



Management Report to Council



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May dates for your Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 10:30 am Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Meeting	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 10 am CPG Meeting
<u>13</u> 10 am TCC Plenary Mtg	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 11am Clonmel BD Mtg	<u>16</u> 10am Nenagh MD Mtg	<u>17</u> 10am JPC Meeting
<u>20</u> 10 am Infrastructure SPC Meeting 10:30am Thurles MD Mtg	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 2pm Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg	<u>24</u> 7pm Civic Reception – North & South Tipperary Hospice
<u>27</u> 11am Tipp/Cahir/Cashel MD Mtg	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>

Dates to Note in June 2024

Polling Day – Friday 7th June
Local Election Count – Saturday 8th June
Annual Meeting – Friday 21st June

Report at a Glance

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Economic Community and Rural Development

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues:</u>		
Policy Changes/Updates	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Workwise Marketing Campaign	National campaign comenced to market Tipperary as an ideal place to relocate to as a Remote Worker and will run to August 2024	
The Retail Edge Conference 2024.	Conference held in March 2024	
The LEADER programme was officially launched for County Tipperary on April 22 nd in Cabragh Wetlands.		
<u>Directorate Priorities</u>		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Community Recognition Fund Tipperary has been awarded €1,465,434 for the 2025-2026 scheme.		
Successful applications under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme were announced on 29 th April 2024		
TCC received €993,001 under the JTF to establish a Biomethane Development Office (BDO). TCC in parternship with Tipperary ETB received €999,791 under the JTF to develop 'pre-apprenticeship training and language supports'		

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC continues to serve to serve as a platform for local community engagement and decision-making in matters related to community development and local services. In 2024, the committee has benefited from presentations on Mens Shed, Age Friendly Homes Programme and the Transport Coordination Unit (Local Link). LCDC member were delighted to participate in the launch of LEADER 2024-27 on April 21st last.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The 2024 Annual SICAP Plans for North and South Tipperary were agreed at the LCDC and both development companies have targets to work with 37 groups (KPI 1) and 485 individuals (KPI 2) in the current year. A mid year review will be conducted in June.

Local Economic and Community Plan

The LECP Framework is available on the Tipperary County Council website at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/community/community/latest-news/2024/county-tipperary-local-economic-community-plan> The first Implementaion Plan for 2024-2025 will be in place by the end of May 2024

Tipperary LEADER programme

The LEADER programme was officially launched for County Tipperary on April 22nd in Cabragh Wetlands.

Independent Evaluation Committees are now in place and both South

Tipperary Development Company and North Tipperary Development Company are actively seeking projects for the programme.

Pictured at the launch are CEOs of both Development Companies, members of LCDC, Brian Beck Director of Services and Community Team.



Local Enhancement Programme

Recommended grant allocations based on areas with the highest deprivation index were submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development at the end of March. The successful applicants will be announced directly by Minister Heather Humphreys over the next few weeks.

Community Recognition Fund

Projects funded under the original 2023 scheme continue to progress with all projects aiming for completion by end of Q2. Tipperary has been awarded €1,465,434 for the 2025-2026 scheme. For link to applications for the scheme and the public webinar recording, visit www.tipperarycoco.ie/crf.

Following the closing date on the 3rd May, the breakdown per MD is as follows:

No. of Projects applied for in Tipperary	71
Total Funds Requested	€10,782,514.60
Total cost of projects	€11,503,986.55
Carrick on Suir MD	€675,005.75
Clonmel MD	€1,016,766.35
Nenagh MD	€1,005,004.24
Tipp/Cahir/Cashel MD	€1,970,552.54
Thurles/Roscrea/ Templemore MD	€6,115,185.72

Pictured below at the newly renovated Moycarkey Borris Littleton Men's Shed, funded under the Community Recognition Fund – photo includes members of the Men's Shed, Cathaoirleach of Thurles MD Cllr Sean Ryan, Cllr Jim Ryan, Deputy Michael Lowry, Marie Cox TCC and members of the Shed and Moycarkey Borris GAA.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023

On the 28th March the successful applications were announced under Measure 1 of the 2023 ORIS scheme as follows

- Signage (KM Markers) for Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway: Provision of distance markers along the Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway - €30,000
- Castlough Amenity Area Improvement Works Improvement works at Castlough Amenity Area - €30,000
- Tobar Iosa Walk, Cahir Improvement works at Tobar Iosa Walk - €30,000
- Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area: Enhancement works to Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area - €30,000
- Clogheen Link Walk: Creation of link from Clogheen to the Munster Way & Clogheen Loop Hill Walking Routes - €28,800

Town and Village Renewal

Successful applications under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme were announced on 29th April 2024 as follows:

- Cashel: Provide a high quality Town Park and public amenity in the centre of the town to include bound gravel walkways, a boardwalk, reinforced grass paths, landscaping, natural play elements, fencing, seating and signage - €495,000
- Carrig Development of Carrig Village Community Recreation Park and Wildlife Haven together with a pedestrian access bridge over the local river - €176,099
- Tipperary Town - Refurbish and provide universal access including mother & baby facilities at the public toilets in Market Yard, Tipperary Town. This will also include facilities for walkers and cyclists using the

new and proposed walkways in the town - €250,000

Clár 2024 Funding

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, launched the 2024 CLÁR Scheme on Friday 12th April 2024.

Under Measure 1 of the 2024 initiative, grants from €5,000 to €50,000 are being provided to support the development of community and sports facilities, youth clubs, playgrounds, sensory gardens, walking tracks and much more.

Tipperary JPC

At the February meeting Chief Superintendent Aileen Magner reported on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the County. Inspector Pdraig Sutton delivered a presentation on the Life Saver Project which provides an honest and very powerful look at road safety and the consequences when things go wrong.

Regional Positive Ageing

Successful Regional Positive Ageing Event held on 4th March in Waterford. The seminar demonstrated great cooperation between all involved, with the outcome being to promote positive ageing in each of the counties, and how best we can engage and promote the range of services from the HSE.

Bealtaine

Tipperary Age Friendly will partner with Tipperary Library Service and Tipperary Arts Service to support and

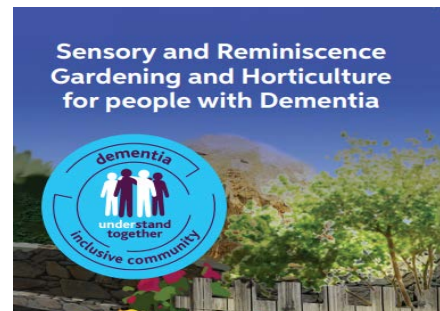
provide full programme of content in May 2024 across the county.

Day Care Centres & TUS College partnership

Working with TUS College students on Leadership exploring the barriers and participation numbers with Day Care Centres in Tipperary, collaborating with Dean Maxwell and Aras Mhuire in North Tipperary and Fethard and Vee Valley Day care centres in South Tipperary. This project will conclude early May.

Tidy Towns Advocacy

Tipperary Age Friendly has circulated a planting guide to all of the Tidy Towns Groups in the county.



On Thursday 21st March Tipperary Older Peoples Council hosted a Road Safety and Local Transport Workshop at the Horse & Jockey Hotel Tipperary.

Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO 20th June

Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO - Save the Date notice has issued to all previous exhibitors for this year's showcase which will take place in the TUS College Campus Thurles on Thursday 20th June 12 noon to 3pm.

Migrants Integration

The first review of the Migrant Intergration Strategy 'diverse Tipperery' is underway with the lead partners being invited to update progress on the forty action areas. Africa day will take place on May 21st with celebrations taking place in Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir and Borrisoleigh and promises to be even better and bigger than ever.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel



Quality of Life Alliance meeting took place on the 10th April 2024.

Substance Use Action Plan updates

1) Community Conversations

Lived Experience Community Conversations Output Actions

Substance Misuse Sub Group Subgroup continues to work on Charter of Substance Misuse services in Clonmel. This directory will be circulated throughout all of Clonmel by end of April 2024

Groups & Clubs Community Conversations Output Actions

Drugs & Alcohol Policy training took place on 30th January. John

Businesses & hospitality Community Conversations Output Actions

Subgroup working on legislation. Vintners/businesses met with Gillian O' Mahoney (solicitor) on 09.04.24 to identify their concerns in terms of legislation.

Parents & Schools Community Conversations Output Actions

Parents/schools community conversation took place Tuesday 16th April. LDO met with Clonmel school principals on Friday 12.04.24.

2) Planet Youth Project is considered with other partners including TETB, CYPSC, SHCP, HSE & FCC.

- Meetings progress with secondary school sector in Q1 2024 in relation to the rollout for 2024
- Ethical permission in line with Planet Youth surveys in Galway and Roscommon being agreed – meeting with Mary Cannon RCSI 23rd April 2024
- Final agreement with Icelandic Partners contract signing to be completed by the end of April 2024
- Iceland Training scheduled for 15th May 2024
- Survey 1 November 2024

3) Youth Prescriber

- LDO is working with Barnardos on a pilot for youth prescribers for 6- to 10-year-olds. Youth prescriber steering group meeting May.

4) TUS Student Council Youth Festival will take place in September 2024

5) SAOR training took place on the 7th March. Further training will take place in the next 2 months.



