

October 2024

Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



Shannon Bridge Crossing, Killaloe By-pass, R494 Upgrade

See images below of works in progress at the new Shannon Bridge Crossing.





Tipperary County Council and Al Read Electrical Public Lighting Maintenance - Contract Signing



Pictured at the contract signing:

Pictured above: Back Left to Right: Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer, Tipperary County Council; Noel Cummins, Contract Manager Al Read. Front Left to Right: Paul Read, Managing Director, Al Read Electrical; Councillor Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council; John Nolan, Acting Director of Services, Tipperary County Council.




New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC will be held in Q4 2024.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed 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. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23 January to 9 February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.</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 Q4 2024. An Bord Pleanála application programmed Q4 2025.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2 – The Options Selection Report is due to be published before the end of 2024. TII has not provided an allocation for 2024 and therefore this project is shelved. Funding is required for the project to progress to Phase 3.</p>
Capital Programme 2024	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2024	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of available grant funding.
Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2024	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of available grant funding.

<p>Rural and Community Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Involvement Scheme 2024 Local Improvement Scheme 2024 	<p>Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department</p> 	<p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2024 is €804,600 and schemes have been offered across all Districts.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2024 is €1,493,546 and schemes have been offered across all Districts.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.</p>	<p>The Annual Meeting with TII is scheduled for Wednesday 6th November at 2.30pm. Municipal and Borough District priorities will be presented at the meeting by District Cathaorligh.</p>
<p>Speed Limit Review - update</p>	<p>During 2023 the Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024.</p> <p>The changes to the legislation will reduce the <i>default</i> speed limits on some road categories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (currently 80km/hr) 80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr) 30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr). 	<p>It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done over three phases as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 - Rural Local Roads* Phase 2 - National Secondary Roads and Urban Areas Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, such as schools. <p>* It is currently intended to commence this nationally in November 2024, whereby all Rural Local Roads will have a 60km/hr speed limit unless Special Speed Limit Byelaws have been adopted by local authorities. The stretches of Local Roads within urban areas will <i>not</i> be considered as part of Phase One.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. A tender competition for design phases 1 and 2 has been completed.	Preliminary design will commence when TII funding becomes available. No funding allocation has been provided by TII in 2024.
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 and the Preliminary design has been completed. Part 8 planning procedures commenced in June 2024.	Part 8 approval anticipated in October 2024. Advance works to commence in Q1 2025 subject to availability of funding.
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 scheme involves changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed.	It is anticipated that construction will commence in late 2025 subject to the availability of funding.



	Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024 and the detail design has commenced.	
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 design of the scheme has been completed and is ready to go to tender for construction works. Tendering was held up for a period due to funding restrictions.	It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q1 2025.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works are substantially completed and are now in the maintenance period.	12 months maintenance period.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
(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 and a Contractor Glas Civil Engineering has been appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on April 29 th , 2024.	Construction work will take approximately 18 months and it is anticipated that the scheme will be completed by Q3 2025.
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 2023 meeting of the Municipal District. Tenders were received. TII approval to Award the Contract was received 16 th September 2024.	Contract Award.
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 detail design was substantially completed in Q4 2023. Advance works were completed in Q1 2024. Archaeological investigations to commence in June/July 2024. Preliminary on-site archaeological investigations are currently underway.	Archaeological excavations will commence in Q4 2024. It is anticipated that a Contractor for the Main Works will be appointed and works will commence in Q2 2025.
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 construct and is expected to be completed in Q2 2025.
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; 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.	DoT has requested a Detailed Business Case and Procurement Strategy and TCC is preparing these for submission. DoT approval is then required to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction.

N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town - Road Improvement Scheme

See image below of recent footpath works completed on Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town.

This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Uisce Eireann.





GREENWAY PROJECTS - UPDATES

Greenways 2024 Total Allocation: €690,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for comment in August 2024.
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	Phase 2 Options Selection Report and cost estimates for the scheme have been submitted to TII for review.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Draft tender documents were submitted to TII for approval to appoint new Technical Consultants for the project. TII have informed TCC that there is no funding available this year to progress the project at this time.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	An Bord Pleanála decision was initially due 05/05/2024. ABP requested further information from TCC on 09/07/2024. This further information is required by 01/10/2024.
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report has been revised following feedback from TII. The revised Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for approval in August 2024.
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for comment in August 2024.
Local Authority Greenways Support 2024	Ongoing



ACTIVE TRAVEL - UPDATES

Active Travel	Current Update
2024 Total NTA Allocation: €4,499,000	
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Finalising Part 8 planning documents for the project and seeking NTA approval to proceed with Planning
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	At construction
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	At construction
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	Finalising project details before launching Part 8 planning
Cláirín Footbridge, Carrick On Suir	At construction
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	Part 8 planning launched in August
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Design under review at present before launching the Part 8 Planning
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Construction works near completion
SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's National School, Donaskeagh	Minor items of work left to complete
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	Delivery plan received – Design team to be appointed
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	Finalising the Part 8 planning pack
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel	Design being finalised following feedback from the NTA
Nenagh Urban Greenway	Non-statutory public consultation to be held on the project next month in preparation for a planning application for submission to An Bord Pleanála
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina	Updated design and response to queries on the Options Selection Report to be submitted to the NTA by the end of September



Project Name 2024	Current Update
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	Preparing a Part 8 planning pack for the scheme
Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Project complete
Emly Village Footpaths	At construction
Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir	Project complete
R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme	Road markings to be renewed in the coming weeks
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	Detailed designs drawings submitted to the NTA for final approval
Inch National School	Safe Routes to School Design elements have been approved by the NTA
Nenagh Local Transport Plan	Completed
Thurles Local Transport Plan	Completed
Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Completed
Ardfinnan Bridge	The design team is progressing the Preliminary Design for the project. A non-statutory public consultation to be held on the scheme in the coming weeks.
Active Travel Staff Costs	Ongoing
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	Tipperary County Council has finalised a review of the Primary Bus Stops with the NTA across the County with the intention to develop a rolling programme of upgrade works over the next number of years. Funding was secured for the installation of bus stops at The Ragg and they are now complete.

