	€62,000
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	Develop Design	€15,000
Active Travel Scheme Ladyswell Street, Cashel	Finalising Preliminary Design and secure approval from the NTA	€30,000
Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Substantially complete	€500,000
Ballylooby Active Travel Scheme	Works Complete	€150,000
Old Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Works Complete	€68,400
Emly Village Footpaths	Works Complete	€18,900
Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir	2023 Works complete	€150,000
Suir Footpath and Cycleway Scheme, Thurles	Substantially complete	€48,000
Schools & Third Level Linkage Thurles Town	Scheme on hold as the project doesn't meeting the NTA priorities such as rapid build	€180,000
R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme	Works ongoing on site	€480,000
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	Part 8 planning complete. Design team working on the deliverables for phases 5-7	€15,000
Inch National School	Options Assessment Report submitted to the NTA for approval	€10,000



Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
Nenagh Local Transport Plan	Nenagh Transport Plan published as an Appendix to the LAP	€118,000
Thurles Local Transport Plan	Thurles Transport Plan published as an Appendix to the LAP	€118,000
Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Clonmel Transport Plan published as an Appendix to the LAP	€118,000
Active Travel Staff Costs	Recruitment under way to fill current vacancies	€330,000
		€4,633,000



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Neenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in 2023. Tenders are currently being assessed.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village ▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. RPS consultants have been appointed to continue with the preliminary design and complete planning procedures for the scheme. Consultation with local residents and stakeholders has commenced which will inform the design of the scheme. The first stage of the Preliminary design has been completed.	The final stage of Preliminary design and planning process has commenced.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design and Part 8 planning process completed in December 2022. New consultants will be appointed December 2023 to complete the detailed design.	The detailed design will be completed in 2024.



N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	It is anticipated that work will commence Q2/Q3 2024.
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Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works and Temporary Traffic Management are underway and progressing well. Works will continue in phases over the 18-month contract period.	Works to be completed in early 2024 followed by 12 months maintenance period.
N76 Grangemoekler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. GLAS Civil Engineering were awarded this Contract in July 2022. Works substantially completed in May 2023. Final Account agreed in November 2023.	Maintenance period ongoing into 2024.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. Works are substantially completed and the defects period will commence through 2023. Final Account agreed.	12-month maintenance period ongoing.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed. Tender documents have been prepared for the procurement of a Contractor for the works.	Appointment of a Contractor in Q4 2023 with work commencing in Q1 2024.
N24 Main Street Tipperary Town Interim Pavement Maintenance	This project involves interim maintenance works to maintain the operability of the N24 Main Street, Tipperary Town. This is a necessary interim measure to repair the failed pavement until a more permanent scheme is adopted that will resolve the safety and other design issues along the N24 Main Street.	Contract awarded to Lagan, works completed August 2023.



Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town.	Construction was completed in September 2023.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the Preliminary Design. The scheme obtained Part 8 Planning approval at the July meeting of the Municipal District.	Preparation of detailed design and tender documents. Tendering process in Q1 2024 subject to TII funding.
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 th , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. The detailed design is substantially complete.	Advance work including fencing and site clearance work is expected to commence in Q1 2024. It is anticipated that a Contractor will be appointed and works commencing in Q3 2024.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022.	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with: a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction; a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access;	Ongoing discussions with DOT in order to secure funding to engage a consultant to complete detailed design. Ongoing land acquisition.



	50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir; public lighting; flood alleviation works along the River Suir. This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.	
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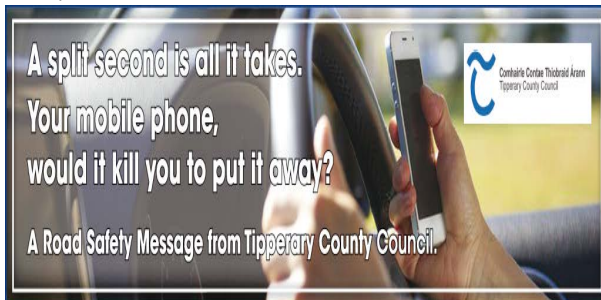
ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin/Licensing Process 2023 YTD	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	750
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	677
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	241
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	202
Road Opening Licence applications received	1175
FOI requests processed	26
AIE requests processed	4
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	60
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	60
Proposed Estates being progressed for Taking in Charge	
Millersbrook, Nenagh	
Oakwood, Ballingarry	
Rocksprings, Kilross	
Estates Taken in Charge	
Ardlui, Thurles	
Caislean Court, Thurles	
Mill House Park, Carrick on Suir	

ROAD SAFETY

Visits have resumed to schools, family resource centres and other interested facilities with the Virtual Reality (VR) headsets provided by Aviva Driving School. The first visit, which took place on 18th October, was to the Mill Family Resource Centre in Urlingford. The VR sets show what is happening in a particular car in the build up to a Road Traffic Collision. It also shows the aftermath of the collision. It is very useful for young drivers and those who are about to start to drive in the next year or two.

Meetings of the Collision Prevention Team and the Road Safety Working Together Group took place in October. All the stakeholders are actively engaging to complete the 75 actions contained in the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy Action Plan 2022-2024. Below are, samples of adverts promoting road safety.



VELOCITY PATCHING FLEET

Tipperary County Council has taken delivery of a new velocity patching machine manufactured by Archway Products Ltd, one of three new machines purchased since 2020. The cost of the velocity patcher was partially funded by a grant from the Department of Transport amounting to €100,000, being 33% of the total cost. The addition of these vehicles, which will be deployed across the road network county-wide, to the Council's Road Maintenance fleet, introduces a comprehensive and modern approach to road maintenance. The velocity patcher is a one-man operated machine that delivers a computer calibrated mixture of aggregate and binder directly into the pothole or road defect under high velocity ensuring a cost effective, reliable solution to problematic road maintenance issues.

The new machines complement an existing fleet of six older velocity patchers, the oldest being a 2002 machine that was one of the first built by the manufacturer Archway Products Ltd, in Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim.

On receiving the keys to the new velocity patcher, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive said "Our continuous advancement towards modernising our works programme delivery is greatly benefitted by the purchase of these new vehicles over the past three years. Velocity patchers also provide a much safer work environment for our operatives. I wish to acknowledge our suppliers, Archway Roadmaster, on the timely delivery of this vehicle. I have great pleasure in launching this vehicle into the Council's fleet, which will be operated by one person and do a faster and better job than previous methods."

The Leitrim based company that make the velocity patchers, Archway Roadmaster, is a very successful Irish business exporting to Europe, UK and the USA."



Pictured with Tipperary County Council's new Velocity Patcher is Chief Executive Joe MacGrath, Fleet Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, and Roads/Machinery Yard staff



Chief Executive Joe MacGrath, taking delivery of a new Velocity Patcher from Donal McNamee, Archway Roadmaster



Tipperary County Council's Fleet of 9 Velocity Patchers and Drivers

HEDGE CUTTING

The 2023/2024 Hedge cutting Season commenced on 1 September 2023 and runs through to 29 February 2024. All landowners and occupiers of land are requested to note that Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing on uncultivated land or in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August each year. This is to ensure the safety of birds and other wildlife.

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

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

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



PUBLIC LIGHTING

A new Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in December 2022. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. Enerveo is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate. Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 18,000 lights in the county and public lighting is the biggest user of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

Tipperary County Council is participating in the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) which will see 11,600 lights upgraded to LED across Tipperary. This project is being rolled out on a regional basis with Tipperary County Council included in the Eastern region. Kilkenny County Council is leading the project in the region. Tipperary County Council continues to engage with the lead partner to ensure successful delivery of the project. The contractor appointed to carry out this work has completed surveying all existing streetlights and lighting designs will commence in early 2024.

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

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

EV CHARGING

EasyGo, in partnership with *eir*, and working with Tipperary County Council are progressing with the installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers across Tipperary which will see the company investing €600,000 into the county. This involves the

installation of thirteen new fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in County Tipperary, providing 24 charging points.

eir and **EasyGo** have joined forces to develop new charging points across the country, to accommodate the growing number of EVs on our roads. Electric vehicles accounted for 24% of all new cars sold between January and March 2023 - surpassing diesel car sales for the first time. Installing these chargers in easily accessible town centre locations will increase the appeal of EVs for drivers, greatly extending the accessibility of charging points and thus the range of the vehicles. Transport accounts for one-third of Ireland's energy-related CO2 emissions so increased adoption of EVs is a key aspect of Ireland's Climate Action Plan.

The EV chargers are at various stages of being installed in: Ballina, Borrisokane, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Fethard, Nenagh, Newport, Roscrea, Templemore, Thurles & Tipperary Town. Installation of chargers commenced in June and it will take a few months to have these rapid chargers installed and operational. These installations mark the continuation of the rollout of this programme nationally. Throughout this programme, **EasyGo** and *eir* will utilise Tritium's world-first, next-generation simultaneous DC Rapid Chargers, adding up to 100km range to an Electric Vehicle in just 15 minutes.