TUS SEED fund projects

LDO is working with TUS to continue on from the cancer care cards with a VR reality project for Cancer patients and also in supporting the Food Poverty Hub in TUS campus.

Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025

2024 and as per the original application the Healthy Ireland funding is for 2023-2025 and pre-allocated for Lifestyle & Behaviour Risk Outcome Area:

Indicator ↓ Increase in % of adults and children who are physically active
Wellbeing Factors Outcome Area
Indicator ↓ Increase in % of people over 50 + engaging in one or more social activities at least once a week
Geographical areas pre-picked
Nenagh, Cahir, Clogheen, Moycarkey Borris. Programmes have started for 2024 with the main delivering partners in these Geographical areas.

Period & Hygiene Poverty

Tipperary County Council has been awarded €15000 from the Department of Health for Period Poverty. Tipperary County Council will partner with the Tipperary County Library Network and the 3 Local Authority managed pools to provide funding to purchase period poverty products for their facilities.

Healthy Ireland Health and Wellbeing Talk to New Futures Farming Group in Borrisoleigh

A Health and Wellbeing talk was given to the group in Borrisoleigh on Tuesday 9th April from 7.30pm –

8.30pm by Áine Roche Healthy County Co Ordinator.

Tipperary Mental Health Week 2024.

Tipperary mental health week will take place from 7th October to 13th October Works Mental Health day on 10th October.

Comhairle na n-Óg

22nd March 2024: Four members met with the full management team in the Clonmel office, where they presented the work of Tipperary Comhairle na n-Óg.

27th March 2024: Dail na n-Óg took place in Leinster House and five members attended.

11th April 2024: Abigail & Niamh O'Brien attended the Climate Action day in Dublin as part of the National Youth Assembly.

A steering group also took place on the same day.

3rd April 2024: The Tipperary Comhairle Easter meeting was held in the Council Chamber in Clonmel on 3rd April.

15th April 2024: Members of the Tipp/Cashel subgroup took part in an evening with MEP Grace O'Sullivan and spoke with her about Climate issues.

Subgroups continue to meet outside of these meetings to progress their workplan for the year.

Tipperary PPN

Tipperary PPN continues to provide information on grants, training, and workshops through the monthly newsletters.

Tipperary PPN hosted an online plenary on 11th April, this approved the

workplan for 2024, ratified new PPN reps and on Thursday 13th June. Tipperary PPN will host its 10 year birthday celebration on 13th June .

Tipperary PPN and Saolta Sustainable Development Goals Workshop

This workshop is an opportunity for participants to learn about the purpose and use of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to promote sustainable development in your community groups. Workshop takes place on Wednesday 15th May from 5:30pm - 8pm in Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre, Thurles

Tipperary Children & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)

Tipperary CYPSC continues to work through its Outcome Subgroups to implement the Children and Young People's Plan 2022-2025 for Tipperary.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The LAIT will be working to provide information to International Protection applicants and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection across the county, working with agencies and providers to map the services available and to identify needs.



Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership has developed and is implementing its 2024 Operational Plan. To date, TSP has successfully secured over €615,000 for the development of sports and physical activities in the County for 2024.

TSP and Tipperary Council successfully applied for funds to develop a County Outdoor Strategy for Tipperary. A working group is in place and the process will commence soon.

All TSP activities are promoted on social media channels, Facebook, X and Instagram.



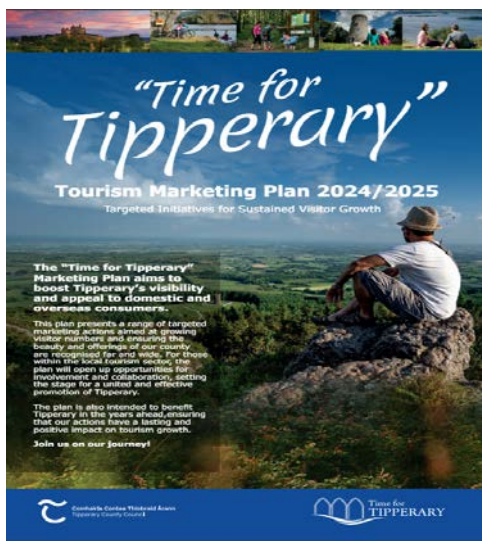
Following on from 2023 and early 2024 FAI have continuing to implement and support of programmes, clubs and leagues to continue to grow football participation for all in Tipperary and engaging heavily on a new FAI Football Pathways Plan.

Tourism



Marketing Plan

Presented at the Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference recently, the 'Time for Tipperary' Tourism Marketing Plan 2024/2025 is currently being implemented.



Meitheal



Killarney, Gleneagles INEC , 11/12 April

The Tipperary tourism officer attended this event, representing all of Tipperary within both the Ireland's

Ancient East and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brand regions. A number of Tipperary trade attended representing their own products and promoting Tipperary as a destination.

Audit on Accessible Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Angling in Tipperary

Funded via ORIS 2022 and Tipperary County Council, this important audit is currently underway, the process has included much stakeholder engagement, desk and field research.

Media Coverage

La Cometa TV

Spanish TV Company (La Cometa TV), produced an award-winning travel television program called "Valencians al Món", for one of the official public broadcasters in Spain. The programme is available to view at: https://www.apuntmedia.es/programas/valencians-al-mon/complets/valencians-mon-irlanda-sant-patrici_134_1698606.html

Tracks and Trails



Episode 6. On St Declan's Way from Cahir to the Knockmealdown Mountains. Confirmed broadcasting is for Friday 10th of May on RTE1 at 730pm.



St. Declan’s Way

Strategic Plan was officially launched.

EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator

The EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator is in place to support tourism start-ups and existing providers in the Just Transition Territory by raising awareness and understanding among potential applicants of how the JTF funding and support schemes work.

Information Seminars

**EU JUST TRANSITION FUND
REGENERATIVE TOURISM AND PLACEMAKING
SCHEME INFORMATION EVENINGS**

The upcoming sessions will concentrate on **The Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs** offering information on how to access **funding** within various categories outlined below;

- Development or Enhancement of Sustainable Visitor Experiences
- Development of Sustainable/Low Carbon Tourist Accommodation
- Capital Project Planning & Design
- Accessibility enhancements to ensure a more inclusive visitor experience

The sessions will be held at the following locations and times:

- Roscrea Library, Roscrea, Wednesday, April 10th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- The Carraig Hotel, Carrick-On-Suir, April 15th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Anner Hotel, Thurles, Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

If you are a micro, private small to medium business, or community enterprise come along by confirming your attendance on your preferred date by emailing mairead.winters@tipperarycoco.ie

This initiative is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union

Networking

It has been a busy period in terms of networking and events focusing on brand awareness and community engagement.

Training

Munster Vales has provided 30 tourism related businesses and community groups with bespoke 1:1 training to optimize their digital presence and improve their websites.

Marketing

Munster Vales worked with Pamela Scott Fashion on Instagram to run a competition to giveaway a night away, dinner and day of activities for two people. This competition reached over 300,000 people and garnered 2,000 new followers for Munster Vales.

Munster Vales welcomed two content creators to the area in April who visited 16 businesses in total and provided same with a spotlight on their social channels to an audience of over 30,000 people.

Economic Development

Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

The current SPC will conclude after the last meeting is held on May 7th 2024

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme has been offered to the 5 Municipal Districts for the 2024 program.



Each MD will run an independent Painting and Enhancement Scheme over the coming months.

Shop local Tipperary Retail Newsletter

A large database of over 500 businesses in the county has been generated and this is used to target information about Training Events, grant schemes and other useful information for shop owners and businesses in the county.

The Shop Local Social Media Campaign

Tipperary County Council continues to support the Retail sector to the county through the provision of a strong Shop Local Tipperary Social Media campaign throughout the year by the council.

The Retail Edge – A symposium for the Retail Sector in County Tipperary.

The Retail Edge Symposium empowered Tipperary's Retail Sector with expert insights and strategies. Industry leaders presented to the retailers of the Premier County in an evening of knowledge-sharing and inspiration at the Tipperary County Council 'Retail Edge' Symposium on March 6th.

The event was aimed at supporting the Retail sector by addressing some of the most challenging areas for businesses at this time.



Marketing of County Tipperary as an ideal Remote Working Location.

The launch of the **WorkWise Live Life @ Tipperary** campaign was on Friday 12th April and it will run until Mid- August 2024.



The campaign is rolling out across a variety of channels including Outdoor Advertising, Social Media, Digital Advertising, Press and Radio.



The **WorkWise; Live Life @ Tipperary** campaign offers a playful insight into the benefits of remote working and the enjoyment of work/life balance in all that Tipperary has to offer.

BioEconomy Development in Tipperary:

TCC staff Mary Ryan, Clare Lee, Anthony Fitzgerald, Elaine Cullinan in attendance at the 2024 All Island Bioeconomy Summit in Tullamore, March 2024.

9th EU Just Transition Platform – Brussels

TCC were represented by Elaine Cullinan (Economic Development Officer) and Clare Lee (Environment and Climate Action Co-ordinator) at the recent Just Transition Platform conference in Brussels.

Just Transition Fund LECF application

A successful application for 'pre-apprenticeship training and language supports' was made under the Just Transition Fund. Funding of €999,791 was announced in April last for the programme which was led by Tipperary ETB in partnership with Tipperary County Council (ECDR Section).

