



Management Report to Council



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December dates for your Diary

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<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 10:00 Budget W/Shop, Nenagh 14:30 Environment & Climate Action SPC 18:00 Civic Recognition Reception for Foster Carers in North Tipperary	<u>5</u> 10:00 CPG Meeting 14:30 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	<u>6</u> 10:00 Annual Budget Meeting, Clonmel
<u>9</u> 10:00 TCC Plenary Meeting, Clonmel	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 09:30 Site Visit to Shannon Bridge Crossing, Killaloe
<u>16</u> 10:00 LCDC Mtg 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting,	<u>17</u> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Meeting	<u>18</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting 14:00 Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting	<u>19</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>20</u>
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Economic Community and Rural Development Directorate



Tipperary County Council’s Community, Economic, and Rural Development Directorate plays a vital role in fostering inclusive growth across the county. The council is committed to ensuring balanced economic and social development by focusing on various sectors like local enterprise, rural regeneration, tourism, community services, and sports infrastructure.

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u>		
Policy Changes/Updates	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Local Economic and Community Plan	First Reporting Period up to 31 October 2024. Second reporting due 2025.	
County Outdoor Recreational Strategy	Consultation process on-going	
Strategic Policy Committee	The chairperson & committee nominations for both the economic & community SPC have been finalised and the first meeting will take place in December.	
Age Friendly	The 2025 programme is currently being prepared.	



Directorate Priorities		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
<u>JTF Projects Failte Ireland</u>		
Carrick-On-Suir Element 1 <u>Dillon Bridge Arches Activity Centre</u> - Feasibility, concept development, detailed design and planning.	Consultant being appointed.	
Carrick-On-Suir Element 2 <u>Masterplan for Goldcrop site in the town centre.</u>	Tenders being prepared.	Tender to be advertised in the new year.
Roscrea – Public Realm Castle Street: detailed design & planning for the regeneration of Castle Street	Tender documents being finalised.	Tender to be advertised December 2024.

Local Community Initiatives

Tipperary County Council continues to prioritise community-driven projects that improve the lives of residents across the county by providing targeted assistance to disadvantaged groups, promoting both economic and social inclusion.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The mechanism for delivering on these priorities is through the Tipperary LCDC. They are responsible for co-ordinating, planning and overseeing the funding in the county as well as bringing an integrated approach to local community-based services across providers and delivery structures. The wide range of schemes and programmes that LCDC has oversight of continues to grow. It has met eleven times to-date this year and we are delighted to welcome new members as a result of the local elections and through the rotation of community representation via the PPN. Cllr John Carroll was elected Chairperson at the October meeting.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

A new SICAP Programme (SICAP 2024-2028) commenced on January 1st 2024. The focus of the programme is to support individuals back to learning, employment and self employment. The Local Programme Target Groups are

- People impacted by educational disadvantage
- People living in households that are jobless or are in low-paid and/or precarious employment
- Refugees

The Programme is implemented by the two Local Development Companies who are subject to national KPI's. The annual plan for 2025 is currently underway with a December 13th deadline, after which it will be reviewed by the LCDC.

Local Economic and Community Plan

The purpose of the LECP is to set out for the period 2023-2028, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic and community development of the county. The first reporting period for the LECP was up to October 31st and there has been excellent feedback on the new on-line reporting platform. This platform was designed and developed locally by the council's IT section and allows all agencies to provide updates and submissions on their agreed actions through an on-line portal. Such is the success of this interactive shared platform, it has been replicated across another local authority as a 'best in class' reporting mechanism. The December meeting of the LECP advisory group will review and monitor the agreed objectives and actions to-date, feeding back to the Local Community Development Committee.

Tipperary LEADER programme

The partnership of Tipperary LCDC, Tipperary County Council, North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) & South Tipperary Development Company (STDC) continues to implement the objectives of Local Rural Development Strategy for the county.

The following projects were approved for LEADER funding as at 31st October:

- €146,392 to John Hanly & Co, Ballyartella Woollen Mills, Nenagh for roof refurbishment
- € 128,346.75 to Portroe GAA Club for a Community Walkway
- € 19,926.00 to Munster Vales Clg for a Motorcycle tourism feasibility study.
- € 48,954.00 to South Tipperary Development Company CLG for SMART Sustainable Village Plan Training.

Other Funding Schemes Overseen by the Community Development Unit

- Local Enhancement Programme
- Community Recognition Fund
- Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)
- CLÁR
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Local Enhancement Programme

This is a capital fund, supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Funding of €206,558 has been allocated to Tipperary for small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas.

A further €34,426 in current funding is available to community groups to assist with their energy and running costs, to help them continue their important work within the community.

The programme will be advertised by Tipperary County Council in January 2025 with a closing date of late February.

Community Recognition Fund

Funding of €987,845 for 16 projects around the county was approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The fund supports the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

Municipal District	No. of Grants Allocated	Funding Allocated
Carrick-on-Suir	3	€195,000
Clonmel	1	€50,000
Nenagh	2	€119,000
Thurles	8	€508,000
Tipperary Cahir Cashel	2	€115,845

Preparations are underway to advertise window 3 of the fund where a further €400,000 will be allocated. This fund will be advertised in early December 2024 with a closing date of early January 2025.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2024/2025

The ORIS funding scheme supports outdoor recreation activities such as walking, trekking, cycling, kayaking and hiking. It helps to make use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

The 2024/2025 scheme was launched on 17th October. The closing date for expressions of interest are in January and February 2025. The scheme is open to local authorities, local development companies and state bodies.

Clár 2024 Funding

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme from Department of Rural and Community Development that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in rural areas that have experienced significant levels of de-population. Measure 1 of the scheme “Developing Community Facilities & Amenities” is delivered by Tipperary County Council & funding of €522,397 has been secured for 13 projects under 2024 programme.

Engage in Energy

Engage in Energy is one of four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan pilots across the country. It is funded under 'What Works' through the national dormant accounts scheme. In Tipperary, this project will be delivered by Ecovision on behalf of the council in Tipperary Town, Roscrea and in a second phase Carrick on Suir

Planet Youth

The Planet Youth model offers an opportunity to improve outcomes for young people in many areas of their lives. It works by isolating and directly targeting the risk and protective factors that determine their substance use behaviours and enhancing the social environment they are growing up in. The model is underpinned by data derived from the administration of a Planet Youth survey. It is administered to the 15-16-year olds in each target community and it examines all aspects of their lives. The data returned from the survey is used to inform the development of suitable interventions in the community that will help address the known risk and protective for young people and thus improve outcomes. Planet Youth Surveys have taken place across the secondary school network in Tipperary. The survey outcomes can be reported by school, by MD and by county and will be available in quarter 1 2025.

Age Friendly

The following events took place under the Age Friendly programme for this quarter.

- Annual AGM held on 29th August
- Staff and Alliance members participated in the Virtual Dementia Training across the county in October.

The 2025 programme is currently being prepared.

Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership

Former Councillor Noel Coonan has been appointed through an external competition as the Chairperson of the newly formed Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership. The full membership of the committee will be finalised once the the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, which legislates for the establishment of these committees has been enacted. The regulations will be published at that point together with a comprehensive guidance document which will include the selection process for the remaining board members. (the councillors were ratified to the partnership at the October plenary meeting). It is envisaged that the first meeting of the LCSP will be held in the new year January where the nomination process can commence.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The team continues to work with the Ukrainian (BOTP population) and International Protection Applicants across the county. The preparation of the annual workplan for 2025 in collaboration



with the Local Development Companies is underway. The following table details the number of individuals resident in the county

Ukrainian Community (BOTP)	1,830 people
International Protection (IP)	800 people
Total	2,630 people

Sports Development

The Tipperary Sports Partnership (TSP) continues to encourage increased sports and physical activity across the county, especially among marginalized groups through its annual operational plan. It also provides training and funding for local sports clubs, which helps foster a sense of community and promotes long-term involvement in physical activities.