EasyGo Charge Point

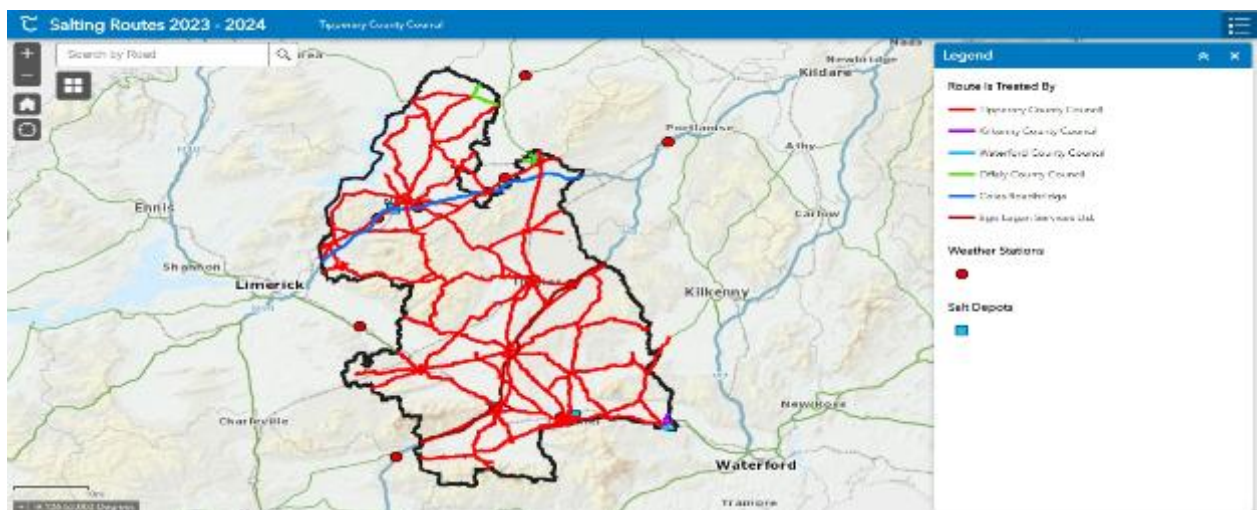
SALTING ROUTES – WINTER MAINTENANCE 2023-2024

The winter maintenance period lasts from mid-October to the end of April each year. Tipperary County Council is constantly striving to improve its winter maintenance service; however, neither the local authority nor Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) (formerly the NRA) has a statutory obligation to pre-salt roads. Having regard to the Council's resources in terms of finance, equipment and staffing levels and to maximise benefit to road users, winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:

- Priority 1: M7 Motorway, M8 Motorway, National Roads, and Regional Roads of strategic importance, e.g. Expressway Bus routes, access to Train and Bus Depots, Hospitals, Ambulance routes, and Fire Stations.
- Priority 2: Regional Roads with high volume of traffic using the road and access to major schools and industries
- Priority 3: Other regional roads, town streets and local county roads on a priority basis.
- (In extreme weather events Priority 1 routes will take precedence over Priority 2 routes in terms of allocation of available resources). The Council has quid pro quo agreements with Waterford, Offaly and Kilkenny

County Councils to treat routes in each other's areas to increase efficiency of the treatment routes.

- The Council has a total capacity of approximately 3,880 tonnes in its salt storage facilities, which is sufficient to treat a 5-day snow event.
- Twelve crews are rostered to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes (approx. 1,010km) before the onset of icy conditions. These spreaders can have snowblades fitted in the event of snow. It is common for a variance in road temperatures to occur across the county, which may result in only some of the routes being pre-treated on any particular night.
- In the event of dangerous road conditions i.e. black ice, white frost, snow, flooding, muck or any other hazardous road condition, the responsibility is on the driver to drive at an appropriate speed with due care in accordance with prevailing conditions on the road.
- **Tipperary County Council is not responsible for any accidents that may occur as a result of poor driving conditions.**
- [Salting Routes- Winter Maintenance 2023-2024 | Tipperary County Council \(tipperarycoco.ie\)](https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/Salting-Routes-Winter-Maintenance-2023-2024).





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Clonmel Local Area Plan	Proposed Material Alterations (PMAs) on public display until 18 December	Elected members decided to Amend Draft Plan on 27 October in accordance with recommendations of CE report	Consider submissions made to the PMA and prepare CEs Report for consideration by the Elected Members. Elected Members to decide whether to make Plan in February 2024
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Thurles Local Area Plan	Proposed Material Alterations (PMAs) on public display until 18 December	Elected members decided to Amend Draft Plan on 27 October in accordance with recommendations of CE report, plus some additional changes	Consider submissions made to the PMA and prepare CEs Report for consideration by the Elected Members. Elected Members to decide whether to make Plan in February 2024
Roscrea Local Area Plan	Plan now has effects from 23 October and replaces Roscrea LAP 2012	Elected members decided to make Plan in September 2023	None
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Supplemental Maps, showing additional sites not previously shown on the draft maps, were published on 1 st May 2023.	Period for submissions to the Supplemental Map commenced on 1 st May 2023 and ended on 1 st June 2023. 1 no. submission received. Determination made to include the site. Landowner did not appeal to ABP. Presentation to Planning SPC on 12 th September 2023.	Final Map to be published by the local authority on 1 st December 2023, taking account of determinations and appeal decisions made on Draft and Supplemental Map submissions, and any other relevant changes including changes on foot of the annual Uisce Éireann's WWTP capacity register and zoning changes that come into effect prior to 1 st Nov 2023, most notably the new Roscrea LAP 2023-2029.



<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Roscrea Town Centre First (TCF) plan complete.	Plan officially launched on the 25 th of October by Cathaoirleach Gerard Darcy and attended by Councillors, Town Team and National Town Centre First Office reps.	Funding to be pursued for priority projects identified in the TCF Plan via RRDF, ORIS, TVR, etc. Information Evening for owners of vacant and derelict properties in Roscrea on 20 th November.
	TRO working with Clonmel Borough - new Town Team formed. Currently prioritising actions for the team from the existing TCF Action Plan.	Meetings with the Town Team ongoing.	Information Evening for owners of vacant and derelict properties in Clonmel on 16 th November.
	TRO working with Carrick on Suir - new Town Team formed, tender brief for new TCF plan underway in advance of next funding call.	Meetings with COSTEDC & Municipal District to progress the TCF initiative.	Await TCF Funding announcement and advertise tender for new TCF Plan.
	Newport Enhancement plan – plan to incorporate TCF principles	Meeting with Municipal District to discuss (a) the contents of the current draft plan to align with TCF policy, and (b) potential of a new Town Team.	Consider current draft as TCF Plan for Newport.
Killenaule & Mullinahone Enhancement Plans	Liaised with District to align the town enhancement plans to TCF plans.	Delivery of projects, source funding etc.	

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Tipperary Town Regeneration	<p>Market Yard – Works fully completed.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway –Contractor appointed in June, 2022 and works substantially completed in early May, 2023. Bridge installed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The purchase of the land is completed. Walkway opened to the public in December, 2022.</p>	<p>Market Yard –Works are completed.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway – Works are completed.</p>
Fethard Town Park	<p>Phase 1 - Groundworks and 3G pitch – Works comprising of 3G pitch and grass pitch have been completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a - Pavilion and Public Realm Works – Works comprising of construction of pavilion, car park and public realm works completed in early April, 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion – Works were completed in early April, 2023.</p> <p>Fethard Town Park fully opened on Saturday, 8th. April, 2023. Facility officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys on Sunday, 18th. June, 2023.</p>	<p>Phase 1 – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2b –Completed.</p>
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	<p>Detailed designs agreed. Tenders received through e-Tenders assessed and Tender Assessment Report completed. Final Business Case under Decision Gate 3 submitted to the Department in December, 2022. Full Approval of Funding issued by the Department in March, 2023. Contract signing undertaken on 27th. April, 2023. Construction commenced end of May,</p>	<p>Complete construction works circa June, 2024.</p>



	2023 and satisfactory progress is being made.	
Thurles Market Quarter -Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 received from the Department. Tenders received through e-Tenders assessed and design team appointed. Preliminary design completed. Detailed design completed. Tender documents for the construction stage prepared and fully reviewed by the Council. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers' Market.	Complete Pre-Award Compliance Check in November, 2023. Advertise for tenders in December, 2023. Evaluate and award the contract for the construction stage in Q1 2024. Commence works in Q1 2024 with estimated completion in Q2 2025.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan	Visitor Experience Development completed. Concept Development and Pre-design completed. Part 8 stakeholder consultations held end of June, 2023. Draft Preliminary Business Case prepared and updated following receipt of feedback and circulated to the Project Steering Committee. Surveys almost completed. Part 8 documentation advertised closing date in January 2024. Ongoing meetings being held by the Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group.	Progress detailed design. Complete Part 8 Planning process in Q1 2024.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter Category 2	Part 8 Planning approved. All surveys required have been completed. Detailed design completed.	Category 2 project completed.
A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter Category 2	Part 8 Planning approved. All surveys required have been completed. Detailed design completed. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.	Category 2 project is completed.
Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for	Design team appointed. Pre-Tender Approval received from the Department. Detailed design	Appoint contractor and commence works on site end of Q4 2023 subject to approval of the Final Business Case



<p>Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p>	<p>completed. Procurement for the construction stage completed. Final Business Case prepared under Decision Gate 3 and submitted to the Department end of April, 2023.</p>	<p>by the Department. Estimated completion of construction works in Q2 2024.</p>
<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Final Business Case to Proceed to Implementation Stage under Decision Gate 3 and appoint the design team approved by the Department on 4th. November, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued November, 2022. Design team appointed in February, 2023. Preliminary design completed. Consultants appointed to prepare the Preliminary Business Case and work is in progress. Pre-Part 8 consultation meeting held with Nenagh District Councillors in July, 2023. Stage 1 approval received by Housing Section from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in June, 2023 for 12 social housing units in the masterplan area. Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p>	<p>Complete Preliminary Business Case. Progress detailed design. Complete Part 8 Planning process in January, 2024.</p>
<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' Category 1</p>	<p>Approval in Principle received on 6th. April, 2023. Funding Agreement reviewed and submitted to the Department on 17th. April, 2023. Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5 design team - Design team appointed following tender competition on e-Tenders. Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval received on 2nd. May, 2023. Tender action and evaluation completed September, 2023. Final Business Case completed. Decision Gate 3 - Approval to proceed to Implementation Stage issued on 28th. September, 2023. Contractor appointed on 24th. October, 2023. Works to commence mid-November, 2023. Phase 2 Digital Hub - Design team appointed May, 2023 following tender</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park - Complete works in Q2 2024. Phase 2 Digital Hub - Complete tender documentation for the construction stage. Advertise for tenders in Q1 2024. Assess tenders and complete Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor end of Q1 2024. Phase 3 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Complete tender documentation for the construction stage. Advertise for tenders in Q1 2024. Assess tenders and complete Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor end of Q1 2024.</p>