It aims to address skills gaps and capacity issues across a number of sectors including construction.

RuralBioUp

TCC are working with the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation on the [RuralBioUp](#) project, a Horizon Europe funded project aimed at empowering rural regions to adopt biobased solutions.

ABS Building Ballingarrane

(Update May 2024)

A revised Basis of Design and scope of works have been agreed with PRATUM and RPS.

The design team are focusing resources on the planning and design stage of the ABS building, with an anticipated planning application submission in Oct 2024.

Local Enterprise Office

The Local Enterprise Office in Tipperary assisted 38 projects during 2023 which was slightly lower than the 42 targeted coming in to the year. Generally, LEO Tipperary exceeded target metrics agreed with Enterprise Ireland. The net creation of 97 jobs in client companies was the 7th highest in the country.

Continued growth across the engineering, food and construction services sectors is contributing to this strong performance.

The land activation team that is looking at unlocking and making available industrial development land and sites is providing for future growth prospects on the small start up sector, particularly over a 3 to 7 year timeframe.

Student Enterprise Awards 2023/2024

Excitement grows with our Tipperary Student Enterprise Programme National Finalists who all set to head to the National Finals on the 9th May in Mullingar where they will exhibit their fantastic business ideas having being selected as the top three teams at our Tipperary County Final where

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ger Darcy was on hand to present prizes.

Harry Ryan - HR Agri Photography	Patrician Presentation Fethard - Junior
Harry Butler, Padraic O'Halloran	H&P Engineering Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles - Intermediate
Seán Brett	Tankit™ CBS Thurles - Senior

Local Enterprise Week 2024

The annual Local Enterprise Week in Tipperary was a resounding success, with over **210 local businesses** actively participating in a week-long series of learning and networking events spanning **16 engaging programs**.

A diverse range of webinars covered essential topics such as **Self-Employment, Social Media strategies for Tourism businesses, Cyber Security**, leveraging **LinkedIn for professional networking, Demystifying Financial Regulations** for small businesses, as well as a discussion on **Intellectual Property**.

In-person gatherings were equally dynamic, featuring a **Green Hubs** event promoting waste reduction, a **Retail Symposium** focusing on industry trends, a day long **Artificial Intelligence workshop in**

association with Microsoft & LinkedIn, Safety Awareness for Food companies and a special **Celebration of International Women's Day** held at Aherlow House Hotel.

The week also included the announcement of **Evie & Eliza Ward of Nenagh-based Nutshed** as LEO Tipperary's **representative in this year's National Enterprise Awards Final** which takes place on 23 May at the Mansion House, Dublin.



CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

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

Directorate Priorities

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 23rd April 2024. Items discussed/considered:

- Minutes of meeting held on 21st February, 2024
- Update from LAWPRO on Governance Structures around Expansion of Service
- Draft AFS 2023
- Update on Internal Audit Plan 2024
- Internal Audit Reports – (i) Ukraine Response Housing (ii) SICAP 2022 – NTDC (iii) SICAP 2022 STDC
- Reports for Noting – NOAC Report Internal Audit in Local Authorities; Tipperary County Council Council Management Reports March and April, 2024.

Performance Indicators 2023

The deadline for compliance with the submission of data to the LG Returns system in respect of the 2023 performance was Friday 19th April 2024. A report on the indicator outcomes will be presented to the full Council and the audit committee following the publication of the NOAC report later in the year.

Annual Report 2023

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

The draft plan is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Council at the May meeting.

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 24th April 2024:

Pothole –	61
Public Liability -	20
Total Claims –	81

Local Elections

Polling Day - Friday 7th June 7am to 10pm

Local Election Nomination Period

10am Sat 11th May to 12noon Sat 18th May

Election Posters -Candidates can erect posters from 8th May 2024 and must remove all within 7days of the poll.

Register - Deadlines

Postal/Special Voter – Deadline 11th May 24

Voter Registration – Deadline 20th May 24

Coroner Service

Statistics for period 1st January to 30th April, 2024

No. of death certs issued: 215

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 40

No. of Undertaker Removals: 37

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

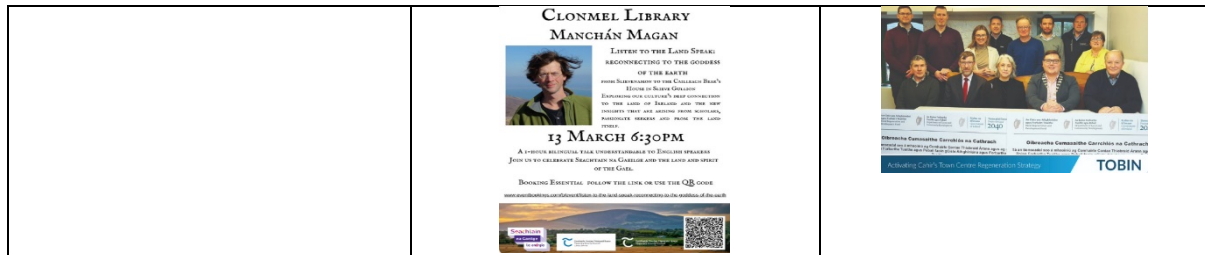
Press Releases issued 1 January – 31 March = 15

Media queries 1 January – 31 March = 53

Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social media channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council. Social media posts during period 1 January -31 March

January	February	March
  	   	    



Communications focus

Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion April - August 2024

Month	Event	Messaging suggestions	Section
April	National Spring Clean (throughout April)	Celebrate volunteers and Tidy Towns groups and showcase progress on areas classed litter free in the area as well as staff involved in keeping areas clean and pretty.	Municipal Districts Environment and Climate Action
	World Autism Day (April 2)	Highlight caterings in LAs and LA owned facilities (sensory pods, etc).	Libraries
	Earth Day (April 22)	Showcase environmental initiatives of local authorities	Environment and Climate Action
	National Workplace Wellbeing Day (April 26)	Promote staff wellbeing and any health/mindful seminars/workshops in local authorities.	Partnership
May	Active School Week (29 April – 3 May)	Showcase sports facilities and amenities/opportunities for ongoing activity by youth	Municipal Districts Community and Enterprise
	Bealtaine Festival	Highlight local events and positive ageing initiatives	Community and Enterprise Age action
	National Volunteering Week (20-26 May)	Celebrate events being run during the week and opportunity to highlight how local authorities engage with voluntary	Community and Enterprise



		organisations through PPNs and other means. Profile of staff who do significant voluntary work.	
June	Student Enterprise Awards Programme Finals (7 June)	Showcase finalists in your area, in collaboration with LEO messaging	Community and Enterprise LEO
	Summer Stars	Showcase library events	Libraries
	National Water Safety Awareness Week	Profile of lifeguard service and water safety tips	Municipal Districts Swimming pools
	National Bike Week (11-19 May)	Showcase cycling infrastructure and greenways in the area and any planned initiatives	Roads
July	National Play Day and National Recreational Week (run in previous years in July)	Showcase play and recreation facilities provided by the local authority and events to mark the week	Community and Enterprise Municipal Districts
	Tipperary workwise campaign	The WorkWise; Live Life @ Tipperary campaign offers a playful insight into the benefits of remote working and the enjoyment of work/life balance in all that Tipperary has to offer.	Community and Enterprise
August	National Heritage Week (17-25 August)	Showcase events being supported by local authority or at local authority sites. Opportunity to profile Heritage Officer or focus on heritage plan local authority involvement in protecting heritage and promoting public interaction with heritage sites.	Libraries and Cultural Services Heritage Officer
	Tipperary workwise campaign	As above July	Community and Enterprise