2024 Active Travel Projects at Construction Stage
Cláirín Bridge Replacement





Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel
Safe Routes to School



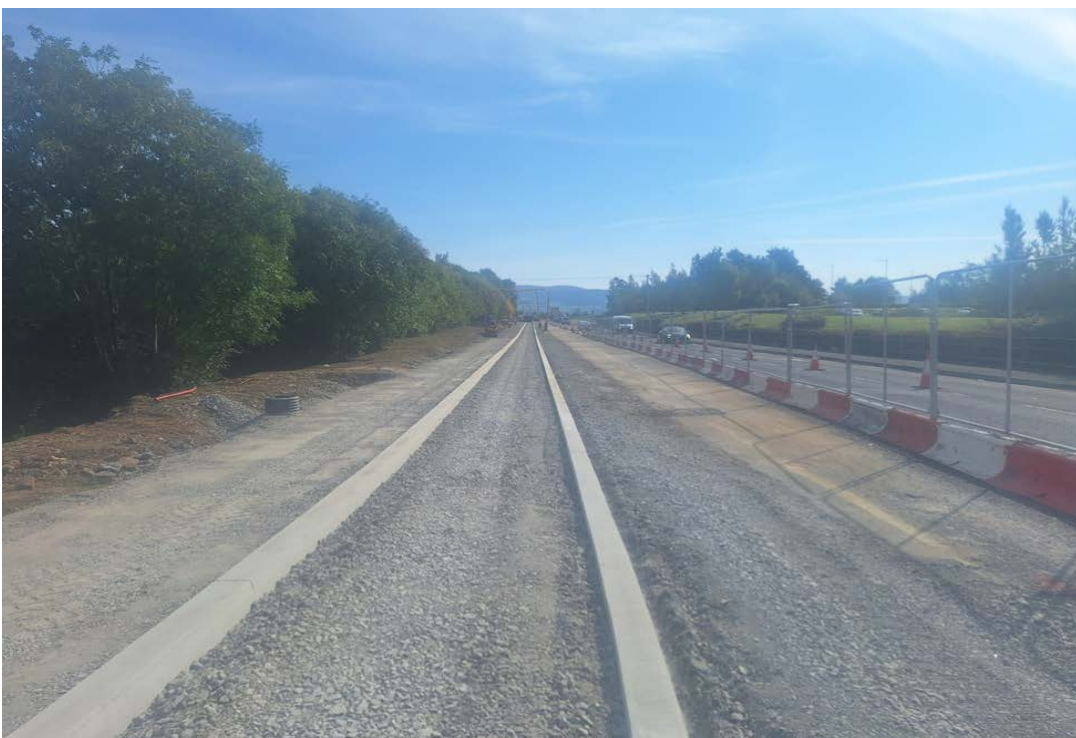
Emly Active Travel Project - Phase 1



Lisbunny Active Travel Project



Cashel Road Clonmel Active Travel Project





FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Tipperary County Council has taken over the Chair of both the regional steering & working groups.	Coordinate and administer this function in the region for 2024/2025
Building Control	Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment. Onsite inspections ongoing	Complete annual inspection programme for 2024 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Quality, Health & Safety	Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2024 – successfully certified to both standards	Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan
Fire Safety	Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2024	Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 1st Oct 2024
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1297
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	81
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	78
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	55
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	58
Number of Commencement Notices Received	350

Civil Defence

Activities	Ukrainian Response
<p>Training</p>	<p>Training of our volunteers in on-going. Recent training included Radio Communications, Food Safety, Search, Life Jacket Competency & Water Awareness. Volunteers also attended the Civil Defence College in Roscrea to undergo specialized training in Critical Incident Stress Management & Designated Liaison training for dealing with children and vulnerable persons.</p>  <p>Recertification of Instructors is also vitally important and both on line and in person recertification in Manual Handling, First Aid Responder and Cardiac First Responder has taken place.</p> 
<p>Regional Support</p>	<p>In August, Tipperary Civil Defence were delighted to assist Wexford Civil Defence with medical cover for Fleadh Ceoil na Eireaan. Our team worked closely with the HSE, National Ambulance Service and other PRA's for the duration of the festival.</p> <p>Tipperary Civil Defence also provide medial and Ambulance support to Limerick Civil Defence for the Great Limerick Run. Support was also given to North Cork for autocross.</p>

Health & Safety

Civil Defence is currently reviewing Risk Assessments for our activities.& facilities. Instructors and senior volunteers are actively engaged in this process. A new Red Tag Policy for the reporting of defective equipment is now in place

Community Support & Duties

Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks including, the Knockmealdown Challenge, Clonmel Horse Show, Thurles Liberty Music Festival, Boston Scientific Half Marathon , Gurteen Agri College, and many other cultural event.

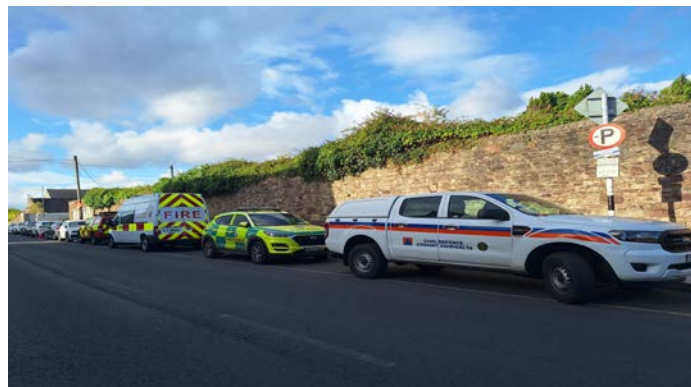


Liberty Music Festival Thurles

Tipperary Civil Defence were also delighted to provide medical cover for the homecoming of our Olympic Champions and for the big screen showing of the race.

Civil Defence has also assisted the Local Authority in the provision of medical cover for a number of Civic receptions, and activities organized by Tipperary Sports Partnership.