County Strategy

Currently, the team is working with Tipperary County Council & key stakeholders to develop a County Outdoor Recreation Plan for Tipperary. A project team to develop the plan is in place and a consultant has been appointed to work with the team to deliver the strategy. A number of internal and external consultations through focus groups and surveys are under way. It is expected the plan will be completed by February. If you would like further information you can contact Valerie in Sports Partnership or complete survey on the attached link <https://forms.office.com/r/BgVapNg2jU>

Funding Opportunities

Funding was secured from Sport Ireland’s Sport Nation Fund to develop 3x3 Basketball Courts and biodiversity projects in Carrick, Nenagh, Templemore and Tipperary Town.

Community Projects

The following community projects were rolled out throughout the last quarter by the sports partnership team.

- In the Outdoor Community Sports Hub in Clonmel, 3 Events were held with Canoeing Ireland & Clonmel Canoe Club – Rescue Olympics, SE Freestyle Festival and Canoeing Ireland Irish Open Slalom.
- Activator Walking Taster Sessions in Carrick & Thurles.
- On Lough Derg, Introduction to Kayaking was delivered.

- In Tipperary Town a multi sport programme was delivered for marginalised young people.
- In Cahir, a Failte Sport Event was held targeting non irish which included a 5 aside Soccer Tournament and Family Day.

School Programmes

Four school programmes were rolled out which included the delivery of the

- Wibbly Wobbly Balance Programme to a further 12 Preschools,
- Sli Naduir Outdoor Education Programme in 2 schools,
- Sports Leader Award in 1 Secondary School and
- Support for Cycling Ireland's Cycle Right programme.

Intervention Programmes

A number of interventions were facilitated which included

- 2 Summer Sport & Wellness Programmes for marginalised youths
- A Horse Riding programme was rolled out for travellers in Littleton.

Sport4Empowerment ESF+ programme

As part of this programme,

- Aqua Fit and a series of taster sessions are taking place for Ukrainian youths linking with local clubs in partnership with the Integration Team.
- A Bike Maintenance & Mountain Bike Skills was delivered with TULSA.
- Work continues with TRTP providing a Handball programme for traveller men in Tipperary Town which included Foundation GAA Handball Coaching.
- A traveller women's programmes is being facilitated with NTDC in Roscrea.

Disability Programmes

A variety of inclusive programmes were delivered for People with Disabilities, the highlight was the Sports Ability Day in Thurles, where participants enjoyed Golf, Cricket, Rugby, Basketball, Hockey, Cycling, Soccer and Badminton. Other programmes included Boccia, Activator Pole Walking for Adults, Introduction to Cycling for young people, 3 swimming programmes and a Aquatic programme with Down Syndrome Tipperary. Inclusive Paddling was delivered with Scoil Aonghusa. As part of European Week of Sport an Inclusive Athletics Event was held in the Sport Hub in Clonmel. In addition, to support people with disabilities to take part in sport, sport wheelchairs were provided to Fethard Town Park and the Sport Hub in Clonmel who also received a handcyle. Table Tennis Tables are been purchased for Fethard Town Park and inclusive equipment for the Tipperary Warriors a sports club for children with disabilities in Thurles.

Her Outdoors Week

As part of Her Outdoors Week a variety of activities were delivered which included Kayaking on Lough Derg, Intro to Mountain Biking, Dragon Boating and Intro to

Mountaineering to support female participation. A Swimmin Women Programme was recently completed in Carrick, Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles & Roscrea. A highlight in the County was the Cahir Meet n Train 2024 South Tipperary Mini Marathon with the 2 Johnnies with over 550 participants, TSP was delighted to support this event. Aqua Fit Programmes for older adults are currently been delivered in Carrick and Nenagh.

Training & Education Programme

The team also provided training and education programmes which included Safeguarding 1, 2 and 3 workshops along with a Club Education Package that covered Nutrition, Psychology, Strength & Conditioning and Long Term Play Development. In partnership with Clare and Limerick LSPs and TUS a Sport Club Administration Level 6 Award is currently running to support clubs to develop and support them to develop strategic plans for their clubs.

All activities are promoted on social media channels, Facebook, X, Instagram & on Tipperary Sports website.

FAI

The following is an update on football initiatives & development within Tipperary by the two FAI Development Officers based in Tipperary.

Local and regional consultation meetings were held with clubs and leagues for their input into the FAI Football Pathways Plan. Work continues with clubs to support them to achieve the FAI Club Mark which is a series of accreditation awards for grassroots clubs based on best practice in the governance, management & administration of a club. Moneygall FC, have achieved the Two Star award which is the highest level of this award. Meetings were held with 26 other clubs to support the entry level application which is now mandated for all clubs to complete. 1 club has registered for the One Star Award. Coach Development sessions were also held with 3 clubs.

Football for All Club programmes

3 Football for All Club programmes were supported with FFA Club Blitzes and sessions with local clubs & community groups which run weekly providing opportunities for players with disabilities to play regular football. A Female Walking Football programme was delivered which was the first all-female programme to be delivered in Tipperary.

UEFA Disney Playmakers programme

The UEFA Disney Playmakers programme was delivered in 15 clubs and 4 Schools. Training was provided to new club coaches and school teachers to the support the delivery along with equipment. Over 500 girls aged between 4 – 8 years of age took part. The Futsal in the Yard programme for 3rd & 4th class was delivered in 18 schools to date with over 900 pupils.

Women Football Kick Fit programme



This programme continues in 6 clubs who train weekly and 3 groups have formed teams for the Women 7v7 Winter League. A Blitz was also held with 60 participants.

FAI Emerging Talent programme

This programme continues to be supported with League squads supported for boys and girls. In addition, Tipperary have boys and girls supported in Regional Centre of Excellences on a weekly basis.

Tourism

Tipperary's tourism has experienced sustained growth, with the council working closely with Fáilte Ireland and business stakeholders to promote the county as a key destination for leisure and sports.

Tipperary Tourism Company

Tipperary Tourism CLG held 3 meetings to-date. This company is a marketing and industry development group that promotes Tipperary as a leading visitor destination. The Board of Directors, consisting of tourism industry representatives from across Tipperary, provides strategic direction and is supported by Tipperary County Council with operational guidance. The year-end meeting in December will focus on planning priorities for 2025.

Key Initiatives

Munster Vales and the Lough Derg tourism programmes are a collaborative piece with adjoining local authorities and are led by dedicated marketing officers based in Tipperary County Council.

The highlight of this quarter for destination Lough Derg was Quest Lough Derg which featured 1200 registered participants and an audience of 650 – 700 people.

During this quarter the highlight for Munster Vales was featuring on At Your Service on RTE.

Tipperary's tourism team continue to collaborate with Kildare County Council & Failte Ireland in relation to the Thoroughbred Country 5-year Destination Experience Plan which was developed to drive and sustain tourism in Kildare & Tipperary by developing new and enhanced visitor horse related experiences across both counties.

Elements of the Tipperary Product Development Plan 2020-3030 continue to be implemented. A mid-plan review is scheduled for 2025, to review progress on agreed actions for the first five years of the plan.

Just Transition Fund through Fáilte Ireland's Regenerative and Placemaking Scheme criteria focuses on creating accessible visitor experiences & generating eco-friendly accommodation. These initiatives aim to attract visitors to Tipperary while preserving the natural environment, supporting both economic growth and environmental conservation. Assistance and support with applications are provided by Tipperary County Council's Just Transition activator, To date, 23 Expression of Interest have been invited to the Phase 2 application stage closing date of 13th of

January 2025. Two applications have been approved with €300k grant offer within Thurles Md for the development of accommodation, and the second grant allocation of €59,000 for the enhancement of e-bike tourism within Carrick MD.