Customer Service Activity

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

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

**Customer Service activity – CSD staff
1 January – 31 March 2024**

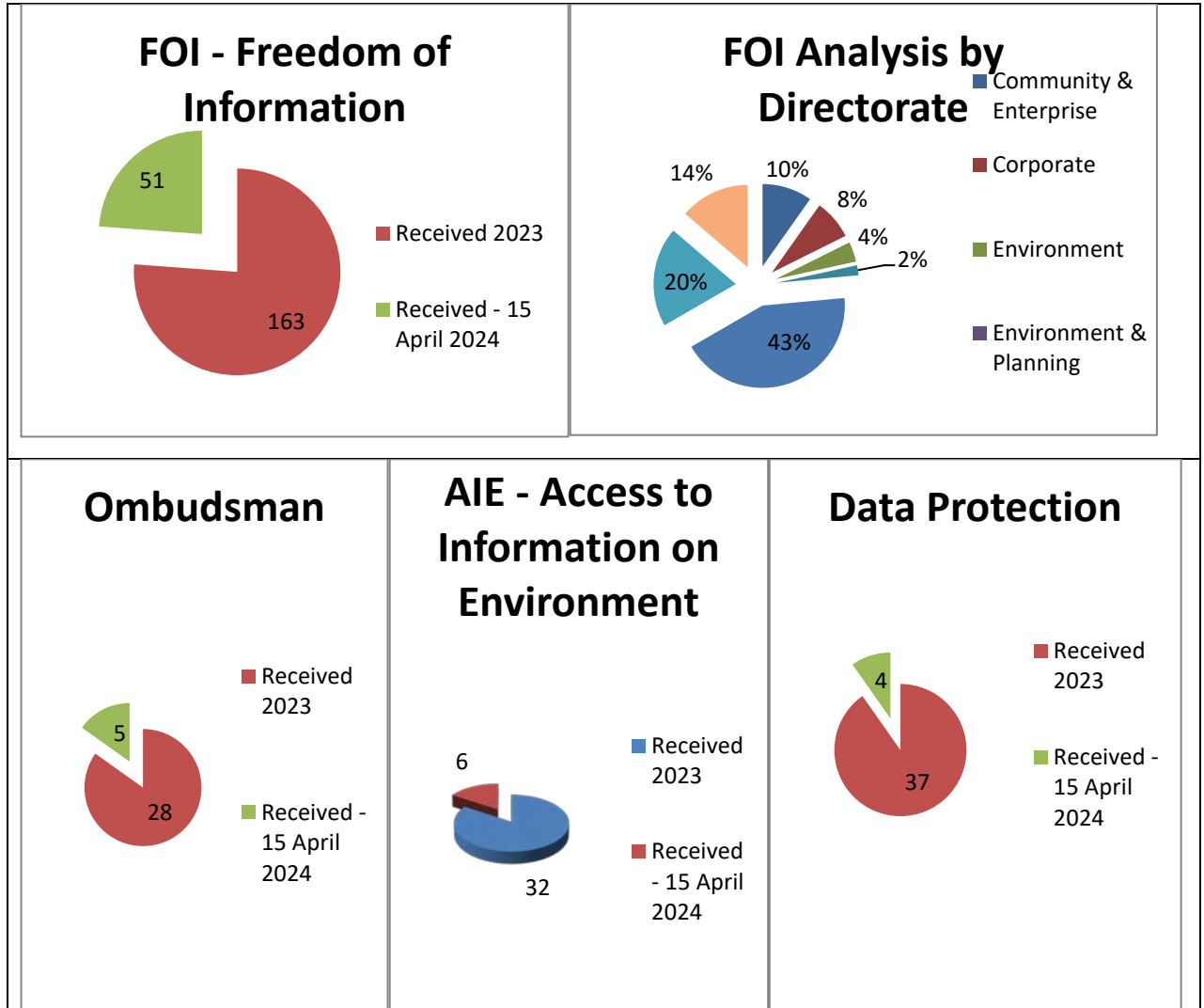
	Calls answered	Emails	Ihouse	CRM
January – March	31,236	5,659	1,130	7,405



**CRM – Customer Relations Management System
1 January – 31 March – all cases**

Community and Enterprise	78	IT	6
Carrick MD	347	Libraries	4
Clonmel BD	537	Motor Tax	33
Corporate Services	196	Nenagh MD	737
CSD	92	Planning	382
Cultural Services	19	Revenue	138
Environment	366	Roads	226
Finance	25	Thurles MD	555
Fire Services	71	Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD	580
Housing	2921	Water Services	32
HR	56		

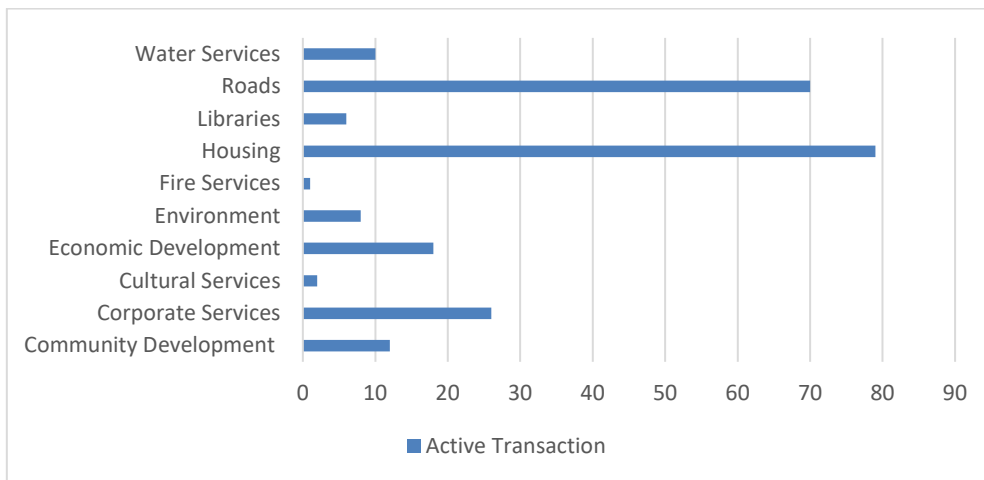
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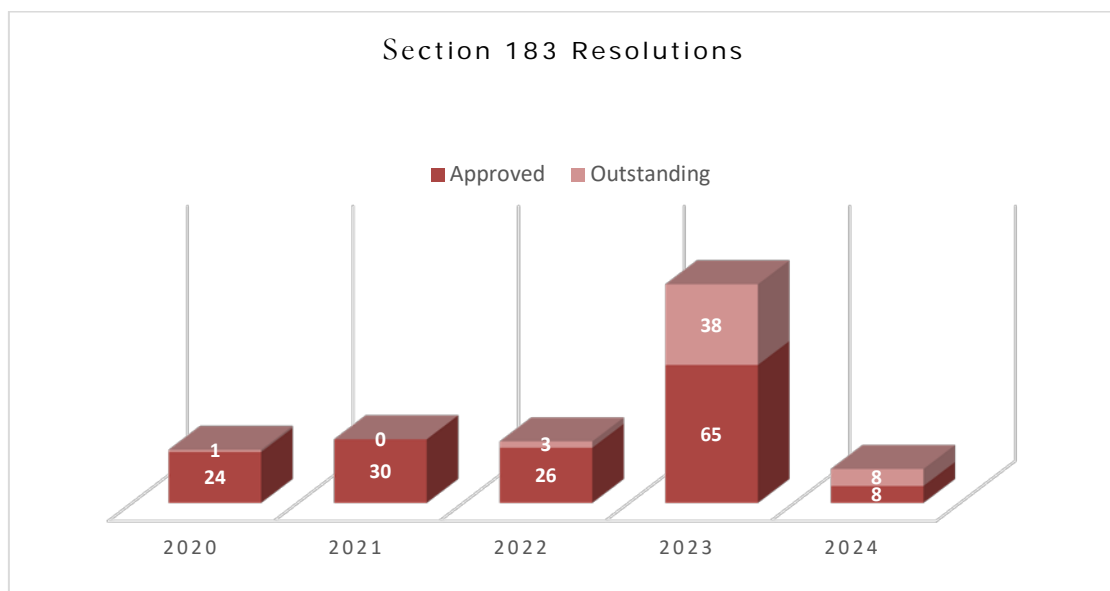
Property Management

1. Property Transactions/Enquiries as of 18/04/2024

No. of open/outstanding Transactions brought forward from 2023	234
No of new Transactions opened	53
No of Transaction closed	31
No of open/outstanding Transaction as of 18/04/2024	256



2. Section 183 Resolution approved by the Council as of 18/04/2024



Schedule of approved S183 resolution where legal transfer has not completed.

The Mall, Templemore	NO. 22/26 Greenane Drive Tipperary Town
Yewston, Nenagh	Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan
No. 12 Heywood Terrace, Clonmel	Lisbunny Business Park
Main Street, Templemore	Limerick Road, Nenagh
Nenagh Road, Borrisokane	Terryglass, Nenagh
Wilderness, Clonmel	Terryglass, Nenagh
Old Bridge, Clonmel	No. 1 Michael Collins Row, Clonmel
Curragh Portroe	No. 2 Michael Collins Row, Clonmel
Nenagh Road, Borrisoleigh	No. 3 Michael Collins Row, Clonmel
Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh	No. 4 Michael Collins Row, Clonmel
Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan	No. 5 Michael Collins Row, Clonmel
Gortnahoe (Boulick)	No. 6 Michael Collins Row, Clonmel
Erasmus Smith House, Cahir	Old Bridge, Clonmel
Foilaclugh, Kilnamanagh	Rosegreen, Cashel
Longfordpass South, Gortnahoe	Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary
Gort Na Cholchairir, Borrisokane	Bulterstown, Ballynangh
No. Fontenoy Terrace, Thurles	Roscrea Road, Templemore
Roscrea Business and Technology Park	Monksgrange, Clonmel
Cormack Drive, Nenagh	Kilnoran, Moyne, Thurles
Slieve Loche, Portroe	Ballylynch Business Park, Carrick on Suir
Unit 1 Slieveardagh CITE Enterprise Centre, Ballingarry	Wallers' lot, Cashel
Unit 2 Slieveardagh CITE Enterprise Centre, Ballingarry	Nenagh North, Nenagh
Brittas, Thurles	Tyone, Nenagh
No. 4 Galtee View Bansha	Townsfeld, Cloughjordan

3. Letting Agreements managed as of 18/04/2024

No. of Short term licences issued in 2024	16
No. of Invoices issued in 2024	82
No. of Existing Agreement reviewed in 2024	113
No. of Agreements surrendered in 2024	0
No. of New Lease Agreement set up in 2024	1

Tipperary County Council would like to acknowledge the service of the following Councillors who are retiring at the end of this term and wish them every health and happiness for the future.