	<p>competition on e-Tenders. Detailed design and Part 8 Planning completed. Purchase of the old An Post building is complete. Tender documents for the construction stage under preparation.</p> <p>Phase 3 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay - Tender documents for the construction stage under preparation.</p>	<p>Phase 4 Main Street, Sean Kelly Square and Greystone Street - Finalise design phase in Q1/Q2 2024.</p>
<p>Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2.</p> <p>Library – Tender action, evaluation and award for the engagement of a design team to manage the design and construction stages of the library completed. Part 8 Planning approved by the Members at the September District Monthly Meeting. Preliminary design completed. Detailed design in progress.</p> <p>Car Park Site – Approval received from the Department to demolish the former Castle Court Hotel and ancillary buildings with Council cash match funding resources due to the level of anti-social behavior occurring on the site. Demolition and enabling works tender package prepared and advertised on e-Tenders on 20th. October, 2023 with closing date for submission of tenders on 17th. November, 2023.</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects which is expected by year end.</p> <p>Library –Complete detailed designs by end of Q4 2023.</p> <p>Car Park Site – Evaluate tenders received. Appoint contractor and commence works.</p>
<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2.</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects which is expected by year end.</p>

National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)		
Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
<p>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme- Phase 1 and Phase 2</p>	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed in Q3 2022. Options Report completed. Preferred design option selected. Extensive consultations ongoing with other statutory bodies. Workshop undertaken with District Members in October, 2023.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Completed.</p> <p>Commence Part 8 Planning in Q1 2024 and complete in Q2 2024.</p>
<p>Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – All works substantially completed end of February, 2023. Works consisted of development of athletics track, BMX track, adventure playground, tiered seating/viewing areas/pedestrian walkways, perimeter walkway/running/cycling track, pavilion, lighting, boundary treatment.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 All works substantially completed early December, 2022. Works consisted of construction of main plaza, central plaza, new street including footpaths and car parking, landscaping and boundary treatment.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Works are substantially completed. Snagging is in progress.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works are substantially completed. Snagging is in progress.</p>



<p>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre</p>	<p>Approval in Principle issued by the Department in November, 2022 under Decision Gate 1 and further information sought by the URDF Unit submitted in December, 2022. Approval received from the Department in February, 2023 to develop a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for Decision Gate 2 – Pre-Tender Approval. Approval also provides for the appointment of a design team and completion of detailed design. Stage 2 documentation (Design Brief and BIM Brief) under the Restricted procurement procedure process for the engagement of a design team is currently being finalised following receipt of project partners requirements. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified. Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p>	<p>Finalise Design Brief and BIM Brief for Stage 2 Restricted procurement procedure and issue to tenderers who were successful under Stage 1 in the next few weeks. Complete tendering process, assess tenders received and appoint design team in Q1 2024.</p>
<p>URDF Call 3 URDF Call 3 seeks to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites across URDF towns and cities primarily in order to accelerate the provision of residential development and regenerate town centres. An allocation of €5m has been approved for Tipperary County Council under this Call and €1m of this allocation has been paid in advance to assist with early activity under an approved acquisition programme in the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles.</p>		

PLANNING SECTION

Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place , progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans (LAPs) for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County is well advanced. The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan.

The Planning Section commenced the development of the Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles LAPs in Autumn 2022 and have been developing each of the LAPs through the different stages of the process for adopting the Plans since that time.

In September 2023, elected members decided to make the Roscrea Local Area Plan 2024-2030. This Plan came into effect on 23 October 2023, replacing the Roscrea Local Area Plan 2012.

Draft LAPs were published on 28 July for the Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles LAPs and the public display period ended on 11 September. 117 submissions were received on the Draft Clonmel LAP, 37 submissions on the Draft Nenagh LAP, and 27 submissions on the Draft Thurles LAP. Chief Executive Reports were prepared for each of the LAPs and provided to elected members, summarising each of the submissions received, and providing recommendations on addressing each of the submissions. On 27 October 2023, members decided to amend the Draft LAPs for each town in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Executive Reports, with some minor additional amendments in the case of the Thurles LAP.

Proposed Material Alterations (PMA) to each of the three LAPs were published on Friday 17 November, with consultations closing on Monday, 18 December 2023 at 4pm. This is the final stage of public consultation. Chief Executives Reports will be prepared on the submissions received in the PMA stage, and provided to Elected Members in mid-January 2024. Workshops will be provided for elected members of each respective municipal district in January and February to discuss the relevant CE report in advance of the plenary meeting on 12 February 2024. A decision whether to make the Local Area Plans will be made at a plenary meeting in February. If a decision is made to make the Local Area Plans, the Plans will have effect on 25 March 2024, and will replace the respective Town Developments Plans currently in place for each of the towns.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

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

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

Draft maps were published on November 1st 2022 and were subject to a consultation period until January 1st 2023. A total of 91 submissions were received. These submissions have been reviewed, and where necessary, a referral to statutory consultees and internal sections of Tipperary County Council, was issued, requesting information to assist with determinations of submissions. A formal determination / decision, where necessary, was required to be notified to the landowner by 1st April 2023. 62no. notifications of determinations were issued by Tipperary County Council.

Landowners, to whom determinations were notified, had a right to appeal the determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st May 2023. Tipperary County Council has been notified by An Bord Pleanála of 18 no. appeals received. On request, the planning section sent background documentation, which informed the determinations, to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála must make a decision not later than 16 weeks from date of receipt of the appeal. Determinations have been made by ABP on these appeals (16 upheld and 2 reversed)

In addition, a further review and assessment has been undertaken to identify any additional sites that come into scope for the tax, being sites which may have been missed during the draft stage. These sites have been included on a Supplemental Map, which was published on 1st May 2023, and on which submissions could be made not later than 1st June 2023. 1no. submission was received on the Supplemental Map from a landowner requesting exclusion of a site on Tivoli Road, Clonmel. This submission was reviewed and a referral to statutory consultees and internal sections of Tipperary County Council, was issued, requesting information to assist with a determination.

A formal determination / decision by Tipperary County Council on this submission was notified to the landowner by 1st August 2023. The landowner has a right to appeal the local authority's determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st Sep 2023. An Bord Pleanála must make a decision not later than 16 weeks from date of receipt of an appeal, if made.

A Final Map will be published on 1st December 2023, taking account of determinations and appeal decisions made on Draft and Supplemental Map submissions, and any other relevant changes including changes on foot of the annual Uisce Éireann's WWTP capacity register and zoning changes that come into effect prior to 1st Nov 2023, most notably the new Roscrea LAP 2023-2029. The Final Maps will be published on the TCC website (<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/rzlt>) on 1st December 2023.

Workshops were held with the Elected Members on 30th January and 24th May 2023. A presentation was given to the Planning SPC on 13th June 2023 and 12th September 2023.

It was announced in Budget 2024 that the RZLT has been deferred by 1 year. The tax was due to take effect from 1 February 2024. This means that the first liability date will instead be 1 February 2025 and will be charged annually from 1 February 2025 onwards (subject to the passing of Finance (No.2) Bill 2023).

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

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town. The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work

with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 2023.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

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

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for

the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Both elements of the project are completed. **Total project costs approved are €15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



Kickham Barracks Plaza Completed



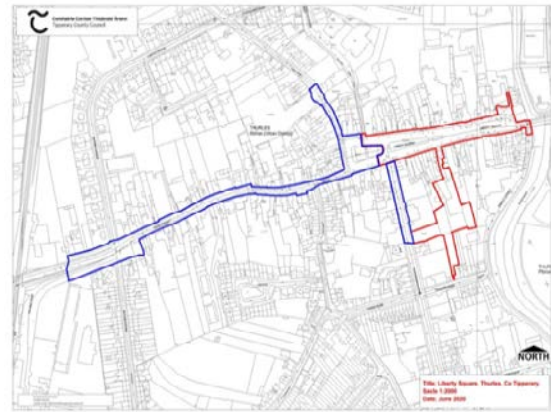
Clonmel Regional Sports Hub Completed

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. Phase 1 works are fully completed. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of Phase 2 of this

project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,291 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**



Liberty Square Phase 1 Completed



Liberty Square Phase 2 in Blue Shading

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence, Nenagh

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. All elements of this project are completed. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**



Market Yard Completed



River Ara Walkway Completed

Fethard Town Park

The project consisted of the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emlý Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This project was completed in early April, 2023 and opened to the public on 8th. April. The official opening was undertaken by Minister Heather Humphreys on Sunday, 18th. June, 2023. Phases 1 and 2b groundworks and pitches together with the stand and community annex of the pavilion were funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland). **Total project costs for Phase 2A Pavilion and Public Realm Works amounted to €3,145,927 and RRDF grant amounted to €3,003,445.**



Fethard Town Park Completed

Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €4,014,746 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,011,060.**



Photomontage of Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre

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

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



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan -Category 2 Project

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This Category 2 project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



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

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

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This category 2 project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



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

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre

for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



Existing

Thurles Market Quarter

Proposed

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

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



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

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

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

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

Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.



