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Tipperary County Council



ADOPTED BUDGET 2022

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To: Cathaoirleach and Members of Tipperary County Council.

Re: Draft Annual Budget, 2022.

Dear Councillor,

This draft Annual Budget presented to the Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 2022 contains:

- The Chief Executives Report;
- Commentary by Division giving details and information on the expenditure/income codes;
- Statutory Budget Tables.

Introduction

At your Budget Meeting scheduled for the 26th November, 2021, the Council is being asked to consider the draft Annual Budget and to make the following decisions:

- adopt the Annual Budget with or without amendment;
- adopt the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV);
- determine the proportion of rates refunds applicable on vacant commercial premises.

This draft Annual Budget has been prepared in the prescribed format and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001, Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and Regulations made under that legislation. The Budget is constructed on the principle of a “balanced budget” based on the overall level of resources available to the Council and the requirement to meet statutory, contractual, legal and other obligations. Under the Local Government Act, 2001, the draft budget is required to set out the expenditure necessary to carry out the functions of the Council and the income estimated to accrue to the Council.

Budgetary Challenges.

This draft Annual Budget has been prepared against the background of a number of challenges including:

- those presented by emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic,
- cost acceleration arising from existing and projected future economic growth,
- capacity to support that growth,
- lack of buoyancy across main income sources.

In presenting the draft Annual Budget for 2021 to the Council, I outlined the ongoing uncertainty presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on the Council's finances. The ability and financial capacity of the Council to provide services throughout the course of the past two years has been made possible by ongoing Central Government support through the rates waiver scheme and contributions towards Local Authority reduced income and Covid-19 additional costs. The draft Annual Budget for 2021 was prepared and presented on the basis that the levels of support to the local government sector would continue.

The rates waiver scheme (which provides a credit in lieu of rates to business impacted by closure due to Covid-19 public health measures) was originally introduced under the July 2020 Stimulus Package as a 6 months rates waiver scheme and was subsequently extended on a number of occasions throughout 2020 and 2021. By letter dated the 15th October, 2021 and following an announcement in the national budget, the Council was notified that a targeted commercial rates waiver for the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors would apply for the final three months of 2021. This waiver assists specific sectors that have faced restrictions associated with the pandemic beyond September 2021. The continuation of a rates waiver scheme into 2022 is not anticipated and is therefore not contemplated in the preparation of this draft Budget.

In relation to the Covid-19 impact of additional expenditure incurred and reduced income, Local Authorities, working collectively through the CCMA, prepared and submitted financial reports to Government in 2020 and 2021 outlining the impact on Local Authority Budgets and seeking financial support. The Council received reimbursement in 2020. However, at the time of preparing this draft budget, it is uncertain as to extent of cost recovery and income reimbursement that will finally be forthcoming in 2021.

While we are beginning to emerge from the pandemic, there are a number of issues that will endure and will continue to present budgetary challenges including:

- the long-term impact of the pandemic on the Council's core commercial rates base;
- lack of any buoyancy in rates income within the valuation base generally;
- extent to which other income sources are projected to recover in 2022;
- the need to continue to provide financial support for leisure centres and arts centres, all of which have witnessed reductions in income and are operating at reduced levels of capacity.

A significant challenge in the preparation of this draft Budget has been the acceleration of the gap between our cost base and the income necessary to bridge this gap and to maintain services at current levels. There has been persistent upward pressure on our cost base arising from macroeconomic and pandemic related factors. Members will be aware of increases in fuel and energy costs currently running at up to 20%. However, this has also translated into price increases in materials, supplies and transport. This upward cost trend is apparent within the procurement process where increase in tender prices of up to 25% have been witnessed.

Against this trend of increasing costs, the income base of the Council has largely remained static. The Council's main income sources are characterised by stagnation and lack of buoyancy. For example, aside from the convergence of Annual Rates on Valuation (ARV) required by the merger process, the ARV proposed in this budget of 0.1919 has remained largely unchanged for almost eight years. In real terms, the income from our commercial rates base has been reducing due to the contraction of our rates base associated with some business closures and reductions from appeals and revisions. It is not sustainable for any business including the Council to maintain pricing at consistent levels over a prolonged period while both costs and demands on expenditure are increasing.

Demands for additional funding are also increasing. The Council is pursuing an ambitious capital programme which is maximising investment into the county from a range of national programmes including URDF, RRDF, Outdoor Recreation Scheme, Town and Village Renewal etc. The benefits of this investment are visible in projects in Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary town and Fethard. All of these projects require co-funding from the Council. The projected spend on URDF and RRDF approved projects for 2022 is almost €24 million. Approx €5.1 million of Tipperary County Council's "own funds" will be required to support this investment. This level of projected expenditure does not include projects submitted this year for which approvals are sought nor projects which will be submitted next year under further rounds of URDF and RRDF. This recurring investment along with demands in other areas such as the need to purchase landbanks to support the house building programme, upgrades to civic amenity sites and public lighting upgrades will have to be funded by loans raised and financed through the revenue budget placing further pressures on our income base.

The financial demands on the Council's revenue budget necessitated by the combined factors of cost increases, matched funding required to support projects and additional investments can only be sustained through realistic income increases from across all major income sources. If this is not addressed, it will, over time, lead to a financially unsustainable position with reductions in outputs achievable on fixed income-based budgets. The position will need to be further considered next year and will be discussed with the Elected Members.