- Councillor Noel Coonan, F.G. Thurles Municipal District
- Councillor Ger Darcy, F.G. Nenagh Municipal District
- Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, F.G. Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District
- Councillor Seamus Hanafin, F.F. Thurles Municipal District
- Councillor Hughie McGrath, N.P. Nenagh Municipal District
- Councillor John (Rocky) McGrath, N.P. Nenagh Municipal District.

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Climate & Energy



Tipperary County Council Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) 2024 – 2029

The LACAP was made on the 12th of February 2024 and sets out how the Council will deliver on climate action (Mitigation and Adaptation) in areas within its own remit and how the Council through its actions, will seek to influence, facilitate and advocate for climate action across other sectors and communities in how they achieve their own climate actions and targets. The LACAP comprises 100 ambitious actions, along with opportunity areas and actions for the Tipperary ‘Decarbonising Zone’. There is also a commitment by the Council to participate and lead an outward facing stakeholder group ‘SustainableTipp’. The delivery of climate actions as set out in the LACAP has commenced through the Climate Action Office, along with the Council’s Climate Action Team.

Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Fund application deadline closed on the 27th February, 2024. There was huge interest in the fund and this was evident by the value of the projects seeking funding. Applications received are currently being assessed and it anticipated that approved applications will be known in August 2024.

Funding for ‘Biomethane for Carbon and Community’ project application in the Tipperary Decarbonising Zone

An application for funding to the sum of €993,011 by TCC as lead authority (through the Environment and Climate Action Section) and partnered by the Technical University of the Shannon (TUS), the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation and the Tipperary Energy Agency under the EU Just Transition Fund Local Authority-led LECP projects was successful and the full amount of funding sought was received.



The 'Biomethane for Carbon and Community (BCC)' concept centres on the National Bioeconomy Campus at Lisheen and the Tipperary Decarbonising Zone (DZ), and will establish a Biomethane Development Office (BDO). This would act as an independent resource to support and enable communities, enterprises and the agriculture sector to develop an economically feasible biomethane concept with decarbonising at its core.

The key impact of the BCC would be to enable the Tipperary DZ, the JTF areas and wider region to be first movers in responding to emerging national policy and supports for biomethane development. It would ensure that local stakeholders are at the forefront of biomethane development (with associated reduced reliance on fossil fuels, a focus on biodiversity, land use diversification and economic benefits in the form of local jobs) and prepare the conditions for future investment and development. Furthermore, by placing the BDO at the same location as the IBF National Bioeconomy Campus, synergies across the Bioeconomy sector can be exploited.

Further details about the Tipperary DZ can be found in the Tipperary Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.

Policy

The final meeting of the current Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee took place on the 27th of March at the Horse and Jockey Hotel.

Public Awareness Initiatives

Green Schools

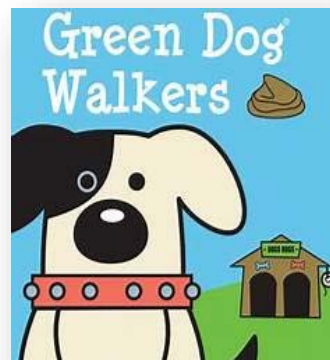
44 schools in Tipperary will be awarded their Green School Flags at an award ceremony in Hotel Kilkenny on 13th May. This year saw 6 schools being awarded their first Green Flag for the 'Litter and Waste' theme.

National Tree Week

1,200 native Tree saplings were distributed to 39 groups in support of National Tree Week. The theme of this year's campaign was "Planting Trees for a Greener future". Trees were provided from the Tree Council of Ireland with the support of Coillte.

Responsible Dog Ownership

A social media campaign continues to urge dog owners to be extra vigilant and keep their dogs under control during lambing season. The campaign highlights that attacks not only cause undue suffering to sheep but have a devastating economical and emotional impacts on farmers. The public are asked to report any incidents of sheep worrying or attacks on livestock to the Council's Dog Warden service or their local Garda Station. In addition the Council is taking part in the Department of Rural and Community Development's national awareness campaign to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. The Section continues to provide signage and stencils to the Municipal Districts for use in dog fouling blackspots. Plans are underway to launch the Green Dog Walkers Programme in the next few weeks.



Tipperary Town Green Hub Initiative

The Tipperary Town Green Hub initiative was officially launched on Tuesday 5th March in Ballykisteen Hotel, Tipperary. The breakfast launch was attended by a number of hospitality businesses from the town and surrounding area where they heard about the initiative and supports available to hospitality businesses to help manage their waste.

National Spring Clean

To date 223 groups and an estimated 6,200 volunteers have registered to take part in clean-ups throughout the County as part of the National Spring Clean. The Section continues to supply clean-up supplies to registered groups and arrange for collection of bags after clean-ups. Registration closed on 30th April 2024.



Wild on Flowers Promotion at Marts

The Wild on Flowers promotion visited the following Farmers Marts where 950 packs of bulbs and 200 boxes of wildflower seeds were distributed to those attending the Marts.

- Tipperary Town – 12/04/2024; Nenagh – 16/04/2024; Thurles – 22/04/2024; Cahir – 24/04/2024

The aim is to promote pollination in the countryside by encouraging farmers and community groups to plant areas with wildflowers.

2024 Tidy Town Grants and Burial Ground Maintenance Grant Scheme

Tidy Town Grant and Burial Ground Maintenance Grant Schemes for 2024 have closed for applications to the relevant Municipal Districts and will now be processed for payment by the MDs.

Derelict Sites

There are 76 properties on the Derelict Site Register. To April 2024, the Section engaged with 32 owners in relation to remediating their properties; 2 Section 8(2) Notices (intention to place on Derelict Sites Register) issued and 3 Section 8(7) Notices (placing on the Register) issued.

Veterinary Services

Horses

8 horse queries have been reported to the Section, which resulted in 6 horse pickups as of the 22nd April 2024.

Dogs

A total of 47 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to 31st March 2024. The number of dog licenses purchased to 31st March 2024 is 2,276.

Abattoirs

306 visits to abattoirs by veterinary staff for the purposes of food safety inspections have taken place as at 26th April 2024#.

Circular Economy Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites



A total of 28,491 customers used the services of the Council's five Civic Amenity Sites to the end of Q1, 2024. The Section, in partnership with Rotary Ireland, are running a Bicycles to Africa project. Members of the public can donate free of charge suitable bicycles at the Sites. These bicycles are then transported to Shelton Abbey, Arklow to be repaired and shipped to Africa to assist students with their daily commute to school.

Burial Grounds

Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works (including Site Selection) continue at the following locations: Ballina (Boher) - complete, Fethard, Cahir, Solohead/Monard, Carrick-on-Suir, Kilmore, Cloughprior, Killaghy-Mullinahone, Thurles (St Patrick's), Holycross, Kilnarath, Clonmel (St Patrick's), Newcastle, Tyone and Lisbunny Nenagh.



Waste Management and Enforcement

To date, 7 Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site) have issued.

Legal Proceedings

A successful Circuit Court appeal case was heard in February whereby following evidence given by Enforcement Officers, Judge Catherine Staines upheld the District Court convictions of June 2023 for breaches under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, in respect of an unauthorised facility in the Thurles MD area. 3 offences were upheld awarding €3,000 penalty per offence; investigative and legal costs were also awarded to the sum of €10,000. The site was also dealt with in the High Court where the operator signed an undertaking to cease the activity and clean the site.

Three cases of unauthorised waste activities were heard in Cashel District Court in March where Judge Brian O'Shea directed that the cases be forwarded to the DPP. An update was given to Judge O'Shea at the same Court on 18th April 2024, where the state solicitor, on behalf of the DPP, made a request for additional time which was needed to prepare the case files. This request was granted and the cases were adjourned to Clonmel Circuit Court on 4th July 2024 for progression by the DPP.

On the 3rd April 2024 a case was heard at Tipperary District Court (which took place at the Courthouse, Nenagh) in relation to illegal dumping activity in Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD. Judge Elizabeth MacGrath heard evidence given by the Waste Enforcement Officer and convicted the individual responsible for offences under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, imposing penalties of €4,000, legal and investigative costs of €8,000 and six months in prison subject to the site being cleaned by June 2024.

The case will return to the District Court in June 2024 (on a date to be confirmed) where the Waste Enforcement Officer will present evidence in relation to the nature and extent of the cleanup ordered by the Court. It will then be a matter for the District Court to decide whether to impose the custodial sentence handed down at the previous Court hearing.

Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) Issued

As at 19th April 2024, a total of 45 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued.



Household Waste Inspections

A total of 138 household waste surveys have been carried out on houses in the county to date in 2024.

Circular Economy Act re. CCTV usage to amend Waste Management Act and Litter Pollution Act

The WERLAs, with the support of a National Working Group, have now developed guidance to assist Local Authorities in the implementation of the Codes of Practice. Each Local Authority is required to have an Oversight Board in place in accordance with the Codes of Practice and the guidance includes template documents that can be adapted to by each Local Authority.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

1,140 tonnes of glass and 32.5 tonnes of cans were collected as at the end of April 2024.

Certificate of Registrations/Waste Permits

There are currently 44 active waste facilities authorised by Tipperary County Council across the county. Data validation of these facilities has commenced for 2024.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.

Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin to Ballaghveny landfill continues and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024.