The Tourism Activator developed a guide to Sustainable Tourism Networks located in Tipperary, new tourism providers will benefit from collaborating with their local tourism network, Sustainable Tourism Networks within Tipperary play a pivotal role in enhancing, marketing and developing visitor experiences throughout the county. The guide below brings together all the elements that make Tipperary a compelling tourism destination into one cohesive network. Every provider, regardless of their service or size, plays a vital role in the overall narrative of Tipperary as a visitor destination. [Link to Guide Here](#)

Economic Development Programme

Tipperary Gift Voucher/Card 'Love Local' - The launch of the Tipperary Gift Card initiative was jointly led by County Tipperary Chamber and Tipperary County Council and a new marketing campaign *now* aims to drive local spending directly to the businesses in County Tipperary. Businesses are being encouraged to sign up receive the cards with 200 businesses already signed up. Businesses and companies that 'corporate gift' at Christmas are being encourage to opt for the Love Tipperary Gift Voucher.

Shop Local Social Media Campaign - A bumper set of competitions continued into the last quarter of 2024. The winners span the full county and spread of the word of Shop Local is ongoing. Over 70,000 people have viewed and interacted with our posts.

The Retail Edge Newsletter - Issued to Businesses with Training information, HR information & targeted information on the retail sector. 600 businesses were issued with Newsletter in June & October

Christmas Retail Support Grants - Applications for the Christmas Retail Support Programme were assessed and €41,450 was awarded for 39 Christmas events and markets across County Tipperary

Marketing Tipperary as ideal Remote Working Location - Elements include: Radio Campaign, Pod Cast, Press Campaign, Billboard Campaign, YouTube and Google Adverts Campaign and Website updates:

- www.tipperary.ie/workwise has had 2808 views & 1874 users;
- Radio Campaign - On Tipp FM involved 30 sec adverts written and produced. Airtime of 4 x 30 sec ads per day for 5 days. These had over 30,000 views – and were watched for over 900 cumulative hours up to the end of October;
- You Tube and Google Ad's Campaign included the creation of short videos from the perspective of a remote worker, a hub owner and an employer within the county outlining their personal views of the benefits they have experienced from working remotely in Tipperary. These had over 30,000 views and were watched for over 900 cumulative hours up to the end of October;

- An organic and paid Social Media Campaign ran across Facebook and Instagram and utilised all the social media channels available to Tipperary County Council;
- A Pod Cast was created with David Anshell Managing Director of Camida in Clonmel and Eimer O’Keeffe a consultant with international co-operations for over 20 years whilst living in Ballina, Co. Tipperary, advocating for people making a choice to have great work life balance to consider Tipperary as the perfect location. In the first two weeks over 720 people downloaded the podcast;
- Regional Press Campaign saw a major PR Campaign carried out on Tipperary Nationalist, Tipperary Star and Nenagh Guardian along with on ‘Tipperary Live’. This resulted in 85,000 print copies being issued and with 700,000 visitors to the papers websites and 50,000 facebook followers this achieved fantastic exposure for the county;
- A Billboard Campaign was launched in May and July in 6 different locations. An average audience number per Billboard panel is 196,274 per 2-week cycle resulting in a total eyeballs over 4 weeks of 1,177,666.

Local Enterprise Office

Grant Approvals -To September 2024, the local Enterprise Office has committed €626,835 in grant assistance to 30 projects in Tipperary. The Feasibility, Priming, Business Expansion and Technical Assistance grants approved to date have the potential to yield 45 full time job equivalents at an average cost per job of €13,930.

Training / Mentoring –

- Training – 1,173 individuals availed of training to date
- 534 individuals availed of 1 to 1 mentoring
- Micro Finance Ireland – 20 businesses assisted with MFI Bank loan applications
- Trading on Line Vouchers – 44 approved to date

Events held Sept – Oct 2024

2024 Ploughing Championship - 30 LEO Businesses were supported in the Local Enterprise Village at the Ploughing Championship this year. Elaine Heney, an award-winning equestrian author based in Kilfeacle was the supported Tipperary Business.

Best of Tipp Awards 2024 - Working in partnership with Tipp FM, the Local Enterprise Office & Tipperary County Council supporting small businesses around the County. This year saw 19 categories from Best Barbers, Local Hero to Best Business in Nenagh, Carrick on Suir and many more. 150,000 individual votes were cast and over 250 attended Awards night in The Anner Hotel Thurles 23rd October.

National Women’s Enterprise Day Dromoland Castle 17th Oct - A flagship event for the Local Enterprise Offices. This year’s Mid-West event was hosted by LEO Clare and saw over 150 female entrepreneurs hear from guest speakers and panellists as well as having the opportunity to network with likeminded business owners at Dromoland Castle. The event circulates between

LEO's Tipperary, Clare & Limerick and next year's event will be hosted by LEO Tipperary and takes place at Cashel Palace in October 2025.

Bioeconomy Development

Just Transition Funding:

'BioScaleUP' Funding Announcement - Tipperary County Council welcomes the announcement from the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine of €5m for the Lisheen Bioeconomy Scaleup Initiative. With its partners, Tipperary County Council has been actively working to reimagine the former lead / zinc mining site since its closure in 2015

Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy Conference 2024 (IFIB) in Bologna, October 2024 - Circular Bioeconomy Cluster SPRING hosted the 14th edition of IFIB - International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy, aimed at strengthening the bioeconomy network in the Euro-Mediterranean area and to promote partnerships.

TCC was represented at the International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy 2024 (IFIB) in Bologna, October 2024 by Elaine Cullinan Circular Bioeconomy Outreach Officer, participating in a panel discussion on the 'Role of Regions in the Bioeconomy'.

RuralBioUp; a Horizon Europe funded project aimed at empowering rural regions to adopt biobased solutions. The most recent RuralBioUp workshop was held in Bologna, aligning with the IFIB conference. TCC and Irish Bioeconomy Foundation staff were in attendance, and reported on the Irish Hub activities.

TCC participating in EU wide Climate Adaptation Programme: 2. The ECRD directorate & Env & Climate Action section has received funding of €210,000 to participate in an 18-month programme to support a transformative approach to climate adaptation and climate change resilience. The council is one of 40 regions all across Europe in the programme and will be working with its Irish & European partners to build a resilient and progressive Circular Bioeconomy, centred on the work of the National Bioeconomy Campus at the former Lisheen Mine Campus, Lisheen, Thurles.

Biomethane for Carbon & Community - Capacity building project with a team of six dedicated staff, to work with and develop synergies with the community, farmers, the private sector and the Government to enable the development of biomethane in the area, including ultimately a new biomethane processing facility, at the National Bioeconomy Campus, Lisheen. (Total Budget is €993,011)

This Phase 1 Capacity Building Project will be delivered by 31st March 2026.

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Climate & Energy



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

The LACAP comprises 100 actions, along with opportunity areas and actions for the Tipperary ‘Decarbonising Zone (DZ)’. There is also a commitment by the Council to facilitate an outward facing stakeholder group ‘SustainableTipp’. The delivery of climate actions as set out in the LACAP continues through the Climate Action Office along with the cross-department Climate Action Team. A LACAP Annual Progress Report will be brought to the Elected Members in February 2025.

Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Officer is currently working with 25 successful community groups to draw down funding under the Community Climate Action Fund. Engagement also continues with groups who did not get approval for funding. This will help to ensure groups are ready for call two of funding which is due to happen early in the new year. No date has been set by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, as soon as it is announced it will be promoted primarily through the Public Participation Network (PPN) along with other avenues.

Policy

The first meeting of Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee took place on Wednesday, 4th December.

Public Awareness Initiatives

Tipperary Town Green Hubs - Reusable Cup Initiative at Tipperary Racecourse

As part of the Tipperary Green Hubs Initiative to help businesses better manage their business waste, usage of eco-friendly reusable cups were trialled at the Tipperary Racecourse race meeting held on Sunday 1st September. The aim of this circular economy initiative is to provide an alternative

to single use plastic cups at events in an effort to reduce plastic waste. The eco-friendly cups are made from polypropylene and have a life span of 300 washes. The replacement of single use cups resulted in the reduction of plastic waste by 80%, reduced waste disposal costs and cleaning time. Cups were provided by Eco Friendly Cups who manufacture, brand, transport, wash, dry and store cups and can be reused for future events at Tipperary Racecourse.