Proposed Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

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

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



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business

Development Centre which will be run by Cahir Development Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of



a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, coach parking, EV charging, and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €14,894,686. RRDF grant approved is €11,915,749.**

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

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



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

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

Conservation Grant Schemes 2023

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023** sought to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

Due to price inflation and the difficulties in securing skilled trades people a number of projects were unable to proceed this year. However, Tipperary County Council was able to reallocate this funding to the projects that did proceed using our full allocation of €126,400 under the BHIS and €21,377 under the Ring Fenced Thatch Funding. The following grants were paid out in October and we are now in the process recouping funds from the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

The following monies were paid out:-

Project Name	Funding
• 1978 - Wolfe Tone Memorial, Liberty Square, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€10,390.00
• Coalfield House, The Commons, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	€7,300.00
• St. Mary's Church, Bailey Street, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	€15,000.00
• Lower Gate House, Lower Gate St, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€4,300.00
• Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€5,000.00
• Church of St John the Baptist, Clonoulty, Tipperary	€15,000.00
• Dromore House, Newport, Co Tipperary	€9,000.00
• Ballyboe, Ballypatrick, Co Tipperary	€4,070.00
• Cahir Presbyterian Church, Abbey Street, Cahir	€14,800.00
• St. Marys Church of Ireland, Thurles	€9,000.00
• McGrath's Shop, Main Street, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	€10,540.00
• Grenane House, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary	€6,500.00
• Ballybrado House, Ballybrado House, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€6,000.00
• 7 Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00

Projects who received Extra Funding under the Supplementary Ring-Fenced Funding for Historic Thatched Structures are as follows:-

• Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€13,377.00
• Labourers Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle	€8,000.00

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023 sought** to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public.

Tipperary County Council nominated 7 projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and 4 of these projects were successful. All 4 projects proceeded and received their grants in October as follows:-

• T Mason Building, Friar Street, Thurles (Stream 1 Historic Shopfronts)	€14,800.00
• Peahill, Ballylooby, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Vernacular Structures)	€10,000.00
• Suir Mills, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1)	€45,000.00
• Alta Villa, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1)	€37,500.00

Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund 2024

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, has announced the continued implementation of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) in 2024. The Planning Section of Tipperary County Council will administer these schemes for relevant sites in Tipperary.



Applications are now invited under both schemes. Only one application will be considered per historic structure. Applicants cannot avail of funding under both the Historic Structures Fund and the Built Heritage Investment Scheme in the same year.

The Guidance Circular on both schemes and the Application Forms are available to download from www.tipperarycoco.ie/heritage-and-conservation

The closing date for submission of completed applications is **4.30pm on Monday 22nd January 2024**.

Any queries in relation to schemes can be directed to Jacqui Dowling, Staff Officer, Planning, Clonmel.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/23 to 31/10/23

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	166	155	11	2	3
Housing Development	20	20	0	2	1
NIA/EIA	6	6	0	1	0
Other Applications	632	612	20	12	4
Total	824	793	31	17	8

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 198 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st October 2023. During this period 137 Warning Letters and 25 Enforcement Notices were issued.

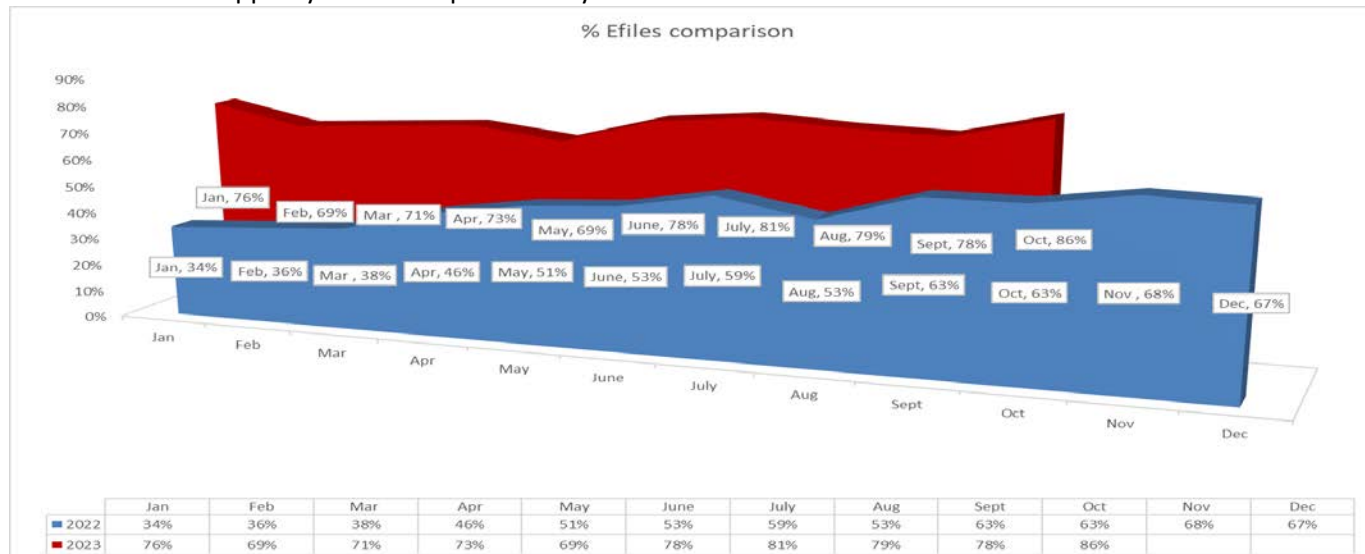
Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2022	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2023	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2023
23	21	7	3	3	5

- 7 developments (202 housing units) were taken-in-charge by Tipperary County Council in 2022.
- 3 developments (40 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2023.
- 3 housing estates are currently awaiting District approval at present.
- 5 taking-in-charge applications have been received to-date in 2023.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one, two and three of planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. During our first full year live on the planning portal over 50% of applications were received online. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received by month for 2022 and 2023 in Tipperary. From January to Oct inclusive 2023 53% of submissions received, were received via the portal. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and part 8 applications are now online with 14 from Tipperary currently on the planning portal. We continue to liaise with the other 22 iPlan sites who have gone live on the planning portal in 2022 & 2023. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Galway County, Galway City, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Waterford, Westmeath and Wicklow and. It is planned that the remaining iPlan authority will go live in 2023 and the Apas/Odyssey planning authorities also. Tipperary’s role as a pilot county has now ceased.





Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The third and fourth meetings of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2023 was held on 12th September and 1st November 2023. Updates were given on Residential Zoned Land Tax, Emergency Services, Temporary Time-Limited Waiver of Development Contributions Department Circulars, Local Area Plans and Town Centre First. The next meeting is due to be held in January 2024.

FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



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



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Cashel Fire Station	Construction completed and expected occupation date end November 2023	Move from old station to New Station
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Delivered in August 2023 Notified of Approval by National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management for purchase of 2 new Fire Appliances	Operational in Roscrea and Tipperary Town Fire Stations since October 2023 Once have detailed approval then we will proceed to place order for new appliances and commence consultation with Supplier on details of New Appliances

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 9th November 2023
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1473
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	118
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	104
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	82
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	60
Number of Commencement Notices Received	404

New Fire Appliances

Our two new fire appliances have now been delivered from factory in Scotland and now have gone fully Operational in Tipperary Town and Roscrea Fire Stations since October 2023. The appliances were completed at a total cost of just in excess of €400k per appliance and was fully funded from the capital programme of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management.



One of New Fire Appliances

Cashel Fire Station

Construction of our new station in Wallers Lot in Cashel is practically completed and should be fully Operational by middle of December 2023 and Cashel Brigade will move from old station to this new station.



New Cashel Fire Station

National Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course

A 2-week National Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course was held in Nenagh Fire Station over 2 weeks in May 2023. 18 no. Fire Officers (including Station Officer in Borrisokane Fire Station) received intensive training in all aspects of dealing with Road Traffic Collisions in order to qualify them to train fire fighters locally in their respective Fire Stations and Fire Services. This course was delivered by Officers working on behalf of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.



National Road Traffic Course Nenagh Fire Station May 2023

Hazardous Materials Chemical Protective Clothing Course

A 1- week Hazardous Materials Chemical Protective Clothing (CPC) Course was held in Thurles Fire Station in April 2023. 12 no. recently qualified Firefighters from Tipperary and Laois Fire Services attended and successfully completed this course. This course teaches firefighters to wear CPC and effectively deal with Hazardous Materials Incidents.



Hazchem CPC Course Thurles Fire Station April 2023

Major Emergency Management

On the 10th of October this year a Major Emergency Exercise was held in conjunction with the Principal Response Agencies (An Garda Síochána, Health Service Executive and Tipperary Local Authority) The purpose of the exercise was to test of the External Emergency Plan for Merck, Sharpe & Dohme (Ireland) Ballydine Co Tipperary under the requirements of SI 209 of 2015 (to exercise Seveso sites every 3 years)

Exercise Objectives

- To test the External Emergency Plan for MSD
- To familiarise participants with the arrangements contained within the External Emergency Plan including the location of Access Points, Meeting Points, Holding Area and Traffic Control Points
- To test communication links between agencies and site operator
- To practice onsite co-ordination and information management systems within the Major Emergency framework



The format of the exercise was a live rollout testing the handover procedure from MSD and the PRA's and the onsite coordination functions of the PRA's.


In total, 30 people attended the exercise including several MSD (Ireland). These exercises play an important role in MEM, not only under our Seveso obligations but also as a familiarisation on-site by our first responders during the lead-up to the exercise. It also proves to be an excellent networking opportunity for all involved, ensuring if an actual emergency were to be declared the response would be a highly efficient coordinated one.



Upgrade of Breathing Apparatus Burn house- *A greener approach to realistic fire training*

Over the past year and a half Tipperary Fire & Rescue Servers has invested considerable time and effort into developing a cleaner greener more environmentally friendly approach to training firefighters. The fruition of these efforts has come in a department-funded project, which allowed us to upgrade our existing 'Burnhouse' to a fully gas-burning facility.