Closed landfills

An application for funding was submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication, for environmental risk assessments and Certificates of Authorisation for closed



landfills within the county at: Tipperary Town; Dundrum; Knocklofty, Kilsheelan; Killeigh and Caherabbey, Cahir; Deansgrove; Cashel; Connawarries, Carrick-On-Suir; Brittasroad and Monanearla, Thurles; Kiltillane, Templemore; Shesherahscanlon, Borrisokane; Glencrue, Portroe; Grange, Ballina; Bawn and Rathnaleen North, Nenagh; Cooleen, Silvermines. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing

Environmental Protection

Water Pollution /Agriculture

- The Sampling Programme pursuant to the Water Framework Directive (WFD) is ongoing.
- Farm inspections and notifications thereof continue.
- Other activities include assessment of Nutrient Management Plans, Septic Tank Inspections, Section 4 licence sampling and sampling pursuant to the Rural Water Programme.
- TCC were invited to speak to the Damer Dairy Discussion Group (Nenagh) on 14th March and also to a Teagasc Dairy Discussion Group (Thurles) on 25th April.

Planning Referrals

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

Air

Inspections in relation to the solid fuel regulations continue.

Rural Water Programme

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026 projects submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 12th April 2024. An update on progress in the Rural Water Programme 2024 will be presented at the next meeting of the Rural Water Monitoring Committee, which is scheduled to take place on the 14th May 2024.

Environmental Complaints

To the end of April, a total of 627 environment complaints were received, 80% of which have been dealt with and closed.

[Housing Directorate](#)



All figures relate to the period 01 January 2024 – 31 March 2024

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	Application process finalised and applications assessed	Write to successful applicants
Review of the Housing Allocation Scheme & associated policies	Scheme is effective since 1 st February.	Anti-Social Behaviour policy adopted by full council
Disability strategy	Meeting with relevant stakeholders to identify support pathways for disabled persons to enable them to live independently, with more choice and control over with who and where they live and included in their community.	Three-year capital plan based on disability strategy finalised.

Policy reviews 2019-2024

Since 2019 there have been a large number of new policy initiatives as well as changes to existing policies which include the following: -

- Review of Housing Allocations procedures to facilitate the introduction of Choice Based Lettings resulting in a reduction of the refusal rate from over 25% down to 4% over the lifetime of the current Council
- Overview & Review of Void Turnarounds & Policy Recommendations - provision of a €4.1m loan by members which facilitated a reduction in % of voids from 4.7% to the current 1.9% releasing a greater number of units for new allocations
- Review of the policy and procedures in relation to Succession of tenancy in Council owned rented accommodation to accommodate specific requirements of the more elderly vulnerable clients.
- Introduction of a revised tenancy agreement and new tenant handbook.
- Introduction of the amended tenant purchase policy to allow for older people to purchase their home facilitating a greater number of tenants to purchase their homes.
- Housing Grants Overview and Policy Recommendations - Review of the Housing Adaptation Grant scheme which included measures to remove the backlog of P2 and P3 applications in its entirety and the increase in funds to deliver more grant supports to those most in need.
- Homeless review – including measures to introduce greater levels of support services, more emergency accommodation options; the , introduction of Housing First accommodation and the new 9 – 9 emergency accommodation for rough sleepers .
- New Procedures On Tenancy Enforcement
- Estate Network Development Activity Review
- A second review of the Allocation Scheme and associated policies including Anti-Social behaviour in the context of social media and online abuse.
- Housing For All and the 5 year Capital Plan 2022 – 2027 which included the introduction of the measures under the Affordable Housing stream including Croi Conaithe, Ready to Build sites and Affordable Purchase homes.

- The development of a Domestic Abuse Policy and a plan for addressing accommodation deficiencies for this sector
- Overview of energy retrofit programme
- Development of a county Disability Strategy in collaboration with other other key agencies

All of these initiatives and policy reviews required extensive engagement between Housing staff, external experts, the members of the Housing SPC and the full Council.

Housing Delivery

The current status of the projects is as follows:

2022 – 2026 Construction Programme

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Gort an Oir, Fethard Belmont Park Housing Association	7	Stage 2 Approved	Stage 3 being prepared with planning application
Gortlandroe, Nenagh	27	With OGP for design team procurement	Stage 2 Approval
Puckane	21	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Rathcabbin	6	With OGP for design team procurement	Stage 2 Approval
New Line Road, Nenagh	10	With OGP for design team procurement	Stage 2 Approval
Clogheen	14	Preparation of Stage 3	Stage 3 Approval
Ballingarry (South)	10	Application sent to UE	Design team appointment on



			approval from UE
Gantley Road, Roscea	16	Stage 2 submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Morton Street, Clonmel	6	FHIST, Stage 2 Approved	Submission of Planning Application
Rialto site, Nenagh	12	Stage 2 Approved	S179 A notification
Mulcair Manor, Newport	10	With OGP for design team procurement	Stage 2 Approval
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	6	Stage 1 Approved	Under review with Thurles MD
Millersbrook, Nenagh	13	With OGP for design team procurement	Stage 2 Approval
Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Finalising design for Section 179A- imminent	Tender Scheme
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	With ABP	Stage 3 Submission
Ashbury, Roscrea	10	S179A notification	Stage 3 submission
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Design Team Appointed	Stage 3 submission
Glencarrick, Roscrea	46	On E-Tenders	Appointment of Contractor
Church Street, Templemore	2	Contractor On Site	Scheme completion 2024

Church Street, Templemore	4	Turnkey, Dept Approved	Awaiting on Contracts
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Contact on Site	Scheme completion 2024
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Contractor being Appointed	Scheme completion 2025
William Street, Nenagh	7	S179A Notification	Stage 3 submission
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 approved	Design Team Appointment
Boherclough Street, Cashel	9	Complete	
Woodview Close, Nenagh	10	Complete	
Ballyclerihan	14	Complete	
Donohill	8	Complete	
Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir	22	Turnkey Contractor on site.	Phased Delivery (9 Completed and other 13 Q2 2024)
Tyone Road, Nenagh	67	Respond AHB, CALF submitted	Commencement on Site
Coopers Lot, Cashel	44	Respond AHB	On site
Farranahassery, Cahir	48	Respond AHB	On site
Dun Lia, Thurles	61	Cluid AHB	On site
Waller's Lot, Cashel	42	Tuath AHB	On Site
Glentarra, Roscrea	2	Turnkey	Contracts with Solicitors
Dun Uisce, Cahir	1	Turnkey Renewal	Contracts with Solicitors
Glencarrick, Roscrea	50	Cluid AHB, Contract finalisation	Commencement on Site

Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	19	Turnkey, Contracts being finalised	On Site
Wheatfields, Clonmel	38	Turnkey,	On Site,
Stradavoher Road, Thurles	32	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Turnkey	Waiting on Contracts
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey	Phased Delivery, On site
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey, Progress has stalled currently on site	Phased Delivery
Templemore Road, Roscrea	32	Cluid AHB, CALF application with Dept	Turnkey on site. Phased delivery 2024 and 2025

Capital works 2018 – 2023

During the lifecycle of the current Council there has been two multi annual housing programmes which have facilitated the acquisition and construction of social housing in Tipperary.

Rebuilding Ireland ran from 2018 – 2021 and set a target of 625 additional units to be delivered through acquisition, building and leasing.

Over the lifetime of this programme Tipperary County Council delivered a total of 811 units which exceeded the set target by 186 units, or 30%.

RBI Pojected & Delivered Timeline



Housing For All commenced in 2022 and is a comprehensive housing strategy designed to deliver housing through multiple streams’ including social housing construction, affordable housing, Croí Conaithe refurbishment and cost rental units.

Tipperary County Council was set a target of 956 units (887 build units and the balance through Repair and Lease/ RAS type contracts) to be delivered by the end of the programme in 2026. To date this Council has delivered 389 units with a further 794 in the pipeline to be delivered by the end of the programme. Once Housing For All concludes in 2026 this Council will have delivered over 1125 new build units and over 1200 houses in total excluding acquisitions.

HFA Projected & Delivered Timeline



During the lifetime of this Council, 2019–2024, the Capital expenditure on acquisition and construction of houses has been almost €197m which reflects the huge investment in housing stock in the county.

Energy Efficiency Works 2018 - 2024

The programme commenced in 2018 with work being completed to approximately 2,000 dwellings. In 2020 Tipperary prepared documentation for Phase 2 of the programme and was successful in receiving €1.63m under the Midlands Retrofit programme with works carried out to 60 houses in Gortnahoe, Templemore, Thurles Templetuohy and Rathcabbin.

Further works were carried out under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme in 2021 and 2022 which included 60 houses located in Littleton, Templemore, Moyne, Templetuohy, Two Mile Borris, Gortnahoe, Roscrea & Borrisoleigh.

There were 100 houses allocated to Tipperary under this scheme in 2022, and 2023 with the majority of these units now complete which included houses located in Cloughjordan, Ballina, Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel Town, Carrick-on-Suir Town, Tipperary Town and Cahir Town.

A further list of units proposed by each Municipal District has been assessed in accordance with the Departments guidelines under criteria to be eligible under the scheme. Tenders are currently being published to perform detailed surveys of the units prior to issue of the construction tender.