Cllr. Eddie Moran with Fiona Flynn Environment & Climate Action Section at display stand at Tipperary Racecourse

Team Tipp Clean Up October 11th to 13th October

Over 600 volunteers from throughout the County took part in this year's Team Tipp Clean Up, funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative by the Department of Environment, Climate & Communications. At the event's launch Cllr. Declan Burgess said *"We are seeing more and more indiscriminate dumping of litter on the approach roads to our towns and villages. Those responsible for roadside littering are undermining the fantastic work carried out by committed volunteers and Tidy Town groups, who work alongside Tipperary County Council to keep the County clean"*.



At launch of Team Tipp Clean Up Cathlaoireach of Tipperary Co. Council Declan Burgees with members of Cashel Tidy Towns and Fiona Flynn Environment and Climate Action Section



L-R: Members from New Inn, Rearcross and Mullinabone Tidy Towns participating in the Team Tipp Clean Up

2024 Tidy Town Grants and Burial Ground Maintenance Grant Scheme

125 Tidy Town Grant applications were submitted and the budget was €182,374. 270 Burial Ground Maintenance Grant applications were submitted and the budget was €152,763. Grants are processed by, and have been paid by, the relevant Municipal Districts at various dates from April to November.

Derelict Sites

There are currently 84 properties on the Derelict Site Register. 17 properties have been added to the register and 6 properties removed from the Register in 2024. The Derelict Sites function is currently in the process of being transferred from the Environment & Climate Action Section to the newly formed Vacancy & Dereliction Unit in the Planning Section. This transfer process will be complete by the end of 2024.

Veterinary Services

Horses

21 horse queries were reported to the Section which resulted in 26 horses being picked up as of 18th November 2024.

Dogs

- A total of 155 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to 31/10/2024. Of these, 10 dogs were re-homed, 84 dogs were sent to Rescues and 21 dogs were reclaimed, and 34



were put to sleep. The Section continues to work with animal welfare organisations on the re-homing of dogs.

- The number of dog licences purchased to 31/10/2024 was 7,883. This represents an estimated 10% increase on licence purchases in 2023.
- On 1 October 2024, it became illegal to import, breed, rehome or resell an XL Bully dog. From 1 February 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully dog unless the owner has a Certificate of Exemption. To get a Certificate of Exemption, the XL Bully must be licenced, microchipped and neutered. The processing of the Certificate of Exemption is free of charge by the Local Authority. To date the Council has approved and issued 3 Certificates of Exemption.

Abattoirs

There have been 522 visits to abattoirs and small food producers to date by Veterinary Inspectors for the purposes of food safety inspections. On the 1st January 2025, this official food control function undertaken by Local Authorities will transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Circular Economy Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

A very successful Mattress Amnesty was held across the 5 Civic Amenities in September with a total of 1,655 mattresses collected totalling 43.03 tonnes.

A total of 97,533 customers used the services of the Council's five Civic Amenity Sites to the end of October 2024. This figure is in line with 2023 numbers.

Burial Grounds

Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

An extensive work programme across the county is ongoing. Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works (including site selection) continue at the following locations: Ballina (Boher), Fethard, Newcastle, Tyone, Clonmel (St Patrick's), Carrick-on-Suir, Kiladangan, Solohead/Monard, New Inn and Borrissoleigh.



The development of a Burial Ground in Cahir is now being carried out by The Waterford & Lismore Diocese with assistance from the Council.

Waste Management and Enforcement

Halloween 2024

Environment & Climate Action Section has a protocol for the annual Halloween night, which has resulted in the overall number of reports of burn events reducing in the past number of years. Halloween issues notified to the Council this year were less than previous years. There were successful removal operations prior to intended burn events where bulky wastes and tyres were removed by Environmental Enforcement Officers, MD crews and Authorised Waste Contractors. This protocol involves Environment Enforcement Officers carrying out patrols leading up to Halloween and removing accumulations of material on public ground prior to a burn event, where it is safe to do so. Where a situation escalates to confrontation, support from An Garda Síochána is sought and, if deemed feasible, the material is removed prior to the burn event. Where it is deemed to be unsafe to deal with the issue, a clean-up is carried out post the burn event.

Legal Proceedings

Cases under provisions of Waste Management Act 1996 as amended:

- 3 cases in relation to Unauthorised Waste Activities accepted by DPP for proceedings in Clonmel Circuit Court. Date to be finalised in December for a hearing in 2025.
- 1 case in relation to an Unauthorised Waste Activity progressed to High Court. This is up for mention at the end of November to finalise hearing date.
- 3 cases set for hearing in December in relation to failure to comply with Directions under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act and in relation to non-payment of Fixed Payment Notices in relation to End of Life Vehicles.

Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) Issued

Up until the 11th November 2024 a total of 127 FPN's have been issued.

Household Waste Inspections

A total of 291 household waste surveys were carried out on houses in Co. Tipperary up to the 1st November 2024. The compliancy rate is 80% with 234 householders, to date, having replied to

letters demonstrating evidence of their waste providers. This compliancy rate is above the national average of 75%. The Section will continue to engage with home owners/occupiers in an effort to encourage full compliance.

Environmental Quality and Health and Safety

The Section was audited in November/December over two weeks for re-certification for 2025 under ISO14001 (Environmental Quality Management) and ISO45001 (Health and Safety Quality).

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

- 395 tonnes of textiles were collected up to the end of November 2024. This represents a year to date decrease of 1% compared to the 2023 figure.
- 3954 tonnes of glass was collected up to the end of November 2024. This represents a year to date increase of 2% compared to the 2023 figure.
- 66 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of November 2024. This represents a year to date decrease of 30% compared to the 2023 figure. This decrease can be attributed to the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme.

Certificate of Registrations / Waste Permits

There are 14 Certificates of Registrations, 32 Waste Facility Permits and 82 Waste Collection Permits currently active in Co. Tipperary. Tipperary County Council has achieved 100% of annual return reviews and data validations of these for 2024. There are 2 permits under review at the time of report writing, 1 of which is an existing permit, and 1 which is a new Waste Facility Permit.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin

Ballaghveny Landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The acceptance of waste commenced from 15th January 2024, following the Christmas break, filling Cell 10B with contaminated soil, stone and wood ash, which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin. The acceptance of mixed Construction and Demolition (C&D) from the SVC facility commenced from 16th April 2024. This year to the 31st October 2024, the landfill has accepted in a total of 41,978t of waste, this is ca. 85.7% of our licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.



Ballaghveny landfill - view from the top of the ramp down to the waste tipping face in Cell 10B

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 commenced on 2nd December 2021. During 2024, Ballaghveny Landfill has accepted 14,976.26t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin (comprising both stabilised waste and mixed construction and demolition material contaminated with waste).



Former SVC site - view of south to north of waste moved onto concrete slab



Ballaghveny Landfill Community Gain Fund

Applications for funding from the Community Gain Fund (CGF) 2023 opened on 28th March 2024 and closed on 10th May 2024. The CGF 2023 was €62,600, which includes €431.05 unallocated from the CGF 2022. The CGF Committee met in July and August 2024 to review and assess the applications received and recommended the below allocations from the Fund. Applications for the 2024 Fund will open in Spring 2025.

Organisation Name	Project Description	CGF 2023 Allocation
Ballinree Church	Maintenance and upgrade of Ballinree church via washing and painting walls, gutters and downpipes.	€3,813.00
Ballymackey Football Club	Construct concrete terrace / kitchen fit out / internal folding doors	€30,261.43
Ballymackey Women's Shed	Roller blinds for large windows at community facility	€972.00
Ballymackey Graveyard Committee	Reconstruct walls at the old Ballymackey graveyard	€4,000.00
Bishop Harty National School	Provision of outdoor learning space and garden	€23,553.57
Total CGF 2023		€62,600.00

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

- 611 samples were taken as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 208 farm inspections carried out under the NAIP in 13 catchments across all LEAs. 663 notification letters were issued to farmers in these catchments prior to inspections taking place. These letters give a minimum of 2 weeks notice of our start date as well as a list of common breaches found during farm inspections. 146 farms were issued warning letters where non-compliances were found. This equates to an average non-compliance rate of 70% across the 13 catchments inspected in 2024. Non-compliance rates varied from 40% in the Kings_10 catchment to 88% in the Ballintemple Stream catchment.
- Staff from the Section took part in 3 Farming for Water events in recently. These events were hosted by Arrabawn on a farm in the Ballyfinboy catchment and Centenary Co-Op hosted two events on farms in the Suir (Drish) and the Nore Catchments. These events were very well attended and are an ideal knowledge- transfer opportunity, allowing staff to explain the farm inspection procedure, outline common issues and answer any queries.
- 19 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted, assessed and approved for the Use of Sewage Sludge in Agriculture.
- 56 septic tank inspections were performed under the National Inspection Plan, including 41 initial inspections, 14 verification inspections and 1 reinspection.
- Testing under Section 4 licence applications, drinking water samples and drinking water audits continued.