We also provide medical cover for the one-year anniversary of the death of 4 young people in Clonmel. We, along with other emergency Service attended the memorial ceremony at the Plaza in Clonmel.



Civil Defence along with other Emergency Services attended the memorial Service on the Plaza Clonmel

National Ploughing Championship

Tipperary Civil Defence were requested to aid the Civil Defence Headquarters in Roscrea with both vehicles and volunteers to meet and greet the public in the stand at this year's National Ploughing Event. Our volunteers demonstrated the skill of CFR and use of the A.E.D. Our Drone Pilots gave a very informative description of the capacity of the Civil Defence Drones



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>
Residential Zoned Land Tax	3no. appeals lodged with An Bord Pleanala in respect of Determinations. Appeal decisions due in November 2024.	<p>Consultation open on exclusion / inclusion of lands on Maps from 1st Feb 2024 to 1st April 2024 and on land use zoning changes from 1st Feb 2024 to 31st May 2024.</p> <p>Determinations issued on exclusions / inclusions prior to 1st July 2024.</p> <p>Decision on zoning change requests issued prior to 31st July 2024.</p>	Final maps to be prepared having consideration to (i) the Draft Maps, (ii) Determinations and (iii) the decision made by An Bord Pleanala on the 3no. appeals.
Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031	Last stages prior to publication of Draft Plan being finalised.	Draft Plan progressed and updated, having regard to pre-draft public consultation, extensive consultation and engagement and environmental assessment.	<p>Draft Plan to be published on 25th October 2024. Public consultation on the Draft Plan open until Monday, 9th December 2024.</p> <p>Chief Executive Reports to be provided to Elected members on any submissions received in January 2025.</p>
First Revision to the Draft National Policy Framework (NPF)	Department considering all submissions received throughout the country	Public consultation published by the Department on 10 th July -12 th Sept. TCC submission made on 12 th September	Department has indicated a timetable of October 2025 for finalisation of the First Revision to the NPF.

<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	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan	Tender awarded and TCF Plan in progress	Draft to be finalised and TCF team to review
	Draft Newport TCF Plan .	Draft Plan published for submissions. Town Team formed	Finalise draft.
	Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared.	TCF plan to be developed	Tender process for TCF plan to be progressed
	Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan	Town team formed and Thrive funding secured	Tender process for TCF plan to be progressed
	TCF Suite of Funding supports for towns < 10,000	Ongoing for Thurles, Nenagh and Cashel	Funding to be allocated for support of TCF teams

<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>
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	Construction commenced end of May, 2023 and works were substantially completed in early September, 2024.	Compile snagging list and complete outstanding works.
Thurles Market Quarter -Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Final Business Case approved by the Department. Successful/Unsuccessful letters issued to tenderers. Contracts signed on 18 th . June, 2024. Works commenced on site early August, 2024.	Complete construction works by end of September, 2025



<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Feedback obtained from the Fire Services Authority integrated into the detailed design.</p>	<p>Undertake cost estimates and complete detailed design.</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>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Works commenced mid-November, 2023 and are 90% complete. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay - Tender documents for the construction stage at an advanced stage of completion. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Request for Tenders advertised on e-Tenders and tenders received by closing date in September, 2024.</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park - Complete works by October 2024. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay - Complete tender documentation. Advertise for tenders, prepare Final Business Case for submission to the Department and appoint contractor in Q4 2024. Phase 3 Digital Hub – Finalise assessment of tenders. Prepare Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q4 2024.</p>
<p>Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1</p>	<p>Approval in Principle received from the Department. Library and Market House Business Development Centre– Detailed design completed on the library. Assessment completed on Stage 1 submissions received through e-Tenders for the establishment of a Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Council owned buildings and tenderers notified of outcome. Car Park Site – Demolition and enabling works on the car park site completed. Finalise assessment on Stage 1 submissions received through e-Tenders for the establishment of a Multi-Party Framework Agreement for public realm works. Market House Enabling Works – Tender documents under preparation.</p>	<p>Library and Market House Business Development Centre – Issue Stage 2 tender documents to tenderers who were entered into the Framework and assess tenders. Appoint contractor circa end of Q4 2024. Car Park Site - Issue Successful/Unsuccessful letters to tenderers who made submissions under Stage 1 of the Framework Agreement. Issue Stage 2 tender documents to tenderers who were entered into the Framework and assess tenders. Appoint contractor circa end of Q4 2024.</p>



		Market House Enabling Works – Undertake procurement process for tenders. Appoint contractor circa end of Q4 2024.
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	Approval in Principle received from the Department. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team completed.	Advertise for contractors for the construction stage on e-Tenders. Assess tenders and appoint contractor.
Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell	Approval in Principle received from the Department.	Finalise detailed designs on Dan Breen and the former Courthouse.

National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2	Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads - Extensive consultations ongoing with statutory bodies. Part 8 Planning documentation completed. Part 8 advertised in July with submissions/observations accepted up to 30th. August, 2024.	Phase 2 – Compile Part 8 Report for consideration by the Thurles District Members at the October District Meeting. Procure for design team in Q4 2024 to prepare detailed design and oversee the construction stage.

<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>Design team appointed on 30th May, 2024. Ongoing progress meetings being held with design team. Questionnaire compiled for input by key stakeholders of the proposed building.</p>	<p>Complete preliminary design in Q4 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 Thurle.</p>		

Vacancy and Dereliction Team

- Second Vacant Homes Officer based in Clonmel commenced 23 September
- New team formation to be finalised end of October
- Workshop to be held with elected members in Q4 2024 to outline functions of the new team

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds: Projects completed to date

The following projects are delivered.

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration – Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub
- Tipperary Town Regeneration: Market Yard and River Ara Walkway
- Fethard Town Park
- Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Category 2
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter - Category 2
- Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan – Category 2
- Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement -Phase 1 New Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square

Carrick on Suir Local Area Plan

A Draft Plan will be published on Friday, 25th October 2024, with public consultation then ongoing until 9th December 2024. A public drop-in event will be held in Carrick-on-Suir Library on 13th November 2024, where members of the general public will be able to ask the Planning Policy team questions about the Plan.