Qualifying works under the scheme typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems) up to a monetary limit set out by the scheme.

RAS/HAP/LTL

RAS Voluntary

New properties	18
Total tenancies	372

RAS Private

New properties	3
Total tenancies	580
Rent Reviews carried out	104

Long term lease

Total tenancies	274
Rent Reviews carried out	36

Mortgage to rent

New properties	3
Total tenancies	107
Rent Reviews carried out	2

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancy set	50
Total tenancies	1614
Average weekly HAP set up	11

Over the term of this council, the following accommodation units were delivered

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ras New Properties	98	58	9	50	92
RAS Total Tenancies	884	833	765	1012	943
LTL New	112	21	9	5	0
LTL Total	326	325	317	301	274
HAP New	398	426	303	206	228
HAP Total	1782	1861	1847	1700	1637
Total rent reviews	394	219	235	560	274

Inspections

	1 st inspection	2 nd inspection
RAS	8	14
Private rented	106	61
Long term lease	1	13
HAP	83	63
Mortgage to rent	2	1
Total	200	152

Housing Grants

In 2023 the Council received a total of €4,258,125 in private grant funding. We await confirmation of the 2024 allocation.

We have been informed that we are receiving €1,786,030 for LA DPG's for 2024 and work is progressing in this area.

	Budget	Allocated funds	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€1,405,850	€529,085	53
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€127,805	€18,183	6
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,022,437	€428,245	71
TOTAL	€2,556,093	€494,436	160
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,786,030	TBD	TBD

2019-2023 grants expenditure

Expenditure	HGD	MAG	HOP	DPG	No Of Apps
2019	€2.9m	€0.16m	€0.64m	€0.57m	376
2020	€2.4m	€0.1m	€0.7m	€0.53m	327
2021	€2.1m	€0.12m	€1.1m	€1.5m	536
2022	€2.3m	€0.2m	€1.1m	€1.75m	646
2023	€2.53m	€0.1m	€1.63m	€2.34m	814
Total	€12.23m	€0.68m	€5.17m	€6.69m	2,699¹

Over the period 2019-2023 there has been an expenditure of €24.8m to support people to remain in their homes.

Voids Status

The number completed is 20.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir – 6
- Nenagh - 3
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 4
- Carrick - 3
- Clonmel – 4

¹ Of which 367 were LA homes

Vacant Houses²

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ³
Carrick	330	15	0.3
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	767	26	0.5
Clonmel	590	18	0.3
Nenagh	729	20	0.4
Templemore/Thurles	821	28	0.5
Total	3237	107	1.9%

Voids 2019-2024

Tipperary has increased its housing stock between 2018 and 2023 from 4927 to 5439. This figure will increase further under the national plan “Housing For All” to 5958 by the end of 2026. This represents an increase of 1031 houses or 20% over an 8 year period.

In 2020 a loan was approved by this Council to address the issue of long-term voids in Tipperary. This along with maximising funding from the Department over these years reduced the percentage of voids in Tipperary from 4.7% to below 2% which is below the national average. This Council has spent a total of €20.5m in the period 2019-2023 to address the issue of long term voids.

There has also been a consistent reduction in the turnaround time from the time a house is made vacant to when it is brought back into use; from a highpoint in 2021 of 43.6 weeks down to 34 weeks in 2023. The current phase will see the downward trend in turnaround times continue as the time taken to bring houses back into circulation reduces

² Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

³ Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Number of Housing Applications received from Jan 1st 2024

There were 396 housing applications received of which:

- 257 were valid
- 139 were invalid

Number of Housing Assessments

Month	Number of Assessments
January	59
February	102
March	99
Total	260

Housing assessments 2019-2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	211	213	337	639	1096

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	38	33	5	2
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	43	33	10	6
Clonmel	18	17	1	5
Nenagh	23	17	6	1
Templemore Thurles	13	8	4	2
Total	135	108	26	16

Offers of Tenancy 2019-2023

2019-2023	Offers Accepted			Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
2019	319	230	11	13	26	
2020	458	316	19	35	13	
2021	408	298	13	97	9	
2022	367	289	18	46	27	
2023	467	339	2	10	30	
Total	2,021	1,472	63	201	105	

Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Letting went live on 29th March 2022. Since that date 343 homes have been offered through CBL of which 10 have been refused. This represents a refusal rate of under 3%.

To date in 2024 under CBL:

- 68 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 62 offers have been accepted.
- 6 awaiting decision
- There have been 0 refusals (0% refusal rate)

Rent figures

The total number of houses owned by the Local Authority with Rent Accounts for year end 2023 is 6184. This is part of an upward trend which saw the number increase from 5,093 in 2019.

The yearly rent collected has increased year on year as the number of houses tenanted has grown:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Housing Stock	4927	5093	5189	5297	5439
Rental income (millions)	€12.9	€13.1	€14.1	€16.5	€16.7

This is an important part of the income for the Local Authority and is used to fund a variety of essential services and programmes.

Local Authority Home Loans⁴

Number of Applications Received	25
Number of Valid Applications Received	9
Number of Loan Applications Approved	2
Number of Loans Issued	2
Total Value of Loans Issued	€180,150

⁴ Applications received which is deemed to be invalid i.e. missing information will be returned to the applicant for updating. Therefore, not all applications received will be moved on to "Valid"

LA Home Loans Issued 2019-2023

	Received	Valid	Approved	Issued	Value
2019	164	63	39	29	€2.94m
2020	85	31	13	11	€1.18m
2021	134	53	33	10	€1.27m
2022	136	42	24	21	€2.15m
2023	85	34	17	15	€1.48m
Total	604	223	126	86	€9.02m

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	8
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	10
Sales completed	6
Total proceeds of sales received	€384,300

2019-2023 Tenant Purchase Scheme

	Received	Approved	Issued	Total proceeds from sales
2019	39	22	20	€0.86
2020	54	21	10	€0.5m
2021	68	28	7	€0.45m
2022	31	33	22	€1.5m
2023	78	61	20	€1.3m
Total	270	165	79	€4.61m

Homelessness

There are dedicated clinics run by the Homeless team to assist persons who present as homeless to the housing section.

Homeless Support Services March 2024		Number
Homeless Clinics	No. of presentations	260
HAP Placefinder	No of prevention cases	4
Secured HAP accommodation from prevention work	Singles	6
	Couples/Families	1
HAP Placefinder - exit EA to HAP	Singles	0
	Couples/Families	2
HAP Placefinder - exit EA to LA/AHB/RAS	Singles	12
	Couples/Families	6
Number In emergency accommodation B&B	Singles	13
	Families	3
Number in OFD	No of units	23
Number in Housing First	North	8
	South	13
NTITSS	Number of cases	24
START	Number of units	6

There are currently 31 live NTQ cases (i.e. whose NTQ comes into effect in 2024) actively engaging with the Council's NTQ team regarding potential property acquisition or to source alternative accommodation.

We have also introduced a Mental Health OFD project in conjunction with HSE Mental Health Service which has seen 5 units of emergency

accommodation provided county wide targeting individuals with enduring mental health illness.

In response to reports of rough sleeping in the Clonmel area, an emergency bed unit was established in late 2023. Initially, this was funded as a cold weather initiative however due to the need, an application for funding has been submitted to the Dept to make the service permanent. Capacity has recently been increased to 14 beds.

Homeless Update 2019-2024

Tipperary County Council's Homeless team has seen significant expansion and progression over the past 5 years.

In 2019, the team consisted of one Homeless Prevention Officer, one Resettlement Officer and one HAP Placefinder. This has increased in the intervening period to :

- two Homeless Prevention Officers,
- two HAP Placefinder workers,
- a Resettlement & Outreach worker,
- Homeless Coordinator, and
- two clerical support staff.

The table below provides an overview of the number of homeless clients who were successfully tenanted since 2019 – note this excludes the 141 properties which were purchased since 2022 under the Tenant In Situ Scheme and where NTQs were received by families

No. Of Homeless Clients Housed 2019 - 2023

Year	Total Tenancies Singles	Total Tenancies Families
2019	52	18
2020	123	45
2021	70	28
2022	54	39 ^{*5}
2023	58	24 [*]

⁵ This figure for 2022/2023 is exclusive of the 141 units purchased under TIS for Homeless NTQ families

Total	351	154
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In terms of emergency accommodation, in 2019 Tipperary County Council utilised private B&B providers as the primary source of emergency accommodation. Between 2019 and 2024, Tipperary County Council has moved to the Own Front Door (OFD) model in collaboration with AHB's which has reduced reliance on B&B emergency accommodation. OFD is now the primary response to individuals and families presenting as homeless.

Housing First (HF) was introduced in South Tipperary in 2018 with a case load of 12 supported by 1 project worker. This project has been expanded county-wide with a target of 32 units by 2026, supported by 3 project workers. There are currently 21 individuals housed under the HF project.

The Housing First Team has recently expanded to include much needed HSE supports and Members support in this area was valuable. Clients accessing the service across the county now have access to Clinical Psychology and nursing supports along with Occupational Therapy supports in the North.

Our Tenancy Sustainment Service has doubled its capacity since 2019, with the addition of a second project worker based in the two northern Districts.