Planning Referrals

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

AIR

Air Inspections

- 29 inspections carried out under the provisions of the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022).
- 21 inspections carried out under the European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012.
- European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012 – 24 inspections carried out.
- Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997 – 33 petroleum vapours inspections have been carried out.

Air Monitors

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

Rural Water Programme

Activities ongoing include processing of applications for the annual maintenance subsidy, applications for private well grants and applications for septic tank grants.

Annual Maintenance Subsidy 2024

- 67 applications received; 58 Schemes have been paid at 22/11/2024 totaling €615,376.

Capital Projects

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026 projects were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in April. On 6th November, the Council received notice from the Department allocating a total of €1.789m for 13 projects, under the following headings:

- Measures A1 Source Protection - €31,984
- Measure A2 Water Quality - €38,569
- Measure A3 Amalgamation - €281,462
- Measure A6a Taking in Charge by Uisce Éireann - €1,437,064.



Environmental Complaints

As of mid November 2024, a total of 1,436 environment complaints had been received by the Section, 93% of which have been dealt with and closed. The total number of complaints is marginally down compared to 2023, however the percentage closed by the Section has increased by 4%.

CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Directorate Priorities

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee	Approved
Audit Committee Work Prog	At Draft Stage
SPC Scheme	Approved
Corporate Plan 2024-2029	At Draft Stage
Service Delivery Plan 2024	Q1 2025
Annual Report 2024	Q2 2025
Communication Strategy Implementation	In Progress
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

Circular Letters

- LG 13-2024 dated 3rd October 2024 re Increase to elected members' annual remuneration on 1st October 2024;
- LG 14/2024 dated 22nd November 2024 re Disqualification from Local Authority Membership and the position with regard to any local authority elected members who are standing as candidates in the Dáil Elections 2024.

Corporate Plan 2024-2029

The Corporate Plan is the Council's strategic framework for future action over 5 years and is a reserved function of the Council; It outlines our Vision for county Tipperary, the kind of Tipperary that we want to see in the future and describes the main priorities

for the Council over the term of the Council from 2024 to 2029; What we will do with all of our stakeholders to deliver that Vision for the benefit of our communities; It also outlines the core values that will inform our work over that period.

A draft Corporate Plan Framework (Statement of Strategy) as required by legislation has been prepared and is being submitted to the Council for consideration at the December meeting of the Council.

Subject to approval of the Council, the final plan will be published in Q1 2025 and made available on the website.

Ethical Framework

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

Annual Declaration

- **Friday 28th February 2025 deadline for the submission of Annual Declarations by elected members.**

Under Section 171 of the 2001 Act, every member must prepare and furnish to the Ethics Registrar before the end of February, an Annual Declaration in writing containing particulars of his or her declarable interests



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

Political Donations by Elected Members

- **Friday 31st January 2025 deadline for the reporting of political donations by elected members**

Each person who, in the preceding year, was a member of a local authority is required, under section 19E of the *Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999* (as amended) (referred to hereafter as “the 1999 Act”) to furnish to their local authority, not later than 31 January, a donation statement indicating whether during the preceding calendar year the member received from the same person, a donation exceeding €600 in value. This provision applies to each person who was a member of a local authority in 2024.

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

that account (referred to as a political donation account).

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

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims

Period 28th November 2024

Pothole - 103

Public Liability – 42

Total Claims – 145

Coroner Service - Statistics

Period to 3rd November 2024

No of deaths reported: 724

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 150

No. of Undertaker Removals: 124

Audit Committee

A new Audit Committee is in place following the Local Elections in June 2024. The first meeting of the committee took place on 23rd October and the following matters were dealt with:

- Welcome from Secretary to the Committee
- Draft Minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 2024



- Update from Director of Finance on LAWPRO
- Audit Committee Charter & Work Programme
- Internal Audit Progress Update

The following reports were circulated for noting:

- TCC Management Reports (September & October)
- NOAC PSC Report 2023
- TCC PSC Quality Assurance Report 2023
- New Governance Code for Local Authorities
- LGAS VFM Report – Debt Management of Collections in Local Authorities
- Risk in Focus 2025

Electoral Registration System Update

Dublin City Council has been appointed by the Minister as the designated Registration Authority, whose role will be to develop and manage the national electoral registration system.

The national system will be based on an updated version of Voter.ie (currently operated by the four Dublin local authorities). Each local authority will remain a data controller for its own data and a Data Processing Agreement will be agreed between Dublin City Council and all 31 local authorities.

Work continues on the Data Quality project which is envisaged to be completed by Q4 2025.

Dáil Elector Statistics of General Election 29th November 2024

The following statistics show the overall number of Dáil electors in the Tipperary constituency, taking into account both existing electors and those entered on the balancing list, including the Postal and Special Voters list.

Electors are encouraged to update personal details, including Date of Birth, PPSN, Phone Number, Email and Eircode as the new Voter.ie system will be person-based, rather than address-based.

The total number on the Electoral Register (Presidential, Local, European, General, Referendum) as of 28th November 2024 is 139,756 with the following details populated:

<u>Tipperary</u>	<u>Stats –</u>	<u>%</u>
	<u>Nov 2024</u>	
<u>Total Electorate</u>	<u>139,756</u>	
<u>DOB populated</u>	<u>109,424</u>	<u>78%</u>
<u>Eircode populated</u>	<u>73,405</u>	<u>53%</u>
<u>Email populated</u>	<u>26,009</u>	<u>19%</u>
<u>Contact no populated</u>	<u>23,547</u>	<u>17%</u>
<u>Both DOB & Eircode populated</u>	<u>62,550</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>PPSN</u>	<u>28,305</u>	<u>20%</u>



Electors can ascertain their correct constituency through the following link

[What constituency am I in? - Electoral Commission](#)

Tipperary Constituency	138,461
Tipperary North	64,965

The Tipperary North Constituency consists of the northern half of Co. Tipperary along with 13 Eds from the western part of Co. Kilkenny with a combined population of 6,431.

The Tipperary South Constituency consists of the southern part of Co. Tipperary

The above figures also include Postal and Special Voters in the following categories:

Postal & Special Voters	Tipperary North/South	Kilkenny North West	Total
Gardaí	5	0	5
Defence Forces	214	23	237
Foreign Diplomats	13	1	14
Illness/Disability	116	8	124
Occupation/Students	41	5	46
Prisoners	20	1	21
Special Voters	867	40	907

Kilkenny North West	5,249
Tipperary South	68,247

The Tipperary Constituency is now divided into two 3 seat constituencies, Tipperary North and Tipperary South.

Draft Polling Scheme 2025

A Polling Scheme will be drafted in Q1 2025 to reflect the changes to the Tipperary Constituency. The new polling scheme will be advertised, circulated and made available for public inspection in accordance with Art. 4 of the Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations, 2005 for a period of 4 weeks following which, a report will be prepared and submitted to the full Council for their consideration and approval.