The Planning Section has been engaged in extensive consultation with relevant stakeholders in developing the Draft Plan. Workshops in July and September were held with Elected Members of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to explain processes involved in making the LAP.

Pre-Draft (non-statutory) consultation on the LAP took place from 7th May 2024 until 4th June 2024, with a public event held in the local library. A report on the Pre-Draft Consultation was provided to Elected Members in July for noting. 21 submissions were received during the Pre-Draft stage.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Public Consultation on the Draft Maps opened on 1st February. People had an opportunity to make submissions on whether lands should be included / excluded on the Final Maps until 1st April, and until 31st May to make submissions on requests to amend the land use zoning of lands.

13 Submissions were received on whether lands should be included / excluded on the Final Maps. 9 of these submissions were from landowners, and specific “Determinations” were required on these 9 submissions. These landowners were notified of Determinations prior to 1st July 2024. 4 additional ‘Evaluations’ were made.

2 Submissions were received requesting changes to land use zoning. Landowners are required to be notified of decisions on these submissions by 31st July 2024.

Landowners will have the opportunity to appeal Determinations to An Bord Pleanála. Final maps will be drafted having consideration to (i) the Draft Maps, (ii) Determinations and (iii) any decision made by An Bord Pleanála on appeals.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2024 and 2025

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2024** sought to encourage the conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also supports the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

The allocation for Tipperary County Council under the Built Heritage investment scheme for 2024 is €126,400 and 13 projects are in the final completion stages. Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of €30,341 under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures and is supporting works to 2 thatch structures. Grants awarded range from €2,500 up to €18,000. On completion the projects will be inspected by Michael O’Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect engaged by Tipperary County Council and grants paid out.



6 Projects are also underway under the **Historic Structure Fund 2024** which supports conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. On completion of the projects a final inspection will also be carried out by Michael O’Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect engaged by Tipperary County Council and the grants will then be paid out totalling €240,000.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2025

Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, announced the continuation of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme in 2025 for the repair and conservation of protected structures. The announcement is approximately four months earlier than the traditional timeframe and, along with an increase in the value for individual grants that be awarded from €15,000 to €50,000, is one of several changes that have been made to the scheme for 2025 to try to make it more efficient both for applicants and those administering the scheme.

The closing date for submission of completed applications is **4.00pm on Friday 27th September, 2024**. Please note incomplete applications or applications received after the closing date cannot be accepted.

Any queries on any of the above schemes can be directed to Jacqui Dowling, Staff Officer, Planning Section.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/24 to 31/08/24

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	126	118	8	4	1
Housing Development	15	12	3	2	1
NIA/EIA	3	2	1	6	0
Other Applications	523	506	17	17	5
Total	667	638	29	29	7



Enforcement Proceedings

There were 151 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st Aug 2024. During this period 196 Warning Letters and 35 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2023	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2024	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2024
24	21	4	1	4	4

- 1 development (12 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2024.
- 4 housing estates are currently with Roads section for advertising.
- 4 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2024.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first and second meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2024 were held on 22nd February and 23rd May. Updates were given in February on Residential Zoned Land Tax, Emergency Services, Planning workload update and project Ireland 2040 update. In May the updates were on Temporary Waiver Development Contributions Update, Emergency Services, Carrick-on-Suir LAP and Tipperary Town LAP. The date for the next meeting will be confirmed when new SPC in place.

Library Service



- To celebrate National Play Day, Thurles Library held a Children's Event-DanceFit & Games Class with Clodagh O'Dwyer from CloFit on 15th July.
- Thurles Library hosted Barnardo's Family Wellbeing Workshop on 11th July. This workshop was facilitated by Colette O'Loughlin, Barnardo's Wellbeing Co-Ordinator.

Collins is an award-winning freelance photographer currently living in Holycross. Mark spent 20 years working as a cinematographer in the Australian film industry before returning to Tipperary in 2019.



- Thurles Library held Summer Stars Reading Adventure Presentation Day with entertainer Tony Baloney & Leroy the Talking Dog on 7th September. Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It ran from 4th June - 31st August 2024. 327 children signed up for Thurles Library's Summer Stars Reading Adventure in 2024.
- Thurles Library hosted a workshop by Fiona Hall, Psychotherapist entitled 'Changing the Narrative of your Life' on 21st September. Over 40 people attended this event which was held part of the Healthy Ireland At Your Library programme.



- Thurles Library hosted a Photographic Exhibition entitled *Attention/Intention* by Mark Collins for the month of August. Mark



- As part of the Summer Stars Programme of Events, Nenagh Library held a Library Treasure Hunt on 4th July. Over 100 children took part and all adventurers successfully plundered their golden tickets after completing their quests.



- Nenagh Library held a Roald Dahl themed STEM workshop on 5th July. The participating children became

scientists, creating their own mesmerizing lava lamps.



- Nenagh Library hosted a Manga Comic Workshop with the author and illustrator, John Carpenter on 8th August. John delivered a two-hour workshop showing 25 enthusiastic young people, from ages 9-14yrs, how to draw Manga characters.



Breda O'Meara, Nenagh Library and participants in the Craft Workshop

- Nenagh Library held a Craft workshop on 21st August. Children and their parents enjoyed crafting paper boats and paper elephants which were then floated in water outside the Library.
- **Clonmel Junction Festival at Clonmel Library:** This was the third year of collaboration between

Clonmel Library and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to provide a literary strand to the festival. Three events took place over the closing weekend of the festival. The events held were:



- Niall De Burca's Performance Storytelling Workshop which was held on 6th July.



- The Main Event featured the author Claire Kilroy in conversation with Jackie Lynam discussing "Soldier Sailor", Claire's novel about the struggles of motherhood. This event took place on 6th July and was very well attended.



Stephanie Woods, Clonmel Library and Andrew Hughes

- The author Andrew Hughes was interviewed by Stephanie Woods, Clonmel Library on 4th July where Andrew discussed two of his novels, "The Coroner's Daughter" and the new contemporary thriller "Emma, Disappeared".