Economic Outlook and Projections

The macroeconomic outlook for Ireland is more positive than might have been expected in the immediate aftermath of the Covid pandemic. The domestic Irish economy is recovering at a pace not envisaged nor predicted with domestic demand continuing to grow in 2021 and a further growth of 6.5% predicted for 2022. Consumer spend began to increase in the second quarter of 2021 following the easing of restrictions and while this is welcome, particularly for those in the domestic retail sector, it has been accompanied by rising inflation of 3.7% in the third quarter, the highest rate since 2008. Other factors contributed to inflationary pressures including increase in oil prices with a commensurate acceleration in the cost of energy, acute supply chain pressures including shipping capacity, shortages of certain materials and labour shortages.

Employment is expected to grow by just under 8% or 15,000 jobs this year. The unemployment rate is forecast to fall to approx. 6.5% by the end of this year which compares with a pre-pandemic rate of 5%. Overall, 400,000 jobs will be added to the economy over the 2 year period up to the end of 2022 with employment expected to reach pre-pandemic levels some time during the course of next year. At a local level, the macro economic forecast is likely to experience reduced unemployment, increased employment and greater opportunities across a number of employment sectors.

As referenced earlier in this Introduction to the Budget, prevailing economic trends are giving rise to price inflation. Tender cost increases have occurred in the housing capital programme, procurement of roads supplies and materials, energy costs required to provide public lighting and other contracts. Experience over the years would suggest that while these costs may stabilise they are unlikely to reduce and it is improbable that they will return to pre-Covid levels. The overall implication for Tipperary County Council and for this budget is that the cost base for provision of all our services has increased. There are also other economic factors which continue to be of concern in both our national and local economy including the ongoing uncertainty presented by the Brexit process and the impact, particularly on small businesses, of the full withdrawal of pandemic unemployment supports.

Budget Strategy and Process

Within the national and local economic contexts set out above and, in particular, the very real challenge in preparing a draft Budget at a time of economic volatility and uncertainty, the key objective is to stabilise the Council's finances to ensure that we will:

- maintain essential and other local authority services,
- continue the programme of supports to our communities,
- contribute positively to the climate action agenda,
- support our local economy, local communities and local business throughout the pandemic,
- commit to our ambitious capital programme through the provision of ongoing matched funding in the revenue budget,
- seek continued efficiencies in service provision, cost reduction and value for money.

Members will be aware of the challenges presented to our own livelihoods, our health and our communities by the changes in climate and in our environment. The Climate Action Plan 2019 proposed the preparation of 5 year carbon budgets and a newly constituted Climate Action Council to advise Government on the setting of budgets. In October 2021, the Climate Change Advisory Council submitted proposed carbon budget changes consistent with a 51% reduction in greenhouse gases in 2030 by comparison with 2018. Carbon budgets prescribe the maximum amount of greenhouse gases that may be emitted over a specific period of time. Following consideration by Government and the Oireachtas, sectoral emission ceilings will be set for relevant sectors of the economy. This, in time, will translate to specific targets for each sector including the local authority sector.

Over the years, Tipperary County Council has played an active role in developing strategies and putting into place measures that seek to contribute positively to the climate action agenda. Tipperary County Council is a member of the *Covenant of Mayors* and has been particularly active in implementing measures which seek to maximise renewable energy outputs. For example, the Council has put in place a Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy, a Sustainable Energy Action Plan and a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. We have also invested financially through the installation of 800 photovoltaic (PV) panels across 9 local authority buildings generating an average saving of 11% in electricity costs. New houses being constructed within our Housing Capital Programme will strive to achieve *near zero energy* ratings. We are working with private and public sector partners on projects such as the proposed Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, the National Bio-economy Campus and the newly established Technological University, TUS. A dedicated *Energy Management and Climate Action Committee* supported by the Tipperary Energy Agency has assisted the Council in emissions reduction of almost 50% across our services. The Council's draft Development Plan 2022 – 2028 sets out ten core strategic objectives, the first of which is “*to support the just transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity-rich, environmentally-sustainable and climate-neutral economy*”. In preparing this draft Budget, each Directorate has been requested to ensure that measures are continued to be implemented within our operations which individually and collectively contribute to the achievement of actions and targets in local and national Climate Action Policies.

The Council's budgetary process can be summarised as follows:

Step 1	<i>Decision by the Council on the adjustment factor to the Local Property Tax (LPT) following public consultation process.</i>	<i>Decision made at monthly Council meeting on the 16th July, 2021.</i>
Step 2	<i>Consultation meetings with Borough/District Committees.</i>	<i>Considered at the five Borough/District meetings held in October 2021.</i>
Step 3	<i>Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and Adoption of the Draft Budget by Council.</i>	<i>Budget Process, Issues and Strategy presented to CPG and discussed at meetings held on the 9th July, 2021, 10th September, 2021 and 7th October, 2021.</i> <i>LPT Workshop held on the 13th July, 2021.</i> <i>Budget Workshop to be convened on the 23rd November, 2021.</i> <i>Statutory Budget Meeting scheduled for the 26th November, 2021.</i>
Step 4	<i>Consideration and adoption of the schedule of Municipal Works by each of the Borough/Municipal Districts.</i>	<i>Borough/Municipal District meetings to be convened in early 2022 following the adoption of the Budget.</i>

Circular Fin 16/2021 of the 6th September, 2021 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage sets out that the prescribed period for the holding of the 2022 Budget meeting is from the 1st November, 2021 to the 30th November, 2021. The Statutory Annual Budget meeting of Tipperary County Council to be convened on Friday 26th November, 2021 is therefore within the prescribed period.