Communications Update

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

Press Releases/Media Queries 1 January – 31 October 2024

02/01/2024	Press Release Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme Contract Signing
23/01/2024	Press Release Information evening Carrick on Suir
24/01/2024	Press Release Clonmel Town Team focua on deliverables for 2024
26/01/2024	Press Release Clonmel Town Team to host business breakfast
27/01/2024	Press Release Tipp Studies Digitisation
06/02/2024	Press Release Tipperary Tourism Conference
08/02/2024	Press Release Roadworks at Boherclogh Street Cashel
12/02/2024	Press Release Launch of Climate Action Plan
22/02/2024	Press Release Elevate Tipperary Tourism
22/02/2024	Press Release Green Hub Initiative Tipperary Town
26/02/2024	Press Release Housing Counter Clonmel
01/03/2024	Press Release Student Enterprise Awards
04/03/2024	Press Release Solid Fuels
13/03/2024	Press Release Women in Politics
13/03/2024	Press Release Circuit court upholds waste management conviction
03/04/2024	Press Release one wway traffic system Nenagh
18/04/2024	Press release track and trails tipperary
26/04/2024	Press release relaunch of carrick on suir tidy towns and environment group
14/05/2024	Press release TIPPERARY BUSINESS SET FOR NATIONAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS FINAL
30/05/2024	Press release Fr Matthew street
10/06/2024	Press release Energy and farm diversification show
18/07/2024	Press release Corporate Plan 2024-2029
22/07/2024	Press release community action fund
02/08/2024	Press release community funding announced for 16 projects tipperary
22/08/2024	Press release clonmel applefest



23/08/2024	Press release tourism summer networking event
24/09/2024	Press release new town team Thurles
25/09/2024	Press release Shane MacGowan mural Nenagh
25/10/2024	Press release N24 update
29/10/2024	Press Release OurKidsCode STEAM InitiativeTipperary

Media queries 1 January – 31 October = 130

Customer Service	8
Corporate	44
C&E	4
Environment	17
Fire	1
Housing	17
Planning	11
Revenue	2
Roads	20
Clonmel BD	1
Tipp MD	1
Thurles MD	2
Nenagh MD	1
Water	1
Total	130

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 August - October

August	September	October
<p>Celebrations for 50 years of Ballina Riverste Pool</p>  <p>Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre Cloughjordan May - September 2024</p>  <p>LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2024</p>  <p>LOVE TIPPERARY</p> 	<p>Making it Happen</p>  <p>National Women's Enterprise Day</p>  <p>Recent works in Boreenacree which included junction re-signing, re-alignment of footpaths, installation of a street light and road surfacing.</p>  <p>OPEN DAY</p>  <p>#THANKS COACH</p>  <p>COACH</p>  <p>Clonmel Applefest</p>  <p>LOVE TIPPERARY</p> 	<p>The official launch of the mural to commemorate the late Shane MacGowan will take place at Emmet Place, Nenagh on Sunday 10th October 2024 commencing at 2 pm. All are welcome. @TipperaryCounty @WIPipe @TosmyrDaly</p>  <p>Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival</p>  <p>Seán Treacy Commemorative Festival</p>  <p>ARE YOU READY TO LOWER THE DEBT? EXPENSES OF YOUR TOURISM BUSINESS WHILE EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY?</p>  <p>THINKING ABOUT SELF EMPLOYMENT</p>  

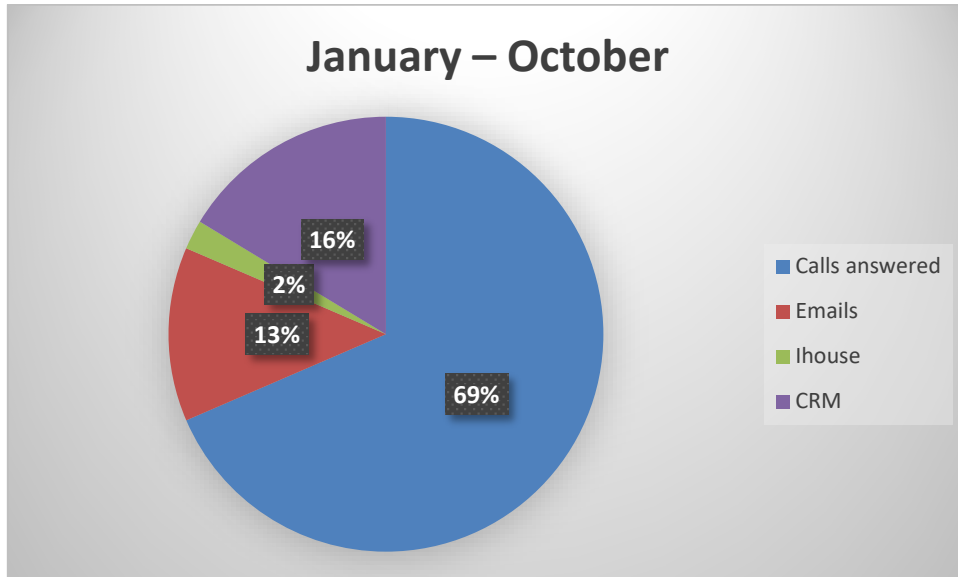
Customer Service Desk Activity

1 January – 31 October 2024

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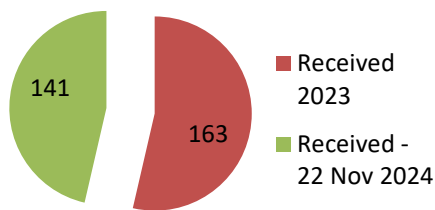
- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

	Calls answered	Emails	Ihouse	CRM
January – October	101,104	19,111	3,228	24,118

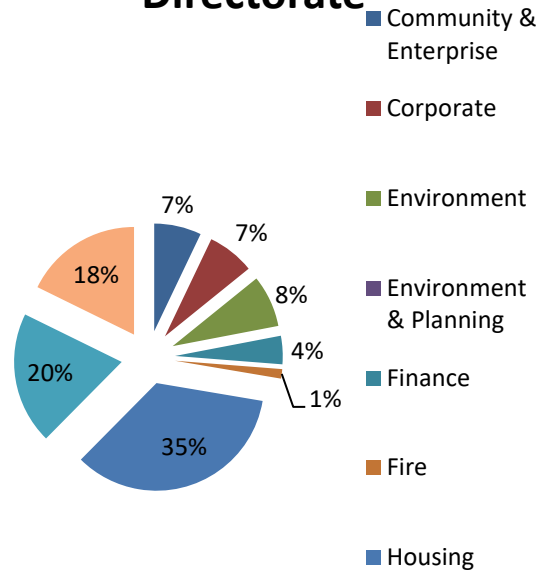


Information Management

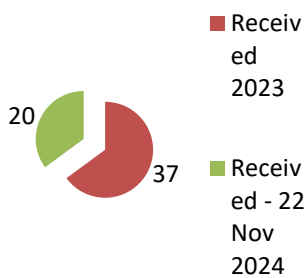
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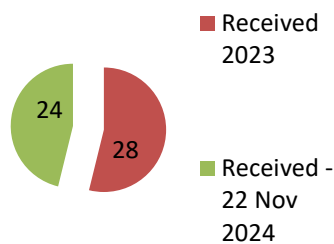
FOI Analysis by Directorate