- As part of National Play Day, Clonmel Library organised a workshop entitled 'Explore Books through Sensory Play' which was provided by Sense-Sational Kids. This event took place on 13th July.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted the launch of the bilingual book *'Camchnairt na Carraige agus Eolas ar an gCúiltúr'* (A Tour of Carrick-on-Suir and Information on its Hinterland) by Conradh na Gaeilge Charraig na Siúire on 10th July.

- Carrick-on-Suir Library in partnership with OurKidsCode held children's coding camp from 22nd July – 26th July. The workshops were fully subscribed and were very successful.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted an art Exhibition during the month of September entitled Islamic Geometry by Saffron Wells. Saffron is a herbalist and artist based in Carrick-on-Suir.
- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a Gardening talk with Adrian O'Connor on 20th September. Adrian spoke to members of the public about planting and propagating seeds and much more.



- Mosaic Art Classes art with Margueritte Kent resumed in Carrick-on-Suir Library after the summer break. The group mosaic (pictured above) has been completed and the participants will move on to work on individual pieces.



- As part of National Play Day, Roscrea Library organised a Play Session with Happy Hands which took place on 16th July.



- Roscrea Library held a Summer Stars Reading Adventure Presentation Day with entertainer Tony Baloney & Leroy the Talking Dog on 6th September.



- Roscrea Library hosted a talk on seeds and planting by Michael Maher, Head Gardener, Ballyfin House on 23rd September. This event was held as part of Sustainable Development Goals Week.



- Templemore Library hosted an art Exhibition during the month of August entitled *Winds of Resistance* by Rosemary Noonan. Rosemary is an artist based in Templemore.



- As part of National Play Day, Templemore Library organised a Play Session for toddlers with Happy Hands which took place on 19th July.
- Templemore Library organised a Lego Read and Make Session for St Colmcille's Primary School Summer Camp on 7th August. The children chose books from the Library's Non-Fiction collection and made a Lego creation based on an interesting fact that they learned from their chosen book.



- Cashel Library organised a Magic and Mayhem Party with Firefly Parties on 11th July. This was organised for children who were participating in the Summer Star Reading programme.
- Cashel Library hosted a talk by Liam O'Dúibhir, from the "Friends of Bianconi" group who gave a wonderfully informative talk on "Bianconi in Boherlahan", as part of "Charles Bianconi Day" on Friday 16th August. This event was held as part of Heritage Week.



- Templemore Library held a Summer Stars Reading Adventure Presentation Day with entertainer Tony Baloney & Leroy the Talking Dog on 5th September.



- Cashel Library hosted an event with Bill O'Brien from "The Lost Songs of Ireland Podcast" on 20th August. This event allowed participants to hear and explore forgotten songs from Co. Tipperary. This event was held as part of Heritage Week.



- Cashel Library hosted a Céilí workshop with Michael Cooney on 21st August. This event was held as part of Heritage Week.
- To celebrate National Play Day, Killenaule Library held a Children's Event-DanceFit & Games Class with Clodagh O'Dwyer from CloFit on 18th July.



- Killenaule Library organised a Slime Making workshop with Firefly Parties on 22nd August. This was organised for children who were participating in the Summer Star Reading programme.



- Gráinne Ní Eidhin, Community Food and Nutrition Worker in Knockanrawley Resource Centre visited Tipperary Town Library on 23rd September as part of National Be Active Day, European Week of Sport. Gráinne gave a talk aimed at transition year students. This event took place as part of our Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme.



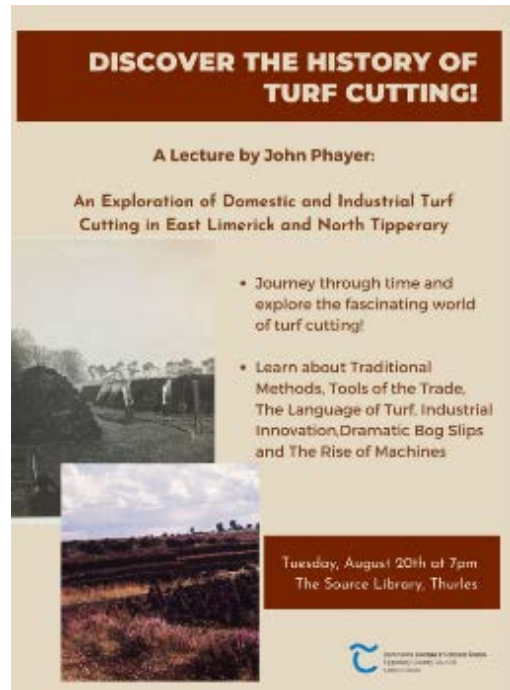
- Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach officially launched the Real Me Project in Tipperary Town Library on Culture Night. The project

engaged 10 adults and 6 children with disabilities who wanted to explore and share their personal life experiences living in the community with a disability and expressing their story through art. Each participant created their own book, sharing their own life stories. These books were created with the assistance of artist Mags Rudnika.



- To celebrate Culture Night, Tipperary Town Library hosted a musical performance by the Ryan Brothers. The Ryan Brothers come from Tipperary Town and have been involved in music for more than twenty years both in bands and as a two-piece.

Tipperary Studies



- Tipperary Studies hosted a lecture entitled ‘*An exploration of Domestic and Industrial Turf Cutting in East Limerick & North Tipperary*’ which was given by John Phayer. There was over fifty people in attendance and this event was held as part of Heritage Week.



- Tipperary Studies organised guided heritage walk the historic streetscapes of Thurles with Barry O'Reilly, National Inventory of Architectural Heritage on 21st August. Over sixty people went on the walk and this event was held as part of Heritage Week.

Arts Service



- **Culture Night Tipperary 2024** attracted an audience of over 3000 people on the evening of Friday, September 20th, collaborating closely with our arts and cultural partners, we developed and

coordinated 38 events, across 12 towns and villages. Tipperary came alive with a vibrant programme of live performances, workshops, tours, screenings and exhibitions. Events were held in Clonmel, Nenagh, Templemore, Carrick on Suir, Cahir, Fethard, Borrisokane, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Cloughjordan, Cashel and Roscrea.