Budget Expenditure

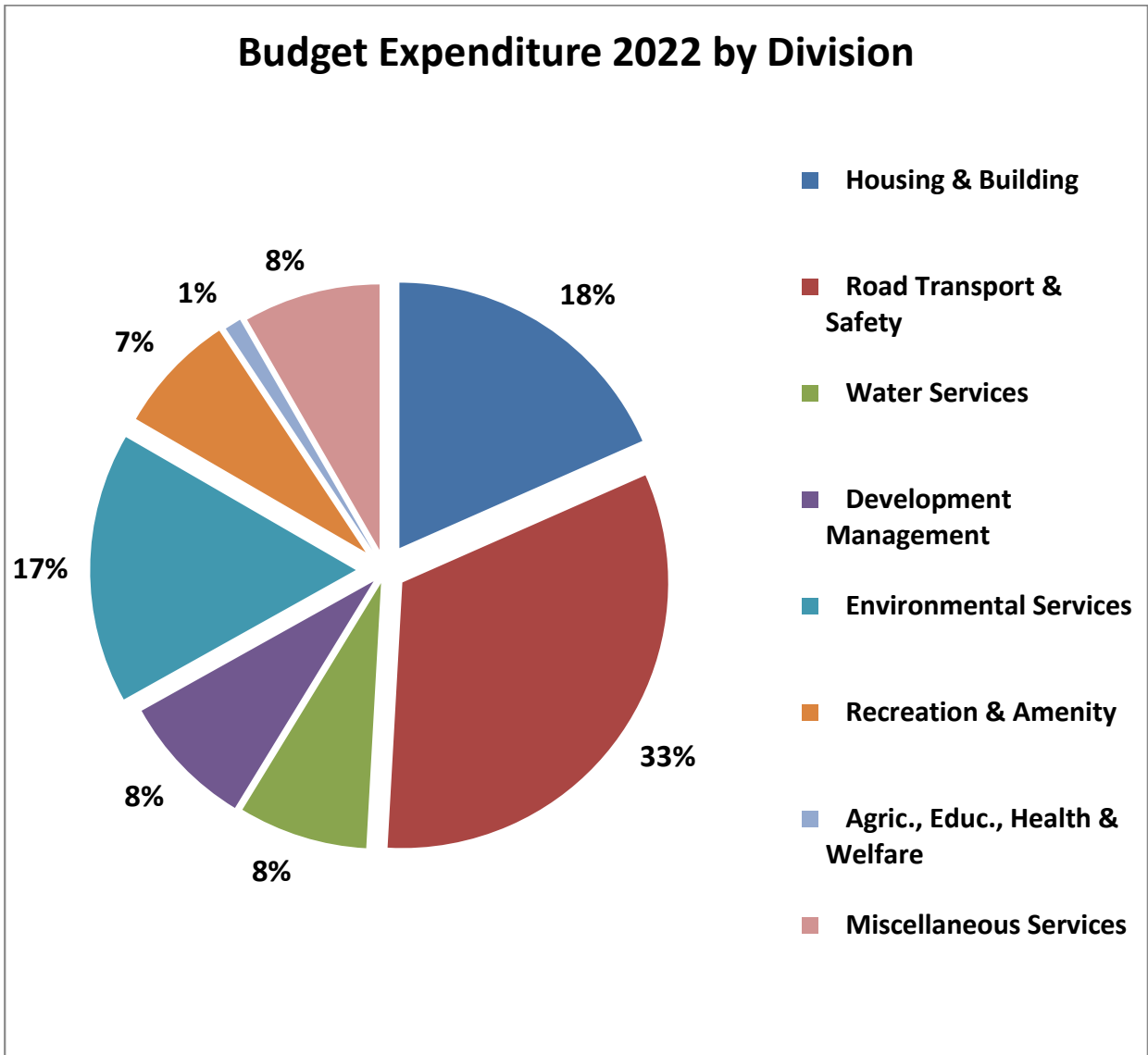
The overarching objective of this draft Budget is to seek to maintain expenditure headings across all programmes as close as possible to current expenditure levels. If substantial progress is to be made in our capital programme, additional funding must be provided to match or co-fund Central Government grants in areas such as *Project Ireland 2040* URDF and RRDF Projects. The Council has already secured significant funding for a number of projects (see list below) and further applications will be made in 2022. The Council will need to raise loans, funded through the revenue account, to support this ambitious programme of projects.

Project Ireland 2040: URDF and RRDF Projects.

Number	Project Name
1.	Clonmel Kickham Barracks Phase 1
2.	Clonmel Regional Sports Hub
3.	Nenagh Centre of Excellence
4.	Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter
5.	Liberty Square, Thurles – Enhancement Scheme Phases 1 and 2
6.	Thurles Market Quarter
7.	Tipperary Town Market Yard
8.	Tipperary Town River Ara Walkway
9.	Roscrea – REACH Project
10.	Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan
11.	Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza
12.	Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre.
13.	Fethard Town Park
14.	Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Serviced Sites

In previous budget reports, I highlighted that insurance costs had begun to stabilise after a number of years of successive price increases. I am pleased to advise the Council that the Council's insurers Irish Public Bodies (IPB) have confirmed that, based on their analysis of the performance of our portfolio of insurances, there will be a reduction in the premium payable for 2022. This reduction reflects the application of risk management and risk reduction measures through the implementation of our multi-annual works programmes on footpaths and the anticipated positive impact on the cost of claims arising from the introduction of Personal Injury Guidelines earlier this year. These Guidelines indicate reductions in the valuation of certain injury types. However, one of the areas of concern within the portfolio relates to the ongoing need to manage risks associated with cyber-attacks. The IPB has advised that recent cyber-attacks, both globally and nationally have resulted in a hardening of the market for cyber risk insurance and as such a significant uplift in the cost of cover for 2022 is required. Notwithstanding this, for Tipperary County Council, the IPB projects a premium reduction of approximately 9.8% on the 2021 premium payable across all lines of business with IPB insurance.