In the past we relied on the burning of wood pallets to achieve the temperatures and humidity required for realistic training, however, with this innovative gas set-up, we can achieve the same



Tipperary Training & Development Centre

- ▶ New all-over smoke ducting
- ▶ Improved room features/ landmarks
- ▶ Humidity introduced
- ▶ Attack Fire Panel
- ▶ Increased heat dispersal throughout the building. Less cold spots
- ▶ Ease in maintaining temps –No decay in fire
- ▶ Ease of escape and safety features
- ▶ Breathable atmosphere
- ▶ 3.5 times less CO₂ v's wood burning

results using a gas pocket fire system. Among other benefits, this system sees 3.5 times less CO₂ being released into the atmosphere than would typically be expected from wood burning. It also greatly reduces any health and safety risks encountered by other training centres.

Initial feedback from instructors using the facility has been very positive with one Fire Service even remarking that *“they would now, not train anywhere else, it ticks all our boxes”*

The gas system is complemented by ducted smoke and attack fire panels to allow recruits to experience a smoke-filled environment without any of the associated risks. We are confident that the upgrade to our burn-house offers both students and

instructors an enhanced learning experience.



Fire Safety Week




This year saw another busy fire safety week with members from all fire stations participating in community fire safety talks, open days being held in stations all over the county, radio interviews, school visits and fire safety demonstrations.

The theme of Fire Safety Week for 2023 was *'We are safer together'*. It was an opportunity to encourage people to check in on vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours. A chance to ensure the presence of a working **S**moke alarm, to **T**est their smoke alarm, to help them spot **O**bvious fire safety dangers around the home and to plan and **P**ractise an escape route in the event of a fire. Essentially to **STOP** fire before it begins.



Civil Defence

<p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to provide ongoing support to both rest centers in Clonmel and Littleton predominately with the provision of transport to medical appointment, ENTRO offices and other essential and emergency services. Volunteers and staff also provide first aid and medical assistance at both centers</p> <p>Civil Defence is still providing ongoing assistance to Housing section in the movement of residence to more permanent accommodation.</p> <p>We have also been involved in bringing the residence on social outings to St Patrick’s Well, The Holy Year cross and Mulcahy Park and play ground.</p> 
<p>Health & Safety Risk Assessment Review</p>	<p>Civil Defence has recently successfully completed Stage 1 of the NSAI 45001 audit. The section is now preparing to progress to Stage 2 in late January/early February 2024. Our Safety Statement Appendices are signed off and are operational.</p> <p>A recent internal inspection was conducted by our A/Director of Service and any issues which arose are being addressed.</p> 
<p>Community Support & Duties</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence were tasked by the Civil Defence College in Roscrea to provide volunteers to run the stand at the National Ploughing Championship. It was a very wet and muddy day but was really enjoyed by the volunteers. It was a show case of both local and National vehicle and equipment and a demonstration was given by our Cardiac First Responders in CPR & defibrillator use. This proved very popular with the public.</p>

	
<p>New Additions to the vehicle fleet.</p>	<p>Early in 2023 an application was made to Civil Defence Nationally for support to fund a multi-purpose van for general operational use and for use with the currently Ukrainian crisis. A Grant of €28,00 was received and a Ford Transit Van below was purchased.</p> <p>An application was also made for an upgrade on the 142 Mercedes Ambulance in our fleet. We were delighted following this application to receive a 181 Mercedes Ambulance ex National Ambulance Service.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>

On- Going Training

Training of our volunteers is ongoing in Cardiac First Responder, Food Safety, Manual Handling . recertification of our Advance Cardiac First responder has also taken place.

Our K9 handler is attending frequent session in Civil Defence HQ Dublin in the training of a new search dog for this area. This is along with other handler also training new dogs.

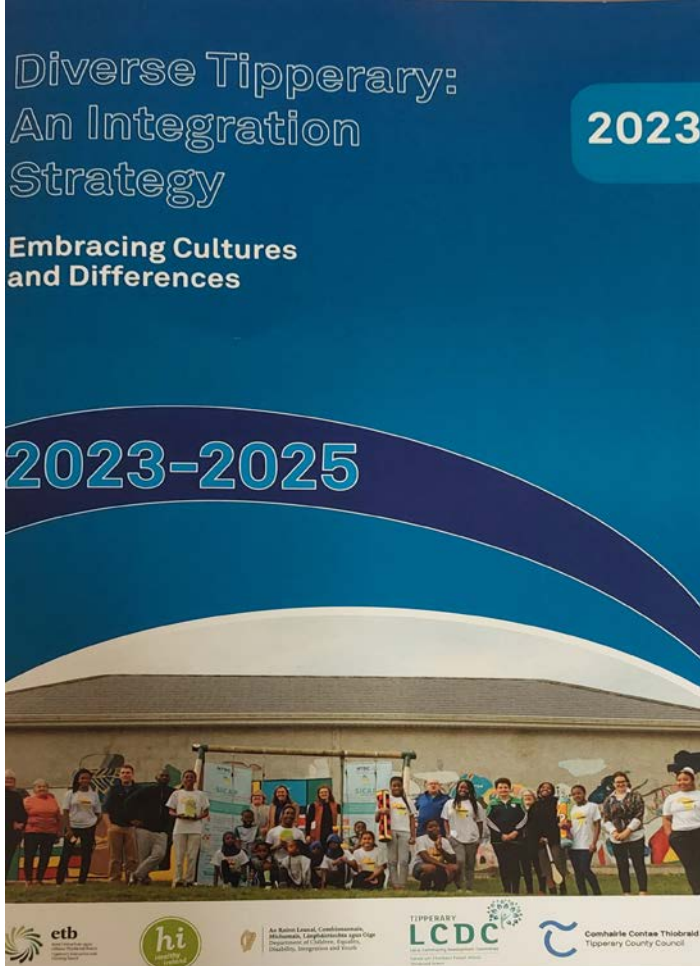
The Farmer Journey newspaper also did a full-page article on the operations of the search dog here in Tipperary .



Training was also provided by Civil Defence to SICAP Ukrainian Support workers



Tipperary Civil Defence were requested by An Garda Siochana to assist them in the search for a missing person in the Bansha area. Volunteers were preparing to deploy when the search was stood down.

<p>Integration Strategy</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence were delighted to be invited to attend the launch in Boru Boru, Cashel of Tipperary County Council Integration Strategy.</p> 
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Children's Book Festival 2023

- The Children's Book Festival is one of Ireland's biggest arts festivals, with hundreds of free events celebrating children's books happening nationwide in libraries. The Festival places a major focus on children's books and emphasises the message that reading is fun, enjoyable, stimulating and inclusive. It is the biggest annual event that Tipperary County Council Library Service runs and is the highlight of the Library events programme.



Pictured at the launch of CBF 2023 were (L-R) Cllr. Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Arran Towers (Old Father Time), Breffni Hannon (Executive Librarian, Nenagh Library) & Ann Marie Brophy (Senior Executive Librarian).

- The Children's Book Festival was officially launched on 2nd October in Nenagh Library by Cllr Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council. As part of the launch, the pupils of Bishop Harty NS in Ballinree were the audience for Arran Towers and his storytelling performance. Arran as "Old Father Time" was a mad clown full of adventurous stories about

princesses, pirates and ghosts. With a few costume changes and lots of fun he fully engaged a rapt and enthusiastic audience.



- Illustrator Alan Dunne held a series of workshops in Cashel library on 27th October as part of Children's Book Festival. The Library welcomed pupils from St John the Baptist Boy's school, The Deanery School and Golden NS who participated in the workshops.



- Clonmel Library hosted a Halloween Party on 31st October as part of the Children's Book Festival.



- Thurles Library hosted a workshop with the well-known writer and illustrator Wayne O'Connor on 12th October as part of the Children's Book Festival. Pupils from St. Scoil Ailbhe, Presentation primary school & Scoil Angela, Thurles, thoroughly enjoyed the workshop where Wayne

spoke about his love of Myth, Fantasy and Folklore



- Roscrea Library held a series of interactive story times with Aaron Towers on 2nd and 12th October. Pupils from local schools participated in lively and interactive storytime sessions. These events took place as part of the Children's Book Festival.
- Roscrea Library held a series of interactive story times with Leona Forde on 27th October. Pupils from with local schools participated in interactive storytime sessions. These events took place as part of the Children's Book Festival.
- Tipperary Town Library hosted a storytime with children's author Carmel Uí Cheallaigh on 5th October as part of the Children's Book Festival. Pupils from Lisvernane NS and St Michael's Girls School attended the storytime and workshop.



- Muireann Ní Chíobhain, author and TV presenter visited Carrick-on-Suir Library on 6th October as part of the Children's Book Festival. Over 60 pupils from Newtown Upper primary school attended and participated in a workshop and storytime.

- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a literary workshop by Fighting Words on 19th October as part of the Children's book Festival. Fighting Words is a creative writing organisation established by Roddy Doyle and Seán Love in 2009. Their aim is to help students of all ages to develop their creative writing skills and to explore their love of writing. Pupils from Presentation Primary School, Carrick-on-Suir attended, and wrote a story as a group, while an illustrator drew their ideas as they shared them. The group of girls then each wrote their own individual ending to their story, after voting on a title. There were over 20 girls plus their teachers in attendance for the workshop.



- Renowned Children’s author, Marita Conlon-McKenna visited Nenagh Library on 24th October. Over 65 pupils from local schools attended the workshop.