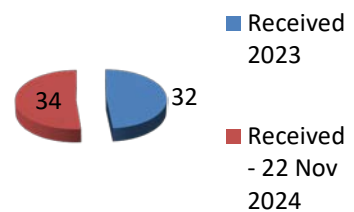
Data Protection



Ombudsman



AIE - Access to Information on Environment

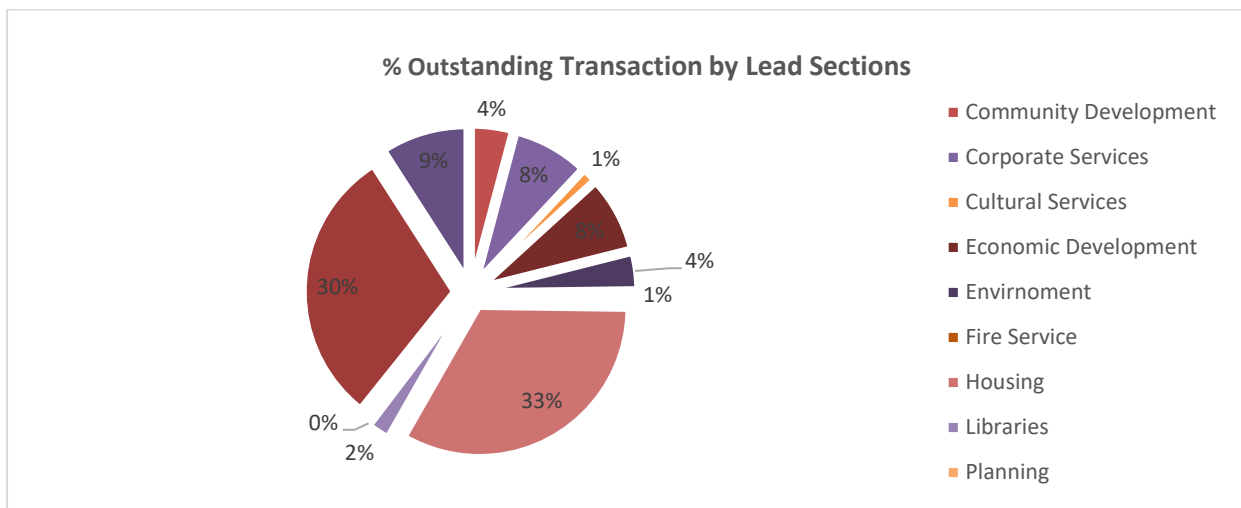
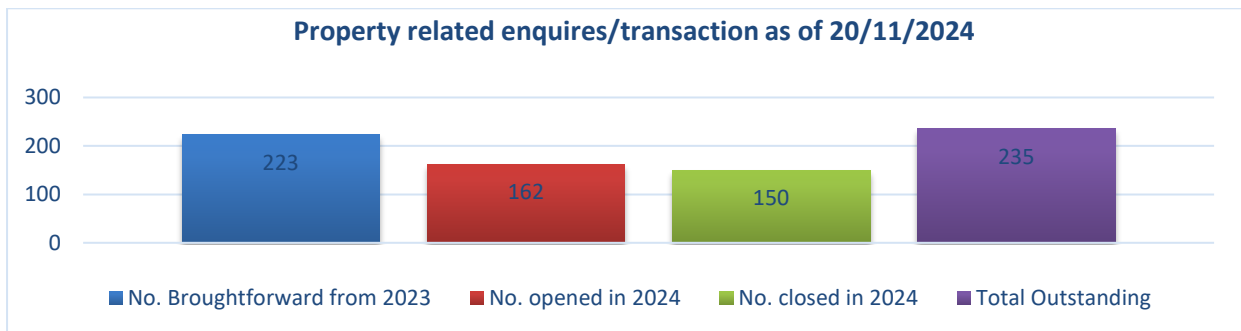


Property Management

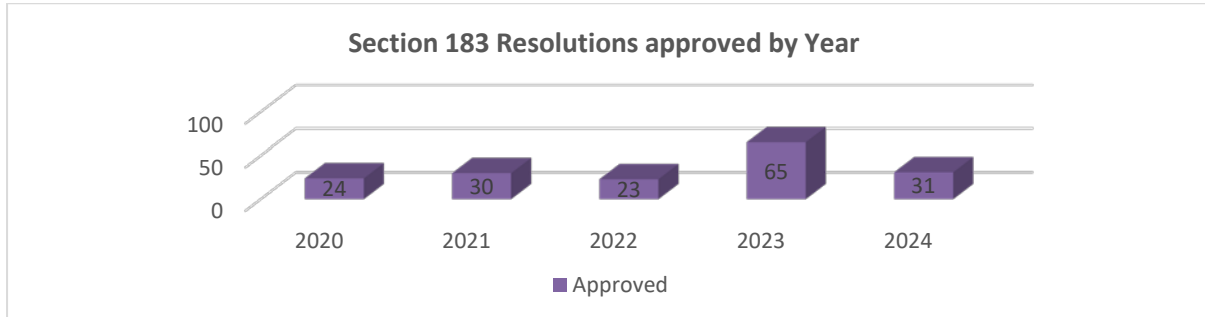
Property Unit, Corporate Services are responsible for managing Tipperary County Council’s Property Portfolio consisting currently of 271 Building and 673 land parcels. A new member of staff has joined the staff in the Property Unit with the responsible for capital projects to the council’s property.

Transactions:

Property Unit is responsible for the management of property related enquiries, i.e.,



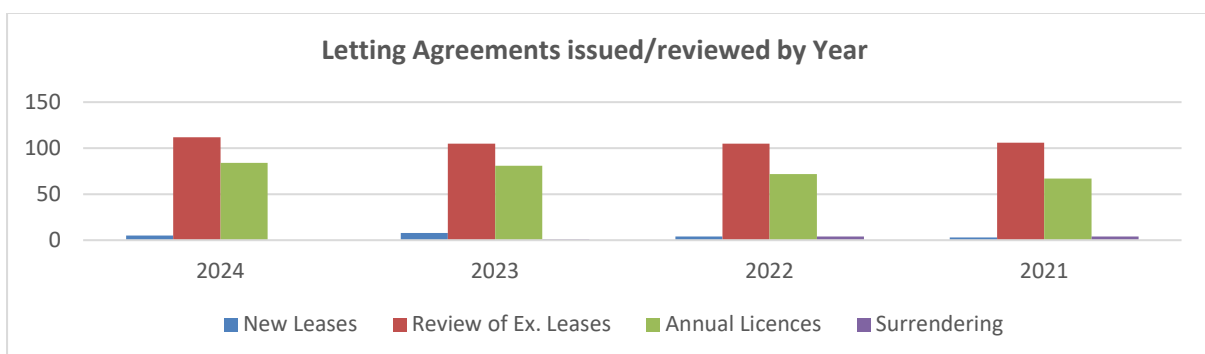
Section 183 Resolutions approved in 2024



- Coleraine, Cashel
- Townsfield, Cloughjordan
- Ballylynch Business Park, Carrick on Suir
- No. 1 Clare street, Nenagh
- Tyone, Nenagh
- No. 1 Fontenoy Terrace, Thurles
- Parnell Street, Thurles,
- Unit 3 Slieveardagh CITE Ballingarry
- Roscrea Road, Templemore
- Crohane, Newcastle
- Monksgrange
- Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh
- Roscrea Business Park, Roscrea
- Toberaheena, Clonmel
- 22 Dungarvan Road, Clonmel
- Nenagh North, Nenagh
- Wallers’s Lot, Cashel,
- Ballingarrane, Clonmel
- Kilorn, Moyne
- Ballina, Nenagh
- Monadreen, Thurles,
- 5 Killonerry Close, Carrick on Suir,
- 17 Woodview, Cahir
- 270 St. Olivers Close, Clonmel
- Carrigeen Business Park, Clonmel

Letting Agreements:

Property Unit is currently responsible for the management of letting agreements, i.e., create new lease agreement, review current agreements, issuing of annual licences, and oversee the surrender of letting agreements, i.e.,



Housing
Directorate



All figures relate to the period

01 January 2024 – 30th October 2024

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	The EOI's have issued for Clonmel and 2 EOP's were received. These will now be built into business cases for the Department.	Business Case submitted to the Department. The EOI for developments for Nenagh is open and will remain open until the 28 th of February. If EOI's are received and meet the required criteria these will be brought to the Department for consideration.
Disability strategy	HDSG steering group established with alternative sub-groups set up. Pathways set for collaboration between TCC and relevant stakeholders identifying need, expectation and proactively planning for future infrastructure to support the need.	Three-year capital plan based on disability strategy to be finalised.
Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029	Workshop was held in November and was well received and very informative for the officials.	The TAP will be brought to the Housing SPC for comment and observation before being brought back to full Council for consideration.