Kickham Plaza, Clonmel, hosted the inaugural “Enter the Night” event as part of Tipperary’s Culture Night LATE programming, drawing over 1000 people over the course of the evening. Headliners Houseplants made a highly anticipated return to Clonmel and the dynamic duo of Irish music legends Paul Noonan (Bell X1) and Daithi did not disappoint. Festivities began at 5pm with a workshop led by artist Mags Rudnicka at the South Tipperary Arts Centre Chapel, where more than 160 children crafted harvest creatures. Later, performances by From Out the Land, Eve Whelan, The Line, MDR, and Vale filled the night with original music. The event culminated with Houseplants delivering a sensational performance, leaving the crowd energised with their signature blend of heartfelt electronic music.

Furthermore, we found ways to celebrate the diversity of culture in Tipperary again this year. Nenagh Arts Centre held a multi-cultural event which included workshops, musical performances and food tasting celebrating the culture and cuisine of Ireland, Ukraine, Brazil and South Africa. Cashel Comhaltas hosted an evening of song and

dance alongside the Federation of Indian Communities in Ireland who showcased some of their traditional dance forms. In addition, Down Syndrome Tipperary enjoyed a joyous celebration of Down Syndrome Culture in their headquarters in Thurles.



- Damer House Gallery, Roscrea, presented a seminar on The School of Hibernia (after Raphael), 2024 a high-profile project which received national and international recognition. The photograph depicts a full-scale re-enactment of Raphael’s School of Athens 1511 fresco with an all-women cast devised by the art collective Na Cailleacha and staged in collaboration with Trinity’s History of Art and Architecture Department in the Museum Building. The image features women from a variety of age profiles and backgrounds, all leaders in their fields, who have contributed to human knowledge. This Culture Night event comprised of a large-scale projection of the work and a cross-disciplinary, inter-generational seminar, highlighting the importance of integrating and critiquing art history, architecture, education, science and other

disciplines from sport to social activism.

- **Tipperary Artist Award 2024**
25 Artists were awarded funding through the Tipperary Artist Award Scheme in 2024. The purpose of this scheme is to support professional artists under the following categories:
 - a. Professional Development
 - b. Creation of new Work
 - c. Reaching Audiences

Some images of the works created below:



'Hills of Love' written by Aine Ryan, performed at Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, July 2024



The making of 'Seams in my Socks', a live performance piece for harpsichord, tape, electronic and moving image by Yonit Kosovske in collaboration with Justin Grounds.

Tipperary EDI Artist Practice Bursary Award 2024



- The newly developed Tipperary EDI Artist Practice Bursary Award supported by The Arts Council, opened in late June and offered €5000 to professional artists of any artform or career stage. The bursary offers the artist the opportunity to develop their practice, a specific artistic project, or both. Aligned with the Arts Council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Plan, addressing barriers faced by under-represented artists, including those from marginalized backgrounds based on gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, membership of the Traveller Community and socio-economic status. This year's recipient, playwright and filmmaker Tzarini Meyler, will use the award to support the work of her first feature film, 'The Three Chairs' inspired by the true stories of three Irish women who joined the French Resistance during World War II.

Heritage Service

Heritage Week – August 2024



Lough Derg E Bikes



National Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme
Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council
Radio Carrick Exhibition

Festivals Development

- The Tipperary County Council Arts Office developed a new Festivals Promotion Campaign across the county during 2024. The intention of this campaign is to highlight the vibrant festival scene in Tipperary and enhance its reputation as a top destination for festivals and events in addition to supporting festivals own advertising strategies. This campaign has featured on social media, using distinctive branding to maximize visibility and engagement and highlights a number of festivals supported by the Council to inform the public about when and how to attend and to optimise linkages with partner organisations and sectors through joint promotion such as tourism agencies, local development etc.



Friends of Bianconi Boherlahan



Boher Development Group

Feedback has been very positive from locations and the public.



Roscrea Heritage Society



Duhill Community Council

- Heritage Week 2024 took place August 17th to 25th this year and the theme was: ***Connections, Routes and Networks***
99 events took place over the course of the week in various locations around the county
Our Heritage Week Grant schemes provided funding support and promotional material to 30 groups and organisations.
We also launched a County Guide for the first time this year which was available in the lead up to Heritage Week at Council offices and branch libraries and Tourist Offices.



Tipperary ICAN logo for community archive websites

Irish Community Archive Network ICAN

- Two in person training days took place in Thurles in September to train the 6 pilot groups on the system Irish Community Archive network system. The training was very practical and all attendees now have access to their archive websites and are fully equipped to start uploading content in advance of the Tipperary launch which we are hoping to have before Christmas.
- The 6 pilot sites will be Tipperary Heritage Office, Cahir Historical & Social Society, Slieveradagh Mining Heritage Group, Tipperary in the Decade of Revolutions, Ormond Historical Society and Borrisoleigh Heritage & Cultural Society.

Creative Ireland Programme



- In preparation for **Cruinniú na nÓg**, Ireland's national annual festival of creativity for young people we have begun a consultation

process with young people across the county to ask their views as to what creative activities they would like to explore for next year's programme. The 2024 festival has been Tipperary County Council's largest **Cruinniú na nÓg** to date with over 50 events and creative projects and audience figures in excess of 2000.



- **Creative Ireland Health and Wellbeing Funding:** With the support of Creative Ireland funding, a number of summer camps for children with life-long physical health conditions took place across the Mid-West region this summer and will continue across the mid-term break.
- From September to December 2024, Mags Rudnicka will work with

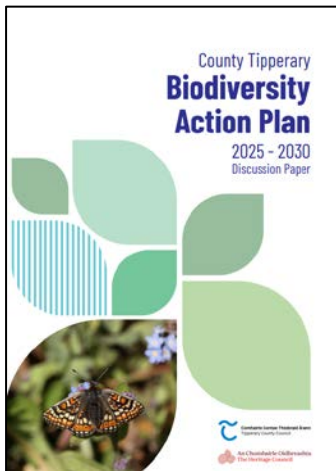
people with disabilities in the Tipperary Town area on a project called The Real Me. The Real Me will explore how people with disabilities view their life through their own words providing a deep insight into how it feels to live with a disability either physical or otherwise. These storybooks will provide a visual and impactful narrative and will ultimately be displayed in the library as a celebration of the work. This project is a collaboration between the HSE and Tipperary Town Library with the support of Creative Ireland funding.