- Templemore Library hosted a workshop with the well-known writer and illustrator Wayne O’Connor on 13th October as part of the Children’s Book Festival. Pupils from St. Marys NS thoroughly enjoyed the workshop where Wayne spoke about his love of Myth, Fantasy and Folklore



- Killenaule library hosted a storytime and workshop by Eleanor Geogheghan, author of “Popper Monster’s Magical Rainbow Lunch Adventure” on the 17th of October as part of the Children’s Book Festival. Eleanor gave a live reading of this book to the Junior and Senior infants and the Junior class of St. Mary’s National School, Killenaule, with interactive and sensory elements for the children to participate in throughout
- Borrisokane Library hosted a storytime by Róisín Meaney, author and illustrator on 16th October as part of the Children’s Book Festival.
- Cloughjordan Library hosted a storytime by Eleanor Geogheghan, author of “Popper Monster’s Magical Rainbow Lunch Adventure” on the 18th of October as part of the Children’s Book Festival.as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

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Thurles Library held a Halloween fancy dress party on 31st October. Over 80 children attended the event.



- Thurles Library hosted a photographic exhibition entitled *'It's in Our Nature'*, by James Kiely which ran for the month of November. All proceeds from exhibition sales went to Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre, Thurles.



- Thurles Library hosted a workshop entitled *Decluttering & It's positive*

impact on Mental Health by Counsellor & Psychotherapist, Fiona Hall. Over 35 people were in attendance and this event took place as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Nenagh Library hosted two informative talks on healthy living featuring Cian McDonnell from Gold Standard Physiotherapy on 14th and 28th September. These talks were held as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Nenagh Library organised an engaging children's workshop on electrical energy and circuits on 13th and 17th November. The participants had a rewarding experience as they conducted experiments with circuits,

illuminated LED lights, and generated energy using mini windmills. This event took place as part of Science Week 2023.



- Nenagh Library hosted a science workshop by Professor Egghead on 17th November. Over 80 pupils from local schools were in attendance. This event took place as part of Science Week 2023.



From left to right: Mary Guinan-Darmody, Tipperary Studies, Suzanne Brosnan, Branch Manager, Cashel Library, Charlie McGettigan, Salome Halpin, Cashel Library, Yulia Pak, Cashel Library

- Cashel Library hosted a concert by Charlie McGettigan on 22nd September as part of Culture Night.



- Cashel Library hosted a children's science workshop with Dr. Barry Fitzgerald (The Superhero Scientist) on 16th November. Dr Fitzgerald spoke to local children about current scientific advancements that look likely to help humans become superhumans (and even superheroes) sooner rather than later! This event was organised in conjunction with Mary Immaculate College as part of Science Week 2023.



- Clonmel Library hosted an Irish Sign Language event with the Hands in Harmony Deaf Community Choir and Mary Kiely, Mid-West School for the Deaf on 23rd September. This event was held to give citizens an introduction to ISL and got everybody involved with some great musical renditions. This event was held as part of Irish Sign Language Awareness Week.



- Clonmel Library organised a sing-song with Ollie Harte and Liam O Shea on 4th October. This event was held as part of Positive Ageing Week.



- Clonmel Library held a Kinia STEM workshop on 4th November. Participants learned about the science of electricity by assembling the Kinia city kits. This event was held as part of Science Week 2023.
- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted the Scheisser's Exhibition, "It Started with a Stitch", during September. The exhibition was created to remember the Textiles Era, the time that the Scheisser's was open in Carrick-on-Suir from 1971 to 1996. This multimedia exhibition included memorabilia, a film shown on a loop and a parade of vintage Paddington bears on loan from a former Schiesser employee that were styled to represent various aspects of the

life and times of the factory employees, including some bears that were dressed as the employees once were.



- As part of Culture Night on 22nd September, Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted two showings of the play "It Started with a Stitch", an original drama remembering and celebrating Schiesser Textiles in Carrick-on-Suir, written and directed by Mary McGrath in collaboration with actress Paula O'Dwyer, who both worked in the Schiesser factory in the 80s/90s. There were over 40 people in attendance for each showing of the play.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted an exhibition of local artist Paul Ryan's work. from 2nd-16th October. This selection of work included portraiture, mythology and nature executed in acrylics and inks.
- Tipperary Town held a Kinia STEM workshop on 9th November. Pupils from Monastery School learned about the science of electricity by assembling the Kinia city kits. This event was held as part of Science Week 2023



The Real Me Project – Tipperary Town Library

- The HSE Gold Star project has secured funding to work in partnership with Tipperary Town Library to develop an Art project. This project which commenced at the end of November will engage 10 people with disabilities who would like to explore and share their personal life experiences living in the community with a disability and expressing their story through art. The project will develop a collective large piece that will hang permanently on the wall at Tipperary Library and each participant will also make their own book, sharing what they would like to share about their own life stories and experiences of disability. The books will be presented to family and friends at the end of the project and the books will be held at the Library and made available to people who would like to browse or explore disability issues at the Library.



- Roscrea Library, in partnership with Tipperary ETB ran an eight-week programme on Mindfulness during the months of September and October.



- In conjunction with Age Friendly Roscrea, Roscrea Library have hosted two Dementia café events. One included a demonstration of the Magic Table, while the second had a “Social Prescriber” in attendance.



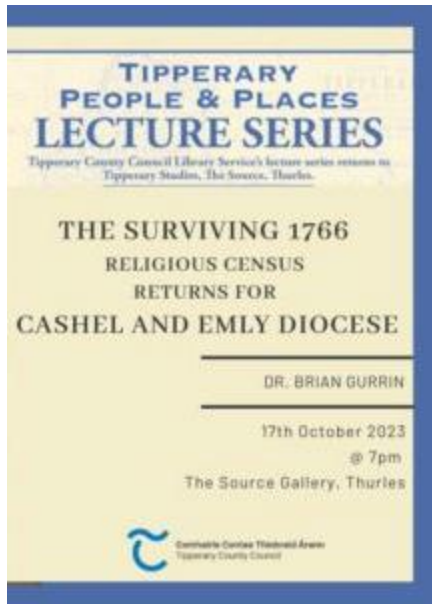
- Templemore Library held a children’s Zumba Class with Christine from Fit Fusion on 2nd November. This event took place as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme.



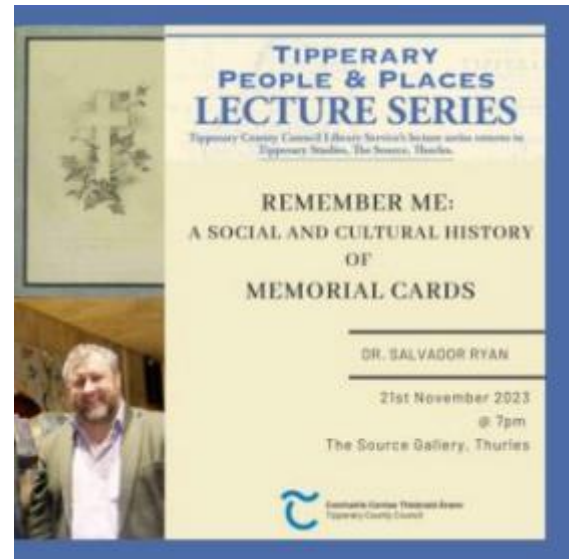
- Templemore Library is hosting art exhibitions by Lisa Gedigk and Noel Morrissey in November and December. Noel’s work consists of watercolours and Lisa’s work is beautifully handcrafted crochet artworks



- Killenaule Library hosted a workshop by Physiotherapist Abigail Browne on reframing how we think, feel and act towards ageing.
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- Dr. Brian Gurrin delivered an engaging talk entitled *The surviving 1766 religious census returns for Cashel & Emlý diocese* on 17th October as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.



- Dr. Salvador Ryan delivered a lecture entitled *Remember me: a social and cultural history of memorial cards* on 21st November as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.

Arts Service
Culture Night

- Culture Night Tipperary 2023 attracted an audience of nearly 3000 people on the evening of Friday, September 22nd, while also engaging the participation of up to 70 artists and creative practitioners. Collaborating closely with our arts and cultural partners, we developed and coordinated 40 events, across 13 towns and villages. Tipperary came alive with a vibrant programme of live performances, exhibitions, workshops, tours, screenings and community events. Events were held in Clonmel, Nenagh, Carrick on Suir, Cahir, Fethard, Borrisokane, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Cloughjordan, Cashel, Roscrea, Newport, Terryglass and Ballina. As in previous years, the main objective was to shine a spotlight on the many creative initiatives happening across Tipperary, with the aim of motivating new and existing audiences to actively participate in the arts in their area and return to those same cultural venues for subsequent engagement. Audiences were welcomed to Culture Night Late in the Ballroom at Hearn's Hotel Clonmel, presented by Clonmel Applefest, supported by the new Culture Night Late funding strand. This event was a vibrant celebration of music, storytelling and dance. The evening featured a captivating journey through Irish mythology with Orla McGovern's storytelling, a delightful blend of waltzes, tango and gypsy jazz by the jazz/klezmer band Fresh Air Collective, and a mesmerizing display of artistic skill by the hula hoop fire dancers, Stevie and Ro.

Tipperary Town saw an increase in Culture Night activity this year with the addition of the newly established *6s & 7s Gallery* and the Creative Places programme. Artist Gerry Carew, opened the 6s & 7s gallery in early 2023 and for Culture Night invited the community to explore her gallery and participate in workshops. Creative Places Tipperary Town collaborated with the Irish wheelchair association to capture the experiences of wheelchair users living in Tipperary Town, through the mediums of song and visual art. Furthermore, we found ways to celebrate the diversity of culture in Tipperary again this year. We showcased the 'Sunflowers Soniashnyk' exhibition, curated by artist Trish Taylor Thompson in Terryglass. This exhibition was a tribute to the Ukrainian national flower and was developed in collaboration with the Ukrainian communities in North Tipperary. In addition, Down Syndrome Tipperary enjoyed a joyous celebration of Down Syndrome Culture in their headquarters in Thurles. We also supported The Clonmel Theatre Guild who staged a rehearsed reading of the original comedy play 'Sacred Old Cow' at the Coachman in Clonmel. This production brought together both Irish and Indian actors, promoting cultural exchange.