% Budget Expenditure by Division 2022



The main expenditure provisions within the draft Annual Budget for 2022 are outlined below:

Housing and Building

€ 7,425,982 for maintenance of local authority housing.

€ 2,200,545 for housing grants/disabled persons grants.

€ 12,920,827 for the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Long Term Leasing.

Road Transport and Safety

€ 8,135,256 towards "own resources" roads funding.

Note: The Council will be informed of our roads grants allocations in early 2022 following which adjustments will be made to the estimated grants provision in the budget.

Water Services

€ 12,031,734 for the operation of water and waste water services.

Development Management

€ 840,163 for the preparation of statutory plans and policies.

€ 733,298 for planning enforcement costs.

€ 416,200 towards Tourism Promotion.

€ 422,742 provided for unfinished housing estates.

€ 4,498,634 towards economic development and promotion.

Environmental and Recreation/Amenity Services

€ 1,638,350 for the operation of recycling centres and bottle banks.

€ 967,395 towards litter control initiatives.

€ 1,656,998 for street cleaning.

€ 1,153,320 for burial ground grants, maintenance and capital works.

€ 5,332,440 for direct costs of operating the Fire Service.

€ 3,382,579 for the Tipperary Library Services.

Budget Income

By Circular Fin15/2021 dated the 17th June 2021, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advised that the provisional Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation to Tipperary County Council for 2022 known as *the baseline* would be €25,951,602. As Tipperary County Council informed the Minister of the passing of a resolution to vary the basic rate of LPT by plus 10% for 2022, the Department notified the Council by Circular Fin 18/2021 of the 15th October 2021 that the allocation for 2022 is being increased to €27,158,966, an increase of €1,207,364 from the pre-variation allocation. Both Circular letters note that the allocation notified will be revisited when the post-revaluation LPT yield is available.

In June 2021, the Government announced a number of reforms to the LPT, including a revaluation on the 1st November 2021. Property owners liable to the payment of LPT were required to value their properties and to make their LPT return by the extended deadline of the 10th November 2021. The amount payable will apply for the next four years to 2025. A set of new valuation bands was introduced for the purpose of calculating LPT liability. At the Council LPT Workshop held on the 13th July 2021 the Head of Finance presented the Council with information setting out the projected impact on households of the revisions announced. In summary, it is projected that the majority of households in County Tipperary will not experience an increase in their LPT and, in fact, some properties may experience a reduction in their LPT liability having regard to the very significant widening of the LPT bands arising from the revision.

As mentioned previously, the decision of the Council to vary the LPT will yield an additional income of €1,207,364. It was agreed that 50% of this would be added to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) to be allocated to local services based on priorities and projects identified by Elected Members at District level. Decisions at local level will include the need to provide matched funding in Districts for Town and Village Renewal Projects, Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Clár projects etc. The remaining 50% will be allocated in 2022 to Leisure Centres and Arts Centres as additional supports to enable a top up of subventions to assist with ongoing and projected impacts of Covid 19 on the operation and income base of these facilities located across the county. The draft Annual Budget presented to the Council fully incorporates this agreement and the decision made at the July Council meeting.

Members will be aware that the National Revaluation Programme involving a reassessment of the rateable value of all properties liable to commercial rates in the county was undertaken by the Valuation Office throughout 2019. The revaluation of commercial properties in the Tipperary County Council rating authority area was completed by the Valuation office in 2019. The new valuation list took effect from the 1st January 2020 and this now forms the basis for commercial rates. The draft Budget has been prepared on the basis that the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) for Tipperary County Council for 2022 will be set at 0.1919 (i.e. no change on the 2021 ARV). The revised ARV of 0.1919 remains one of the lowest in the country. The draft Annual Budget has also been prepared on the basis that the current rates refund scheme on vacant commercial property will continue into 2022 as follows:

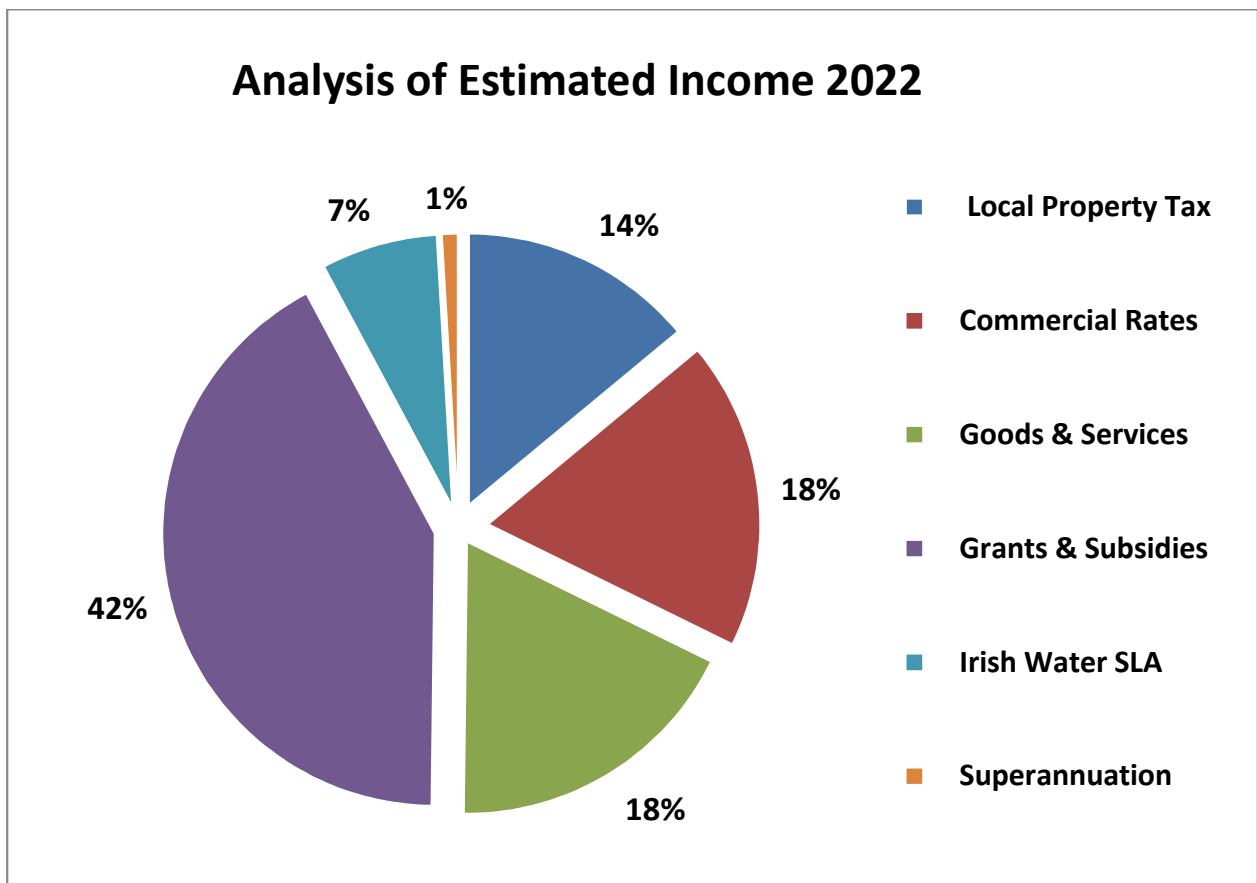
Amount of rates payable (€)	Rebate (%)
Less than 5,000	100
5,000 to 10,000	85
Greater than 10,000	70

As approximately 84% of rateable properties in County Tipperary are within the less than €5,000 band and accordingly will benefit from a full rebate on rates and some 92% within the less than €10,000 band, the continuation of this measures into 2022 will not impact on smaller businesses and those most affected by Covid-19 public health restrictions.

The commercial incentives scheme and the early payments scheme for commercial rates will be continued next year.

The sources of income available to meet the expenditure requirements of the Council for 2022 are as follows:

% Estimated Income by Source 2022.



Report on Capital Programme

Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) requires the Chief Executive to submit a report to the Council indicating the programme of capital projects proposed by the local authority for the forthcoming and following two local financial years having regard to the availability of resources. This report, commonly referred to as the 3 year capital programme, is attached as Appendix 3 to the budget book for your consideration and noting.

Conclusion

My thanks to all staff and, in particular, to Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance and the staff in the Finance Department for their work in preparing this draft Budget. My thanks also to the Cathaoirleach Councillor Marie Murphy and the Members of the Corporate Policy Group for their input in the preparation of this draft Budget.

I recommend consideration and adoption of this draft Annual Budget for the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2022 at your Statutory Budget meeting to be convened on the 26th November 2021.

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COMMENTARY

BY

DIVISION

HOUSING AND BUILDING

MAINTENANCE / IMPROVEMENT OF L.A. HOUSING UNITS

MAINTENANCE OF L.A. HOUSING UNITS

Tipperary County Council has a sizeable stock of houses which require significant resources to maintain. The focus in 2022 will continue to be on delivering essential maintenance, through the use of direct labour staff and contractors, and ensuring that tenancy repairs are completed in a timely manner.

In late 2019 and early 2020 the Elected Members began raising the issue of the high number of voids which were awaiting works in the County. The figure stood at approximately 4.7% of total housing stock. An internal working group was established which, as one of its findings, recommended that the Council seek loan approval totalling €4.16M. This was endorsed by the Members at the July 2020 Council meeting and this loan together with departmental funding continues to be utilised to clear a backlog in vacant housing stock including all long term voids with the majority to be completed by the end of 2021 and works in progress on the others. Currently the percentage of vacant houses is less than 3 % and this has been achieved through the support of the Elected Members and the housing structures now in place both in Housing Central and across the five Districts. The Council will continue to avail of any funding under the 'Voids' programme made available by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), to supplement this budget and will also utilise the Loan which was sanctioned for this purpose in 2020.

Funding for the Planned Maintenance programme will continue to be provided for in 2022 targeting larger maintenance items which will be identified in each individual Municipal District.