- Details of Creative Ireland projects for 2024 can be found <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/tipperary/>

Royal Sites Bid

- A new Royal Sites of Ireland Coordinator has been appointed as the Royal Sites Project Coordinator. Caitriona O'Connor commenced in this role in September and will coordinate and lead on this project.
- An MOU has been finalised with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and will be signed in the coming weeks
- The Department has agreed to provide matched funding to cover nomination costs.

Biodiversity Service



- Pre-draft public consultation for the Tipperary Biodiversity Action Plan began on the 14th of August with the publication of the Biodiversity Discussion paper on the public consultation portal.



- Public Consultation drop in clinics were held Thurles Library, Clonmel Library, Nenagh Library, Carrick-on-Suir Library and Tipperary Town Library between the 19th and 27th of August.



- In celebration of Heritage Week 2024, a number of biodiversity related events were held. The theme of Heritage Week 2024 was Connections, Routes and Networks. In keeping with the theme, a swallow ringing workshop was held at Cabragh Wetlands in conjunction with BirdWatch Ireland (Tipperary Branch).



- The Biodiversity Office held a 'Gardening for Biodiversity and Climate Action' workshop with sustainability consultant Aoife Munn on 14th September. The event was well received with 35 in attendance.

Museum Service



An Taoiseach, Simon Harris TD and Cllr Michael Murphy, Mayor, Clonmel BD greeted by Marie McMahon & Damien Dullaghan



From L-R Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, TCC, Sean Kelly, MEP, Marie McMahon, John Kelly, Taoiseach, Simon Harris, TD, Cllr Michael Murphy, Mayor, Clonmel BD, Minister Helen McEntee, TD, Cllr John Fitzgerald, Senator Garret Ahearn, Cllr Mark Fitzgerald. Cathaoirleach, Carrick-on-Suir MD

Visit to Tipperary Museum by An Taoiseach, Simon Harris, TD

- The Museum team were delighted to welcome a visit on 30th August by An Taoiseach Simon Harris and Minister Helen McEntee who were accompanied by Seán

Kelly, MEP Senator Garret Ahearn, TCC Cathaoirleach Cllr Declan Burgess, Cllr. Michael Murphy Cllr. John Fitzgerald, Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald and John D Kelly all in attendance.



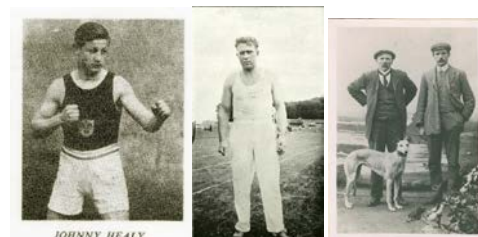
- The Museum launched the John D. Kelly photography exhibition 'Visual Emotion' in July. It is a celebration of John's work over the past 40 years. It features an array of unforgettable moments in the county's history from the highs of winning All-Irelands to the lows of the Covid pandemic. It captures the lives of ordinary Tipperary people and the evolution of Clonmel and Tipperary over the years. A selection of images can also be viewed on the Museum Website - <https://www.hiddenhistory.ie/online-exhibitions/visual-emotion-john-d-kelly>



- An audience of 65 people attend the Museum’s heritage week event on Saturday 17th August in Carrick on Suir. The guided talk/walk led by Ralph O’ Callaghan and Brian White gave a fascinating insight into the cultural, natural and built heritage of the River Suir and tow path.
- The **‘Death & Faith’** section in the museum has been used as inspiration for a new oral history collection which will be begin recording this coming month. It will feature various undertakers and members of the church and will over the culture and folklore of death and funerals within Tipperary



- A very interesting examination was handed into the Museum in mid-June. Large sections of clay pot which was found in the River Suir by a local man. Images were looked at by specialists in UCD school of Archaeology and were then passed to renowned pottery specialist, Clare McCutcheon. She identified it as a pottery type from France called Redware Cooking Pottery/ware. They date from the 11th/12th century to the 16th century.
- Sports material from the Tipperary Museum’s collection has been gathered and photographed and/or scanned for use in and upcoming book by UCC’s John Crowley. Similar to his previous works, the atlas of the revolution and the atlas of the famine, this volume – the atlas of sports will focus on sports throughout Ireland and will include some images from the collection.





FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th August 2024

		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	45,915,334	47,811,603	96%	1,896,269	44,969,840	47,104,166	95%	2,134,326	(945,494)
B	Road Transport & Safety	44,608,789	60,638,999	74%	16,030,210	31,761,952	41,698,401	76%	9,936,449	(12,846,837)
C	Water Services	9,423,331	14,930,489	63%	5,507,158	8,614,040	14,366,139	60%	5,752,099	(809,291)
D	Development Management	21,332,458	23,356,907	91%	2,024,449	13,391,052	11,031,135	121%	(2,359,917)	(7,941,406)
E	Environmental Services	26,023,706	52,473,153	50%	26,449,447	13,236,000	32,619,608	41%	19,383,608	(12,787,706)
F	Recreation & Amenity	10,593,133	15,841,198	67%	5,248,065	1,969,059	2,668,927	74%	699,868	(8,624,074)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,477,528	2,012,720	73%	535,192	1,077,210	1,327,851	81%	250,641	(400,318)
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,177,248	17,088,811	71%	4,911,563	12,757,496	18,186,945	70%	5,429,449	580,249
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	19,037,894	28,556,840	67%	9,518,946	19,037,893
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	24,234,074	36,593,868	66%	12,359,794	24,234,074
Totals		171,551,527	234,153,880	73%	62,602,353	171,048,616	234,153,880	73%	63,105,264	(502,911)



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th August 2024

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	34,636,173	33,317,567
B Road Transport & Safety	9,875,686	8,290,147
C Water Services	1,923,964	2,295,426
D Development Management	12,960,856	13,438,839
E Environmental Services	1,130,286	1,179,275
F Recreation & Amenity	1,255,618	1,108,886
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	142,388	109,874
H Miscellaneous Services	1,009,803	113,092
Total	62,934,774	59,853,105

Collection Rates	YTD 202408	YTD 202308	YTD 202312
Rates	71%	64%	90%
Rents	89%	86%	92%
Housing Loans	99%	99%	99%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2023 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.



COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 31/08/2024 Rate Accruals for 2024 amounted to **€36,351,110**.

Arrears of **€5,520,979** were brought forward from 2023, giving the total amount to be collected as **€41,872,089**. Write offs in the amount of **€252,272** have been processed to date in 2024.

Receipts of **€28,928,880, (71%)**, were recorded to 31/08/2024.

INCREASED COST OF BUSINESS GRANT

ICOB #1 Grants in the amount of **€4,451,321** have been paid out to 2,998 customers to date.

ICOB #2 Grants in the amount of **€2,892,619** have been processed for 1,887 customers.

Registration for the ICOB Grant is now closed. All eligible rates customers were written to advising them of the grant and how to register.

The grant was available to qualifying businesses as a contribution towards the rising costs faced by businesses. The grant was intended to aid businesses but not intended to directly compensate for all increases in wages, or other costs, for every business.

RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2024

Approximately 4,150 (90%) of customers are eligible to benefit from our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme in 2024. If fully subscribed and availed of this could achieve total reductions in their rates of €648,249.

The terms for our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme for 2024 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 2024.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2024.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above, and enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

Credits under the RPIS will be applied to the bulk of qualifying customers in September.



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%	0%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80%	20%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60%	40%

DIGITAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Websites and eDevelopment

eGov Awards



Tipperary County Council (TCC) were finalists in the recent Ireland eGovernment Awards. This event celebrates excellence and innovation in the Irish Public Sector. TCC's project related to being Ireland's first LocalGov drupal web site and we were nominated in the 'cross organisation collaboration' and 'local government' innovation categories. While we were not successful in winning, the nomination highlights our continued efforts and innovation to digitise and transform local government services.

Housing - Continued with digitisation of Housing Services e.g. Property Acquisitions-TIS/SHIP Acquisitions, Housing Delivery Program, LAPRL- New Grant System under Repair and Lease, review of document scanning solution

MS 365 - Continued with analysis of Sharepoint systems for migration- continued work on documenting, archiving and grouping similar systems into categories of complexity for migration. A migration plan will be developed in due course.

HR - Working with HR to implement and plan launch of family friendly initiatives, and to research and support the online job application solution

Streamlining Websites- Work continues to consolidate smaller websites under the main tipperarycoco.ie framework. This reduces costs, maintenance, risk and overheads of having many separate websites. Providing tender support for the discoverloughderg web site.

Innovation funding - Examining submitting the redevelopment of Property Portal as a candidate for potential funding from LGMA.

Facilitated online public consultations for

- Clonmel Infrastructure Links Subsite
- Biodiversity Plan Consultation
- Draft Noise Action Plan
- Part 8's as required (2 per week)

Business and GIS Systems

Continued with replacement of older unsupported architecture hosting systems:

- The Suir Flood Forecasting System – Cloud Environment built and system installation in progress
- Fire Services Rostering and Scheduling software – Testing phase to begin in October
- Museum and Archive systems – Agreements prepared and under review.

- Swimming Pool Systems – Internal review and budgeting
- Planning Enforcement System – Finalised Stage of Procurement
- Housing Digitisation Project – Systems Analysis and Design stage
- eLearning Management System – redesign of functionality
- Upgrade iHouse/iReg and iPlan with replacement Autoaddress API for Eircode API
- Data discovery for the new Asset Management and Private Rental Inspections System

GIS Systems

Progressed the following:

- Development of Noise Action Plan Consultations - Interactive Maps for Public Consultation
- Cataloguing of Apps, Features, layers and data in the current GIS system.
- Upgraded GIS Layers with data received from External agencies
- 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
- Procurement of Mobile Voice and Data Communications - Analysis/Consultation phase with OGP

General Tasks

- Continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status

- Assisted in Procurement for TCC IT Section
 - Water EIP Grants system – Invitation to tender procurement - complete

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

MS 365

- Obtained approval to proceed with implementing MS365 across the organisation.
- Progressed MS 365 preparatory project work as follows:
 - prepared on prem AD & Exchange environment for 365 replication,
 - Prepared 365 tenant for replication.
 - Implemented Entra ID Sync
 - On Prem AD fully replicated with 365.
 - Preparing Exchange for Hybrid configuration
 - Prepared MS Office 365 / Azure tenant to host services
 - Commenced hybrid cloud sizing exercise
 - Progressed implementation of MS Intune mobile device management platform

Elected Members

- Setup new Elected Members with 365 accounts.
- Provided devices iPads/Laptops to new members

General

- Awarded the Managed Print Services contract and commenced rollout
- Completed proof of concept of new connectivity solution for remote sites

- Commenced hybrid cloud sizing exercise
- Supported IT requirements for New Templemore Library
- Progressed new WAN connection for Clonmel Firestation
- Progressed implementation of resilient link to DR site

Security

Continued with:

- Further securing 3rd party access to our network
- Implementing the security segmentation project
- Implementing MS Intune mobile device management platform



- Progressing migration of Sophos endpoint encryption to cloud solution
- Providing online security training

- Conducting organisation wide phishing test and providing follow up training where relevant.

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



- Continued to keep our network and systems safe and secure, and at maximum uptime and performance
- Continued to perform security patching, Application troubleshooting, system upgrades, systems analysis and User support.