Our Town Too: Creative Places Tipperary & the Irish Wheelchair Association, Tipperary Town



Who We Are: Down Syndrome Tipperary, Thurles



Hope for the Future: Young musicians showcase, Nenagh



'Art, Climate, Community', South Tipperary Arts Centre, Kickham Barracks Walls, Clonmel



Switch 2023

October/November 2023

- Switch 'The Videos in the Windows' made a return to Nenagh this year, featuring a diverse ensemble of international artists. Among the contributing talents were Cecilia Stenbom [UK], Bob Bicknell-Knight

[UK], Dave Kemp [Canada], Marta Ciolkowska [Italy & Poland], Patricia Azevedo & Clare Charnley [Brazil & UK], Geska & Robert Brecevic [Sweden & Croatia], Melanie Manos [USA], Timo Kahlen [Germany] and Kuesti Fraun [Germany]. The participating writer this year was Nigel Quinlan [Cloughjordan]. From October 29th to November 5th, the collective works of the ‘Switch’ artists melded into the town’s daily fabric, transforming the landscape from 4pm -11pm in Nenagh. These video pieces served as a temporary intervention, offering a unique perspective that diverged from the usual rhythms of the town. Printed copies of the ‘little yellow book’ containing the full programme of featured works were available to the public. Copies were available at Nenagh Arts Centre, Nenagh Library and other locations throughout Nenagh town. Harald Turek, the lead artist and driving force behind the project, facilitated two open and free “switching on” walking tours this year. These tours provided audiences with an opportunity to hear more about the project and each of the individual works.

Tipperary Youth Arts Hub

- Artists and youth workers from Tipperary actively participated in two Youth Arts Hub Tipperary events this autumn. The first event took place on Thursday, October 19th in Cashel. Led by Dave Kelly, the national training coordinator for Youth Theatre Ireland, the Creative Drama Approaches full-day

workshop delved into a toolkit of facilitation techniques and activities for youth drama, specifically tailored for work with young people.

- Subsequently, artist and youth workers from Tipperary attended the Tipperary Youth Arts Hub Story Exchange training event on Tuesday, November 21st in Thurles. Visual artist Natalie El Baba led this distinctive training event, blending storytelling with visual art to foster empathy and establish meaningful connections. The workshop was designed to equip youth workers and artists with practical tools and techniques applicable in their work with young people, placing a particular emphasis on empathy and relationship building. The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub aims to advance skills development, practice exchange and networking for youth workers, youth arts practitioners and artists involved in youth arts in Tipperary. It is a partnership initiative that strives to strengthen the community of youth arts practice in Tipperary and better support youth arts provision locally in non-formal education and youth work settings. Partners include Tipperary ETB, Tipperary Arts Office, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary and NYCI’s National Youth Arts programme.



Tipperary Artists. Artist Sophie Behal is resident in STAC from Sept-Dec working towards an exhibition of new work in Jan 2024. A number of artists talks & engagement opportunities form part of the programme. Sophie is a visual artist, from Kilkenny and living in Co. Tipperary. Her work usually manifests itself as sculptural installation, often combining traditional sculptural materials of steel, clay and plaster with more ephemeral aspects of light and sound.



From L-R, Melanie Scott, Arts Officer, Cllr Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Ann Marie Keaveney, Arts Office, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council

Partnership Residency at South Tipperary Arts Centre

- This initiative works with local venues to identify & support the development of new work by



Tipperary Artist Directory

- The *Tipperary Artist Directory*, <https://tipperaryarts.ie/>, a new website showcasing professional Tipperary Artists was launched in the first week of October 2023 by Cllr. Gerard Darcy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council. This website is designed to act as a resource to promote the work of artists and arts practitioners living and/or working in Tipperary. The directory includes contact details, artist bios, images and links to websites and other work of Tipperary artists, across all art-forms, which can be used as a resource for festivals, curators, producers, collectors and collaborators.

Tipperary Artist Award

33 Artists were awarded funding through the Tipperary Artist Award scheme in 2023. The purpose of this scheme is to support professional artists under the following categories:

- a. Professional Development
- b. Creation of new Work



Eugene de Leastar, Sculpture



John Kennedy, Visual Artist

Artist in Primary School Scheme 2023

- 11 Artist in Primary School Scheme projects were supported in 2023. 7 Artist in Primary School projects took place this term in primary schools throughout County Tipperary.

Heritage Service



County Heritage Plan Actions:

All projects funded through County Heritage Plan have now been completed and final drawdown has taken place. Between September and December, the Heritage Office

- Joined ICAN (Irish Community Archive Network), pilot meeting held in September and interviews with pilot groups took place in November. The Tipperary portal will launch in 2024.
- Funded a further 10 Griffiths Valuation Plaques under the Templemore Heritage Plan in conjunction with the Heritage Group.
- Commissioned a conservation report completed on graffiti at St Marys Templemore

Irish Walled Town Network

- The digital storyboard on Tipperary's Medieval Walled Towns completed and will be online soon.
- The Heritage Officer joined the Management Committee of the IWTN and attended training in

Castledermot on soft capping of walls and the Annual Conference on Historic Buildings in Limerick



Cllr Fiona Bonfield, Aniela Nowak, Eva Birsthisle Nenagh Arts Centre, Virginia Teehan CE Heritage Council and Dr Martina Moloney Chair of Heritage Council at Heritage Week Awards 2023

National Heritage Week

- Congratulations to Nenagh Arts Centre who were runners up for the Climate and Sustainability Award at the National Heritage Week Awards held in Gloster House Co Offaly in October. Congratulations also to Cahir Social and Historical Society who won the county Award

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:



Alpine Newt and Quagga Mussel, Aquens Ltd carried out studies on these 2 invasive this year in conjunction with 9 other Local Authorities.

- All drawdowns have been completed for 2023 and approximately €57,000 was drawn down for Biodiversity Actions. Ann Marie Fleming joined Tipperary County Council in November as new Biodiversity

Officer and will be looking after this programme going forward.

Community Monuments Fund



Before and after of Boolabaun Castle

Works completed on projects and funding in the region of €250,000 were drawn down for:

- Boolabaun Castle
- Loughmore Castle
- Kilnarath Church
- Loughloher Castle
- Emly Monastic Site
- Kilsheelan graveyard
- Graves of the Leinstermen

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Final drawdowns have been completed for the year and a total of approximately €163,000 has been drawn down
- The Heritage Office applied for and received additional funds to run social prescribing courses in Clonmel Nenagh and Borrisokane. These courses in creative writing, arts and crafts as well as attendance at performances received very positive feedback from all participants

Royal Sites Bid

- Mapping of OUV attributes of all 6 sites is nearing completion and will be finalised before end of year.
- Negotiations on MOU with Department are underway and should be completed in early January
- Next steps will include a Comparative Analysis study and stakeholder engagement in 2024

Museum Service



L-R: Marc, Anne, Helen Cashin with Mayor Cllr. Richie Molloy, Mayor of Clonmel BD & Marie McMahon Managing Curator



Avocado Bathroom Installation where Paddy would have developed his photographs in his College Ave. home

- *The Paddy Cashin Photographic Exhibition* was opened by Mayor Cllr. Richie Molloy in Oct 2023. There has been a great deal of community engagement, with 100s of visitors visiting the Museum. The images displayed in Oct were Nov 1977 – 1983 and from now on, every month a new year will be exhibited



L-R: Ukrainian participants with Cllr. Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Michael Hughes Documentary Producer, Philip Quinn Stone Mason, Ciara Connolly and Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council

- The Museum launched the Rock – Paper – Scissors programme in October. The programme is an exhibition and documentary tracing

the steps of two diverse groups learning new traditional Irish skills and crafts. The exhibition explores craft as a universal tool that celebrates our shared experiences of identity, place and nature. Traditional skills were explored in a series of workshops in stonemasonry, woodcarving, basketry and sewing. Participants included students from Coláiste Shliabh na mBan, Clonmel and the Ukrainian community living in Clonmel.

- In September Education and Outreach Officer Julia Walsh presented to the Tipperary ETB Principals and Deputy Principals on the services and workshops available to Secondary schools from the Museum.
- The Big Dig Workshop was organised by the Museum and hosted in CBS Highschool Clonmel (79 students) and Patrician Presentation Secondary School, Fethard (48 students) during September.



Museum partnering with Calmast

- Calmast is South East Technological University's STEM Engagement Hub. **Maths Week was held from 16th – 20th October.** The Education and Outreach Officer working with CALMAST brought the Museum Maths trail to primary schools via the Maths week website and 217 students attended the Museum to complete the trail. The **trail was featured on TG4 Cúla News.**

THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE PAST

Ben Gearey – UCC Archaeology - Pollen and Bogs

Edmund Gilbert – RCSI - The Irish DNA Atlas: providing a map of Irish genetics in and out of Ireland

Rosie Everett – UCC Environmental Science - Science and preservation of biomolecules (DNA etc) in archaeological record

Aidan Harle – UCC Archaeology - Forensic Archaeology - fluorescence of materials (bone, fabric etc.) known as Alternative Light Sources - ALS.

Mara Tesoneri – AMS Archaeology - introduction to bioarchaeology combining human biology (anatomy, pathology, trauma etc) with their archaeological context (mortuary, funerary).

Fergal Donoghue is an expert in cartography and cartographic methods. His work with Geographical Information Systems (GIS) combines traditional mapping techniques with modern scientific technologies to produce digital maps derived from a number of survey methodologies.

Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) logo: For what's next.