Expenditure for homeless supports has increased and become more targeted over the period:

	Tenancy sustainment	Housing First ⁶	Homeless support	Emergency B&B	OFD
2019	€37,161	0	€157,815	€720,834	0
2020	€74,856	0	€207,815	€471,597	0
2021	€99,096	0	€207,815	€390,804	0
2022	€99,096	€55,125	€207,815	€827,820	€7,658

⁶ Housing First and OFD expenditure was captured as part of Emergency B&B until 2021

2023	€104,447	€190,352	€294,115	€523,315	€119,512
Total	€414,656	€245,477	€1,075,375	€2,934,370	€127,170

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme, following consultation with traveller agency groups outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community from 2019 to 2024. We have currently accommodated 132 Traveller Families under this plan which is 47% in excess of the Plan target with a full year of the plan left to run.

Location	Description of Project	Start Date	Completion Date	STATUS
Heywood Road Halting Site	Refurbish halting site and tigíns	2021	2022	Completed
Rosemount Templemore Group Houses	No. 1 and 3 refurbished	2021	2022	Completed
Ballybeg, Littleton	Extension to existing dwelling	2021	2022	Completed
No. 4 Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel	Refurbish and extend group houses	2022	2022	Completed
Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel	Construction of new bay and provision of mobile home	2023	2023	Completed
Lawrences House, Cashel	Refurbish and Extend	2020	2022	Completed
Parkmore Halting Site, Roscrea	Extend 3 tigíns and change classroom to tigín	2023	2024	Completed



Knocksaintlour, Cashel	Refurbishment of existing dwelling	2023	2024	Completed
Ballyknock Halting Site, Cashel	Refurbishment of 4 tigin's and provision of new mobile units	2022	2024	Works ongoing.
Nos. 2 and 3 Waller's Lot Cashel	Refurbish and extend two detached groups houses	2022	2024	Houses completed.
Freighduff, Cashel	Purchase and refurbishment of dwelling	2022	2024	House completed.
Mocklers Hill, Cashel	Extend & refurbish existing LA dwelling	2022	2024	Works ongoing
Dwelling at Rockforest, Knock, Roscrea	Extension to existing house	2023	2024	Complete pending snags
Rathordan, Cashel	Extend and refurbish existing dwelling	2023	2024	Work progressing on site
Heywood Road Halting Site	Installation of 4 new demountables	2023	2024	Ongoing. One unit installed.
Parkmore Halting Site, Roscrea	Add bedroom to tigin	2023	2024	Work ongoing
No. 1 Shanballyduff, Garraun, Cashel	Extend and refurbish existing dwelling	2024	2025	At tender stage
Bay 3 Ashbury Halting Site	Refurbish Bay 3	2024	2024	Contractor Appointed
Ashbury Classroom	Convert classroom to 3-bed house.	2024	2026	Dept Approval Obtained

	Provide new caretaker's hut			
Dwelling at Coolcroo, Two-Mile- Borris	Demolish and rebuild existing house	2024	2025	Part 8 advertised
14 Clohessy Place, Bouladuff, Thurles	Extend and refurbish existing dwelling	2025	2025	Part 8 process to commence
Dwelling at 7 Brittas, Thurles	3-bedroom extension	2025	2025	Part 8 process to commence
No. 1 Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel	Pre-Letting works	2024	2024	Commence following completion of Ballyknock
Bay 2 Ashbury Halting Site, Roscrea	Provide 2-bedroom extension to tigin in Bay 2	2025	2026	
Condon's Cross, Clonmel	Refurbish existing dwelling & construct granny flat	Design being considered.	TBC	
Bay 1 Heywood Road Halting Site, Clonmel	Refurbish remaining tigin	2024	2025	ESB crossing to be agreed, works
No. 3 Railway Cottages	Extension and refurbishment of dwelling			Discussion ongoing with occupant to finalise plans
Railway Cottages Clonmel	Refurbishment of Nos. 1 and 2			Pending legal proceedings

	including site works			
Lake Road Halting Site, Tipperary Town	Refurbishment of halting site. Possibly turn into group housing scheme	2024		
Lisnaviddogue, Templemore	Demolish existing dwelling and construct new dwelling	TBC		Debt approval sought
Churchview Littleton	Refurbish two dwellings into one larger dwelling	2025		Drawings being prepared
Ballyvillane Halting Site, Nenagh	Refurbish existing halting site and tígins.	2025	2026	Design being considered

During the period 2019-2023, Tipperary County Council have spent over €11m between the construction, maintenance and improvement of traveller specific accommodation.

Ukrainian Refugees

Tipperary County Council continues, in partnership with Local Development Companies and community groups, to facilitate the provision of accommodation and integration support services to Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs). As a result of policy and legislative changes, the two emergency rest centres in Littleton and Clonmel have closed and the emphasis of the Ukrainian Response Team now is on providing support for the BOTPs in securing accommodation through pledged accommodation and the Refurbishment Programme in addition to integration services.

Emergency Rest Centres

The two rest centres provided emergency accommodation over the past 22 months for those fleeing the crisis in their homeland and proved very successful until their closure in March 2024

- Provided accommodation for 1810 BOTPs
- 91 separate intakes
- 42,231 bed nights
- 126,693 meals served
- 51% of residents secured more permanent type accommodation within the county

Pledged Accommodation

- IRC Pledged Properties – TCC supported IRC to accommodate 231 Ukrainians in both vacant and shared units.
- Offer a Home Pledged Property: To date the Council has facilitated the provision of 678 Ukrainians with housing in 193 properties.

Commercial Operators

- There are 28 commercial operators in the county with a capacity for some 1200 BOTPs

Refurbishment Programme

The Council provides support to both the Department of Housing and DCEDIY to deliver properties which can be refurbished to accommodate BOTPs. Set out below is the current position under this programme:

- Church Street, Cahir- 16 beds- operational
- Airmount House, Tipperary – 26 beds- contract signed with go live date of 26/03/2024
- Bank of Ireland, The Square, Cahir- Phase 1 20 beds, contract signed with go live date of 03/04/2024, Phase 2, 6 beds – construction stage
- Ballycormuck House, Aglish, 22 beds – Contract Signed and go live date of 25/04/2024

- Stonehouse, Clonmel 25 beds–Documentation and plans with Department for their decision

Modular Homes

- 62 modular homes have been provided by the Department at Gortataggart, Thurles with 248 BOTPs accommodated.
- A site in Clonmel is currently under consideration by the Department to provide 82 homes at Haywood Road with accommodation for 328 BOTPs.

Community Integration

The Council continues to work closely with other agencies such as the H.S.E., Department of Social Protection, AGS, Education, Local Development Companies etc in assisting the families accommodated to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational, income and other supports.

Given the reduction in BOTPs into the country, the Ukrainian team has now moved to C&E Section under the LAIT and will be reported from hereonin under the C&E report.

Vacant Property update since commencement of scheme

Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

Item	Quantity
No of applications received	410
Approved to date	267
No at Under Review by LA	15

No at Further Info stage	76
No of applications rejected	26
No of applications withdrawn	26
Applications under drawdown review	32
Legal Charge Stage	18
No of Grants Paid Out	12
Approval in principal value to date € 15,047,153	

SHIP Renewal

The SHIP Renewal, similar to the Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. SHIP Renewal is aimed at much larger scope of works from the Buy & Renew Scheme, and is utilised when the purpose is to deep retrofit a property and bring it up to a very high modern standard. 5 Properties were delivered under this scheme in 2023, with 6 in the pipeline for delivery in 2024.

Repair and Lease

The Repair and Lease Scheme, a companion strategy of the Buy and Renew scheme, has a financial incentive of €80,000 to encourage developers to participate in the scheme in the interests of delivering long term social housing supports for properties which have been left vacant/derelict or underused.

19 Units were delivered under the scheme in 2024, located in Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel. A target of 18 units has been set for 2024 with a planned pipeline of units in Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Tipperary Town and Nenagh currently at various stages of agreement and construction. Further proposals across the county are currently being reviewed. These

units tend to be apartments as opposed to dwellings and are typically located in the towns.

Affordable Housing

There are a number of key pathways under the Affordable Housing delivery mechanism which are being pursued by Tipperary County Council to ensure that as wide a population as is possible can benefit from the strategy. These include a) Croí Cónaithe Scheme; b) The First Home Scheme; c) Ready to Build Scheme; d) Affordable delivery through turnkey; e) affordable delivery through LA or AHB Build; f) Tenant Purchase Scheme and g) the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

The Council is already active in the area of Tenant Purchase; Local Authority Home Loans; and the Croí Cónaithe Scheme.

Affordable self Build :- The Council has progressed with the sale of 4 self-build affordable sites in Boherlahan. We have received c 18 applications for purchase under the call and the successful applicants have been ranked by order of priority as per the requirements of the scheme. A draw for the sites will be made at the May council meeting for the successful applicants and we will then proceed to engage with the top 4 applicants in terms of progressing with their plans.

It is also proposed to offer affordable homes for sale to those applicants who qualify for the Affordable Housing scheme, subject to access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A call has been made for expressions of interest in the Clonmel area from those developers who have an interest in providing affordable homes and who already have planning permission. Following receipt of interest from this call, an application will be made to the Department to access the AHF fund and a priority list of interested purchasers will be formed. It is hoped that such a process will also give a much needed boost to deliver additional private housing units.