Energy Efficiency Programme – Tipperary County Council is actively involved in both the Midlands Retrofit Scheme and the National Energy

Efficiency Retrofitting Programme, both of which are funded through the DHLGH. There is currently works ongoing in 120 dwellings bringing them up to a building energy rating (BER) of a minimum of B2 or cost optimal. The works typically involve external insulation, windows and doors, heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), LED lighting and meeting ventilation requirements. The Phase 1 Energy Efficiency Programme was completed across the county in the early part of 2020. It is anticipated that dwellings which benefit from the current schemes will be substantially cheaper to heat than similar homes heated by oil or gas. As the DHLGH continues to fund an Energy Efficiency Programme which is in the Programme for Government it is intended to continue the roll out of Phase 2 works to additional dwellings across the 5 Districts during 2022 having regard to the funding model available.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION UNITS

The Council continues to work with traveller families, representatives and other agencies to address traveller needs within the county. Tipperary County Council, pursuant to the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998 are currently working from its adopted Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2019 – 2024. The council is committed to using the various social housing options available to provide accommodation including council owned and traveller specific accommodation, RAS and social leasing schemes and the Housing Assistance Payment. The council is progressing the following works to-date:

- Refurbishment of Heywood Road Halting Site, Clonmel
- Extension & Refurbishment to House No. 4 at Waller’s Lot Halting Site, Cashel
- Refurbishment of Lawrence’s House, Cashel
- Purchase of mobile home for family in Wallers Lot

Work is currently in progress on the following projects for submission to the Department for approval for 2021 for traveller accommodation.

- Extension to 3 Rosemount, Templemore
- Refurbish Dwelling at Ballybeg, Littleton
- Refurbish Halting Site at Ashbury, Roscrea
- Refurbish Dwelling at Lisnaviddogue, Templemore
- Extension at Chapel Lane, Roscrea
- Refurbish Halting Site at Ballyknock, Cashel
- Purchase and extension of property in Freighduff
- Purchase of second mobile home in Waller's lot
- Refurbish Halting site at Parkmore, Roscrea

The Traveller accommodation unit is responsible for the maintenance of 7 halting sites in the county. Halting site caretakers, in conjunction with housing staff, continue to address routine maintenance and management issues in halting sites and group housing schemes. 75% of the routine caretaker costs associated with halting sites are recoupable from the DHLGH.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION MANAGEMENT

This provision is for salary costs of relevant support workers who continue to support traveller families in the provision of their accommodation needs and help to promote links between the council and statutory/voluntary organisations providing services for travellers. The structure of the traveller accommodation unit allows for a senior social worker and two Community Liaison Officers (CLO). The Council provides a Tenancy Sustainment Service (TSS) which helps tenants in difficulty. These two TSS staff also act as a support for a number of traveller families in helping them to sustain their current tenancy.

90% of salary costs are recoupable from the DHLGH. This also includes supervisor costs for halting sites, of which 75% are recoupable from the DHLGH. All halting sites in the County now have caretakers on site.

MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT OF LA HOUSING SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS

This includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

HOUSING ASSESSMENT, ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER

ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS, ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

This provision relates to the cost involved in the employment of assessment officers, and administrative staff engaged in offering housing advice, liaising with the Department of Social Protection, the HSE, other relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies, identifying housing needs and making recommendations in the allocation of individual tenancies. Over 1,400 Housing applications were received up from 1st January to 1st October 2021, and 251 units allocated in the same period.

CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL)

Choice Based Letting, which is designed to place choice at the heart of the letting scheme, is due to commence in 2022. Vacant dwellings approved for the scheme will be advertised on a dedicated website and approved housing applicants will be asked to submit an expression of interest in a dwelling in which they are interested. Where there is more than one approved applicant interested in a property, allocations are then made as normal in accordance with the priority set out in the Allocation Scheme. Some of the benefits of CBL include:

- Fair and transparent system of allocations
- Reduction in refusal rate for houses
- Reduction in vacant/void units
- Difficult to let properties can be advertised and allocated
- Reduction in transfer requests
- Reduced administrative costs
- Monthly reporting to management and Elected Members

HOUSING RENT & TENANT PURCHASE ADMINISTRATION

DEBT MANAGEMENT AND RENT ASSESSMENT

This provision covers staff salaries, payments to An Post for Bill Pay and Household Budget services, and other costs associated with the collection of rent and tenant purchase annuities. The Council will continue to offer a variety of payment methods to facilitate and help our tenants and we encourage use of the various electronic methods of payment most suited to our tenant's circumstances. We will continue to work in a pro-active manner to assist tenants with difficulties. We aim to identify, as quickly as possible, accounts which are falling into arrears, and through early intervention, put in place effective measures to address the situation before the level of arrears accumulate. In cases where arrears do escalate, we will make every effort to negotiate an agreement with tenants before legal proceedings are issued. Rent collection level for the period January to October 2021 is 95%.

HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

HOUSING ESTATE & TENANCY MANAGEMENT

There are 5 Community Liaison Officers (CLO) employed by Tipperary County Council. They play an integral and substantial role in the active and positive management of council tenancies and the council's housing stock.

To compliment the role of the CLO, the Tenancy Sustainment Service (TSS) has two project workers with a caseload of approx. 40. This service provides support to council /HAP/RAS tenants that are at risk of losing their tenancy through a shared care model to prevent them from entering homelessness.