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	Planning Approved following FI	Stage 3 Submission subject to planning approval
Gortlandroe, Nenagh	27	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design
Puckane	21	Stage 2 being Assessed	Stage 2 submission
Rathcabbin	6	Design Team Appointed	Stage 2 Design
New Line Road, Nenagh	10	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design
Clogheen	14	Preparation of Planning documents and Stage 3	S161 Planning
Ballingarry (South)	10	Design Team Appointed	Stage 3 submission
Gantley Road, Roscrea	16	Stage 2 Approved	S161 Planning
Morton Street, Clonmel	6	FHIST, Stage 2 Approved	Submission of Planning Application
Rialto site, Nenagh	13	Stage 3 Ongoing	S161 Planning
Mulcair Manor, Newport	13	Design Team Appointed	Stage 2 Design
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	6	Stage 1 Approved	Under review with Thurles MD
Millersbrook, Nenagh	13	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design



Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Section 179A Approved	Stage 3 Submission
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	AHB - With ABP	Stage 3 Submission
Ashbury, Roscrea	10	Stage 3 Submitted	Tender Works
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Trial excavations in progress	Section 161 application and Stage 3 submission
Radharc na Carraige, Glencarrick, Roscrea	47	Contractor Onsite	Q3 2026 completion
Church Street, Templemore	2	Contractor On Site	Scheme completion 2024
Church Street, Templemore	4	Turnkey, Dept Approved	Awaiting Contracts
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Contacto on Site	Completion 2025
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Contractor appointed	Scheme Completion 2025
William Street, Nenagh	5	S161 Revised Application	Planning and Stage 3 Submission
Borrisoleigh	30	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir	22	Completed and final houses being occupied 22/11/24	Completed
Tyone Road, Nenagh	67	Respond AHB, CALF submitted	Commencement on Site
Coopers Lot, Cashel	44	Respond AHB	On site – Phased delivery 2024-25
Farranahassery, Cahir	48	Respond AHB	On site – Phased delivery 2024-25
Dun Lia, Thurles	61	Cluid AHB – Under Construction	Delivery 2025 -2026
Waller's Lot, Cashel	40	Tuath AHB	BCMS – Complete
Dun Uisce, Cahir	1	Turnkey Renewal almost	Completion 2024



		completed	
Glencarrick, Roscrea	50	Cluid AHB, - Contractor on site	Completion. 2025 – 2026 Delivery
Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	19	Turnkey – on site	Phased delivery 24-25
Wheatfields, Clonmel	38	Completed and allocated	Completed and allocated
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Revised Approval Received	Waiting on Contracts
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey – 4 delivered Construction Ongoing	Phased Delivery, On site 2024 -25
Friary Walk, Parkmore Roscrea	32	Cluid AHB – Contractor on site	Phased Delivery 2024 - 2025
Kilsheelan	14	Turnkey	Awaiting Contracts
Presentation Fethard	14	AHB Stage 1 Approved	Design team appointment
Glove Factory, Tipperary	6	Focus AHB	Complete & Handover
Rosefield, Dundrum Road, Tipperary	16	Cluid AHB	2025 delivery
Drangan	7	Turnkey	Commencement on site
SHIP Renewals	5	Contractors on Site	Completion 2024

RAS Voluntary

New properties	95
Total tenancies	402

RAS Private

New properties	4
Total tenancies	558



Long term lease

Total tenancies	261
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Mortgage to rent

New properties	8
Total tenancies	112

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up	137
Total tenancies	1541
Average weekly HAP set up	4

Inspections

	1 st inspection	2 nd inspection
RAS	17	21
Private rented	322	159
Long term lease	2	15
HAP	270	133
Mortgage to rent	12	2
Total	623	330

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

EERP Programme Delivery	
Units Completed to Date	222
2024 Allocation	74
2024 Completion to date	59
Projected 2024 Completions	72
Projected Allocation 2025	100

Housing Grants

The Council has received a total of €3,604,148 in private grant funding for 2024. An additional €800,000 was received in November and this has also been fully committed. The allocation received for LA DPG’s was €1,984,478.

Following a Review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, changes to the existing Grants Scheme commenced on 1st December 2024. The revised scheme includes an increase in grant limits and in income thresholds for those applying for support.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,124,148	€2,384,993	278
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€80,000	€72,653	22
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,400,000	€1,350,024	309
TOTAL	€3,604,148	€3,807,670	609
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,984,478	1,984,478	36



Voids

The number completed is 111.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir – 29
- Nenagh - 22
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 25
- Carrick - 19
- Clonmel – 16

Vacant Houses¹

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ²
Carrick	401	21	0.37
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	888	24	0.43
Clonmel	613	18	0.32
Nenagh	793	16	0.29
Templemore/Thurles	855	24	0.43
Total	3550	96	1.8%

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

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 1323 housing applications received of which:

- 906 were found to be valid
- 417 were found to be invalid

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	77	60	15	2	6
Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel	87	60	25	2	51
Clonmel	92	82	10	0	9
Nenagh	65	48	17	0	3
Templemore Thurles	47	29	14	4	13
Total	368	279	81	8	82

Choice Based Lettings

- 209 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 193 offers have been accepted.
- 13 awaiting decision
- There have been 3 refusals (1.4% refusal rate)

AHB forum

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum. The Council have held quarterly meetings with AHB's both through zoom and in person and these have proven to be beneficial in building relationships with AHBs and is an effective means of communicating with them.

Over the duration of the Housing For All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target. Individual AHB schemes are at various stages of construction and delivery and are listed above in the Construction Programme 2022-2026.

A meeting of the forum took place in November 2024, with the next meeting scheduled for the Quarter 1 2025.

Local Authority Home Loans³

Number of Applications Received	60
Number of Valid Applications Received	21
Number of Loan Applications Approved	13
Number of Loans Issued	13
Total Value of Loans Issued	€1,067,383

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	45
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	31
Sales completed	21
Total proceeds of sales received	€1,416,500

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

Homelessness

The Homeless Team provide a number of dedicated homeless clinics to support individuals presenting as homeless.

Homeless Support Services		Number
Secured HAP accommodation from prevention work	Singles	16
	Families	5
HAP Placefinder - exit EA to HAP	Singles	13
	Families	2
Exits from EA to LA/AHB/RAS	Singles	16
	Families	9
Number In emergency accommodation B&B	Singles	23
	Families	7
Number in OFD	No of units	30
CWI 9-9	No of beds	14
Number in Housing First	North	9
	South	14
TIS (tenant in Situ)	Number of tenancies created	22
Tenancy Support & Settlement (TSS)	Number of cases	28
North Tipperary Intensive TSS	Number of cases	23
START	Number of units	6

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP), outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community from 2019 to 2024. Work is currently underway to prepare the TAP for the period covering 2025 to 2029. Consultation is ongoing and the draft has issued to prescribed persons. A workshop was held in November with the wider stakeholder group and the TAP will be brought to the SPC in December 2024.

Vacant Property

Note: The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant has transferred from the Housing section to the new Vacancy and Dereliction team led by the Town Regeneration Officer under the Planning Directorate and any future reporting will be via the planning management report.

Buy and Renew / SHIP Renewals

Buy & Renew / SHIP Renewal	
Completed 2023	5
Ongoing / 2024 Delivery	6
Units Purchased / Sale Agreed	4

Repair and Lease

Repair and Lease Delivery	
Delivered 2023 (Units)	19
Delivered 2024 (Units)	1
Projected remainder 2024	1
Projected Delivery 2025	9
Live Applications	18
Under Review	10
Contract Stage	8

Affordable Housing

The Affordable Sites in Boherlahan:

1 of the 4 sites sold, potentially another will progress but after exhausting all Expression Of Interest's (EOI) the other 2 remain unsold. The scheme will be re-advertised in 2025 to seek additional EOI's from potential purchasers.

Affordable Housing Clonmel

Two potentially viable schemes have presented and we will now develop these into a business case with the Department. The advice from the Department is to initially engage on a small number of units with scope to potentially increase if demand presents. This is all subject to ongoing dialogue and communication with the developers.



Affordable Housing Nenagh

The EOI for interested developers is now live and will remain open until the 28th of February 2025. The Developers in Clonmel advised that the time was particularly short given the details required in the EOI so the call for Nenagh was informed by this feedback. The members will be updated when the EOI closes.