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History logo.

CALMAST STEM ENGAGEMENT CENTRE logo.

Tipperary County Council logo.

- Working again with CALMAST from SETU the Museum hosted a Science Week event in The Talbot Hotel, Clonmel from 12th – 19th November entitled *The Science Behind the Past*. Six specialist archaeologists discussed and illustrated how science and history can work together to tell us about the past to over 300 students.

**Clonmel Mechanics' Institute,
The Provision of Education
1842-1873**

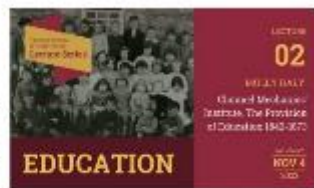
Speaker: Molly Daly

The Mechanics' Institute, Clonmel was established in 1842. The building was designed for artisans and mechanics and their children, as well as for education and to serve the local district. Through archival research, Clonmel is presented by the Mechanics' Institute of the town, in partnership with the Institute of Education, and focusing on the history and practical skills for the school. The current strategy is to create an online archive of the building and to use it as a resource for the community. The current strategy is to create an online archive of the building and to use it as a resource for the community.

12.00pm - 12.30pm

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T.A. Clonmel Mechanics' Institute, Clonmel, Tipperary, CO.32



Ruth Maher with her son, Dylan Goldbach

- The 11th Annual Lecture series commenced in October 2023 with an introductory lecture delivered by Kevin McCarthy. The second lecture in the series was delivered by Molly Daly and focused The Mechanics Institute, Clonmel. Lecture 3 will be held on Dec 2nd and will be presented by Clodagh Grubb on Quaker Education. The new venue for the lectures – TUS Digital Campus, Clonmel is proving very successful. All lectures are being recorded and uploaded to our website www.hiddenhistoy.ie afterwards.



L to R: David Nolan Museum, Jayne Sutcliffe Museum, Marie McMahon Museum, Dylan Goldbach, Dr. Claudia Kinmonth, Daithí Ó Sé Today Show

- The Museum store loaned a number of items which were brought to RTE studios in Cork for appearance on the **Today Show** in October. These included a pair of goggles owned and used by Rachel Blackmore which were donated to the Museum by 11-year-old Dylan Goldbach. Dylan is the son of Ruth Maher, IT Section, Tipperary County Council.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st October 2023

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	
A	Housing & Building	46,539,715	39,850,258	117%	(6,689,457)	45,270,839	39,112,215	116%	(6,158,624)	(1,268,876)
B	Road Transport & Safety	54,052,618	59,643,759	91%	5,591,141	40,049,961	41,463,621	97%	1,413,660	(14,002,657)
C	Water Services	12,525,912	16,085,133	78%	3,559,221	11,772,253	15,506,586	76%	3,734,333	(753,659)
D	Development Management	18,583,731	19,701,481	94%	1,117,750	9,268,031	8,234,425	113%	(1,033,606)	(9,315,700)
E	Environmental Services	29,060,805	34,821,401	83%	5,760,596	12,973,125	16,243,760	80%	3,270,635	(16,087,680)
F	Recreation & Amenity	12,585,913	14,932,200	84%	2,346,287	2,348,708	2,675,783	88%	327,075	(10,237,205)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,475,857	1,844,743	80%	368,886	980,361	1,212,277	81%	231,916	(495,497)
H	Miscellaneous Services	15,816,172	18,092,337	87%	2,276,165	14,414,750	16,600,010	87%	2,185,260	(1,401,422)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	22,488,591	26,986,309	83%	4,497,718	22,488,591
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	30,618,237	36,936,326	83%	6,318,089	30,618,237
	Totals	190,640,724	204,971,312	93%	14,330,588	190,184,857	204,971,312	93%	14,786,455	(455,867)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st October 2023

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	40,313,848	39,040,784
B Road Transport & Safety	17,583,137	16,387,184
C Water Services	2,834,879	3,001,383
D Development Management	9,806,939	8,244,011
E Environmental Services	4,036,242	3,224,242
F Recreation & Amenity	727,786	624,639
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	167,775	70,682
H Miscellaneous Services	3,034,212	105,792
Total	78,504,818	70,698,715

Collection Rates	YTD 202310	YTD 202210	YTD 202212
Rates	74%	72%	88%
Rents	89%	86%	90%
Housing Loans	99%	95%	97%

Note regarding Rates figures -

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



COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2023 amounted to **€36,839,065**.

Arrears of **€5,921,516** were brought forward from 2022, giving the total amount to be collected as **€42,760,581**.

This has been adjusted downwards in the amount of **€392,796**, following decisions on appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019. Further reductions may follow as other appeals are decided.

Write offs in the amount of **€838,939** have been processed to end October 2023.

Receipts of **€30,737,558, (74%)**, were recorded to 31/10/2023.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

1,941 customers have availed of the Early Payment Scheme in 2023.

Reductions of €320,368 were achieved.

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

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

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

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

Final figures for the EPS for 2023 are not finalised yet as we have a small number of customers on payment plans who may yet qualify



VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

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

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

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80% Vacancy Relief 20% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60% Vacancy Relief 40% to be paid

DIGITAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business and GIS Systems

New MyCoCo Customer Portal

New secure online payments system for Rents and Loans customers went live on 28th November. This allows customers to view their transaction history, download invoice, statements and payment receipts and make payments online.



Rollout of the System was a collaboration between the Application and eDev sections of IT, the Housing Rents and Loans sections and the Finance section.

New Parking Fines system

A new Parking Fines System has been procured and the IT Applications section is working with the Roads and Finance sections to implement the system. It is expected the system will go live in January 2024.

Support and upgrades

The Applications and GIS Systems Team continue to support the suite of existing systems including

- Security Patching
- Application troubleshooting
- System upgrades
- Systems Analysis
- User Support

GIS Systems

- Continued with the updating of internal and external Planning GIS viewers
- Continued with the roll out of the updated version of MapInfo to 29 users
- Continued to update our GIS systems with the latest GeoDirectory/Bord GAIS/ESB data received from these Agencies
- Facilitated 3rd Party Requests for Data
- Provided desktop support for AutoCAD, LabWorks, ArcGIS, MapInfo, Sat Nav updates

Mobile Phones and Billing

- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Assisted TCC Staff with mobile phone queries
- Liaised with third party suppliers and continued to process Invoices

General Tasks

- Assisted TCC sections with all technology queries
- Continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status
- Assisted in Procurement for TCC Sections

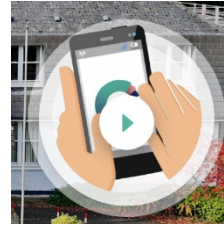
Websites and eDevelopment

- Developed further a Workwise (Remote Working Hubs) section of web site to complement the Tipperary.ie web site (Foreign Direct Investment)
- Facilitated the publication of Consultations for Draft/Variations of Local Area Plans on our web site

- Prepared and provided support to the Tipperary Tourism Site (Tipperary.com) for upgrade and maintenance.
- Provided support and maintenance for internal systems and 20+websites
- Facilitating the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) & Cahir/Cashel Greenway Consultation

installation of softphones for blended workers.

- Implemented a cloud based solution for Customer Services Desk as a backup



Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

Email

- Exchange upgrade – Upgraded Exchange on-premise from 2013 to 2019. 95% complete, continuing to work on decommissioning work.
- Continue to improve on email security - implementing a DMARC policy on e-mails (improves and monitors protection of our domain from fraudulent email)

Building Works Civic offices Clonmel and Parnell Street

- Assisted with all IT Elements of building works which are on-going in Civic offices Clonmel and Parnell Street.
- Continued to upgrade network equipment in the buildings.

New Building's

Assisted with all IT Elements of new offices setups for Cashel Fire Station

Phones

- Continued with upgrade of desk phones to latest version hardware and the

Data Centre Secondary Site

- Completed the move of elements of our Data Centre to the secondary site (Civil Defence bungalow). The second side of cluster is located in secondary site with 50% of VM Wares running directly from the site.
- Continued to progress the second phase of moving our resilient Government Networks connection.

Data Connectivity

Progressed new circuit provisions for the following:

- Wallers Lot / Cashel Fire station
- Clonmel Fire station, to replace existing wireless connection.

Commissioned the new circuit for Parnell St Clonmel.

Libraries Data Connections

Completed the proof of concept for a wide area network solution (SD WAN) for several Library branches. Two solutions tested Meraki and CATO. CATO solution selected due to many issues with Meraki deployment. Recommendation issued to libraries re solution. Meeting organised to confirm approach.

Security

Vulnerability Management

- Continued to patch our systems.
- Renewed our ‘Vulnerability Management as a Service (VMaaS)
- Renewed the underlying vulnerability management software (Qualys) licensing.



Security eLearning

- Continued with online security training. Issued a training module on mobile security on November 6th.
- Completed an organisation wide phishing test on the 9th of October and provided follow up training where relevant.

Privilege Access Management (PAM)

- All IT staff and contractors now utilising PAM with relevant approvals in place
- Next phase is onboarding of domain admin accounts. Currently test domain admin account provisioned for relevant staff to test.

USB Device Restrictions

- Cortex XDR feature enabled to prevent users from connecting unauthorized USB devices to corporate devices
- Approach was to implement restrictions on test group of 150 PCs/Laptops. All

helpdesk staff had access to allow temporary policy exclusions.

- Policy has been sent out to staff detailing allowed devices (TCC supplied encrypted USB sticks) and ruleset has now been applied across all the organisation

Micro segmentation project

- Deployed a system (Aria) for network operations and it is mapping application traffic.
- Selected a Vendor following request for quotes for a module of our Virtualisation software (NSX).
- NSX system deployment phase completed, testing and implementation is being progressed with contractors,

All Teams

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