The Council will continue to work with other mainstream service providers to maximise the supports that can be provided to the most vulnerable of our clients and provide them with every opportunity to have access to a safe home.

The CLO's also encourage and support the ongoing participation of our residents in estate management, for example having our tenants and resident

committees working in partnership with the council to help enhance and maintain our local authority estates is of the utmost importance.

With a small financial incentive in the form of Residents Grants, we see communities taking responsibility for their areas and working towards creating safe and secure neighbourhoods for all to enjoy.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOMELESS SERVICE

HOMELESS SERVICE

This includes the operation and running cost of Homeless Services provided in the county. 90% of these costs are recoupable from the DHLGH. It also includes salaries of staff in the homeless persons section, communication and travel expenses. The Council currently has two Homeless Prevention Officers and two HAP Place finders throughout the county. This is critical in the context of properly managing our homeless services and providing the necessary supports when trying to house an individual who is homeless with possible complex needs. These posts will also assist in supporting the delivery of new programmes to deal with the complex set of cases that consistently present as homeless.

In relation to Housing First, approval has been received from the DHLGH for an extension to the service subject to availability of suitable units. The Section is actively trying to source these units and it is hoped that the extension of the service will commence in early 2022. Up to October 2021, 12 units have been provided to accommodate the most complex homeless cases with wrap around supports and all 12 tenancies remain in place.

6 Clients are currently accommodated under the START programme, which supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental health challenges. They are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy.

A similar support service is provided by a North Tipperary Intensive Support programme in the north of the county. This service is a partnership between the HSE and the council and it provides intensive support to individuals with

enduring mental health issues, who are at risk of losing their tenancy so as to ensure they do not enter the cycle of homelessness.

SUPPORT TO HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

REBUILDING IRELAND

We are currently in the final year of Rebuilding Ireland 2018-2021 with an anticipated delivery of 189 units in 2021 across Build, Acquisitions, Buy and Renew and Long-term Leases. The total projected number of units delivered across the lifetime of the plan is 859 against a target for the same period of 624 units, an additional delivery of circa 235 units or 37%.

There is no doubt that Covid 19 has had a significant impact on the supply of new builds during 2020 and 2021 and this was an unprecedented event. Sites were closed for several months and restrictions imposed through risk assessments and working with Covid 19 has altered the way trades traditionally carried out their duties resulting in smaller numbers working on units at any point in time. It is estimated that a minimum of 78 additional units will either have a delayed completion date or were lost due to increased costs as a result of the impacts of Covid 19 in county Tipperary.

There are 508 units at various stages of the delivery pipeline from initial design concept to being on site across 49 locations in the County with 307 units active on site currently.

The elected members have been supportive of Part 8's which form a key part of the delivery model and which will require the continued support of the Council under "Housing for All" as Part 8's continue to be brought forward for consideration. Recent design work continues to have a renewed focus on town centre brown field sites and this will continue to be evident in future delivery programmes with an increased focus on one and two bed units which account for a significant portion of the housing demand. Recent and current Part 8's demonstrates this trend which is to be welcomed.

The Council continues to work with the Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) and the quarterly housing forum meetings which began in 2020 with the larger

AHB's were continued remotely in 2021. All the key players in housing delivery have a common goal and collectively we are meeting this challenge.

In early September the government launched "Housing for All – A new Housing Plan for Ireland" which commits to increasing the new housing supply to an average of at least 33,000 new units per year over the next decade. This includes over 10,000 social homes per year over the next five years, with 9,500 of these being new builds. There will be a very limited number of acquisitions and short- term leases in future delivery programmes and long-term leases will be on a reducing basis up to 2025. The social housing targets for Tipperary County Council have been identified as:

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Build	230	155	158	170	174	887

Further detail will be brought to the members once housing delivery action plans are prepared later in the year which will outline how the above targets will be achieved for the next 5 years.

The Buy & Renew Programme is continuing to create opportunities both for the local authority and in some instances for owners themselves who are familiarising themselves with the available opportunities and incentives. The Vacant Homes Officer is available and has met with a number of the elected members to advance areas where there is known long term vacancy and where an opportunity exists to redevelop a property of interest.

TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Provision is made for payment of maintenance and management grants to AHB's and loan charges, both of which are fully recoupable from the DHLGH.

HOUSING CAPITAL SUPPORT COSTS

This includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

RAS & LEASING PROGRAMME

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME (RAS) OPERATIONS

The purpose of the RAS Scheme is to transfer responsibility for housing Rent Supplement recipients who are deemed to have a long term housing need to local authorities. The scheme provides an additional source of good quality rented accommodation for eligible persons. Provision is made for payments to Landlords and Voluntary Bodies – these are recoupable from the DHLGH and from rents charged to tenants. To date in 2021 there have been 28 renewals of RAS contracts and an acquisition of three new RAS units during the period January to October 2021

However, the council has also seen a reduction of RAS properties as landlords exit the market. 57 landlords have exited the market to-date. This trend continues. This council has been in a position to purchase three properties which allowed the tenants to stay in the property.

As part of the RAS programme, each potential property is inspected to determine if it meets the Standards for Rented Houses Regulations.

In 2021 to-date 524 inspections have been carried out by council staff and in order to meet the target of 25% properties to be inspected in 2022 it is our intention to seek approval for the appointment of a third inspector.

SOCIAL LEASING SCHEME

Provision is made for the leasing of suitable properties by the local authority to meet long term housing needs. The scheme provides an additional source of good quality rented accommodation for eligible persons on the waiting list. Payments to Landlords are recoupable from the DHLGH and from rents charged to tenants. The Council has acquired 68 units to date in 2021 and has 521 leased units in total.

RAS AND LEASING PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS

This includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

HOUSING LOANS & TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

Provision is made for the administration of the Rebuilding Ireland Home loan which was introduced in 2018. This loan is a government backed mortgage for first-time buyers. Loans are offered at reduced interest rates and you can use them to buy new and second-hand properties. To date in 2021, there were 110 applications with 24 approved to date.

Provision is also made for the administration of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, which enables local authority tenants to buy their homes. Discounts of 60%, 50% or 40% off the purchase price of the house dependent on your income. In 2021 to date, 58 applications have been made, of which 23 have been approved for sale.

An interest rate reduction of 0.25% for all new Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans was introduced on 10 September 2021. This new rate was applied to all applications drawn down after the 10 September and means that the all in cost for new loans is:

- 3.05% for loans with terms of up to 25 years, and
- 3.3% for loans with terms of over 25 years and up to 30 years

HOUSING LOANS SUPPORT COSTS

This includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

HOUSING GRANTS

HOUSING GRANTS – HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT, MOBILITY AIDS GRANT AND HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Tipperary County Council administers three grant schemes on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).

- Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for Persons with a Disability;
- Mobility Aids Grant;
- Housing Aid for Older People.

These schemes are funded through an exchequer contribution of 80% of scheme costs and provision is made for required matching funding of 20% to be met from the Council's resources. In 2021, approximately 370 applications were approved through this programme totalling over €3.2M.

The funding received for local authority Disabled Persons Grants (DPG) for 2021 amounted to €1.5m. This allowed 90 applications to be processed resulting in the provision of increased levels of support for local authority tenants.

In addition, all historical P2 and P3 applications have been addressed resulting in the clearing of the back log of lower priority applications from previous years.

HOUSING GRANTS SUPPORT COSTS

This includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP)

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Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is an established form of housing support provided by local authorities throughout the country. It was introduced in Tipperary County Council in June 2015. Through HAP, local authorities now provide housing assistance for households who qualify for social housing support, including many long-term rent supplement recipients. The HAP programme provides financial support to those who have been identified as having a social housing need but where this need can be met on an interim basis by the private rental sector. To date county Tipperary has 1864 active HAP tenancies supported by this Council. There were 435 new HAP set ups in 2021 to-date.

RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

Under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme 2017-2021, Tipperary County Council has been asked to accommodate 45 Syrian families. The council has fulfilled our requirements under the programme and 4 towns, Clonmel,

Nenagh, Tipperary and Templemore have been selected to house these families. Support networks have been established through our implementation partner, Youthwork Ireland to ensure a seamless integration for the families in question. The programme has been extended in to 2022 as further funding has been provided.

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

Tipperary County Council’s Corporate Plan sets out the strategic vision and direction for our county as being “A vibrant place where people can live, visit and work in a competitive and resilient economy, a sustainable environment and an inclusive and active community”. The development of high-quality infrastructure is seen as central to these objectives. The policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads, to construct new roads as planning constraints and resources permit, and to invest in infrastructure which meets the evolving requirements of weather and climate services. The Council has commenced an Active Travel investment programme, in partnership with the National Transport Authority, to support the development of high-quality cycling and walking infrastructure across the county.

Tipperary has an extensive network of National, Regional and Local Roads. The following table gives a breakdown of these:

Road Category	Length
Motorway	122 km
National Primary	71 km
National Secondary	145 km
Regional	899 km
Local	4673 km
Total	5910 km

Outlined below is the current position in relation to infrastructure projects in county Tipperary.

MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The current position in respect of Major Road Improvement Schemes is as follows:

N24 WATERFORD TO LIMERICK

The following Projects were listed in the National Development Plan 2018 – 2027 and have progressed through pre-appraisal and are now at Planning and Design:

N24 CAHIR TO LIMERICK JUNCTION

Tipperary County Council is the lead authority for this section and received approval for the Project Appraisal Plan in 2018. Consultants Arup were appointed at the end of 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4:

- Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in September 2020
- Phase 2: Option Selection has commenced and is due to be completed by April 2022.

N24 WATERFORD TO CAHIR

Kilkenny County Council is the lead authority and received approval for their Project Appraisal Plan in 2018. Consultants, Arup were appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4.

- Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in February 2021
- Phase 2: Option Selection has commenced and is scheduled for completion by February 2023.

PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The current position in respect of Pavement Improvement Schemes in Tipperary is as follows:

N52 BORRISOKANE STREETS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

This scheme involves 3 main elements: (i) N52 Main Street Improvements, 1.6km in length, inlay and overlay works, undergrounding of overhead services, erection of public lighting columns, construction of drainage infrastructure, street landscaping as well as footpath and build-out works; (ii) N52 Birr Road Improvements, 0.6km in length, which involves overlay, footpath modification and drainage works; and (iii) Mill Race Culvert works at the junction of the N52 and N65 Borrisokane. Construction commenced on the 12th of November 2018. The scheme is now substantially complete and snagging of the main contract works is currently taking place.

N24 MAIN STREET AND N74 FR MATHEW STREET, TIPPERARY TOWN

This scheme involves a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74. Improvements involve:

- 1.6km of new road pavement;
- upgrade of road layout on the N24 Main Street and N74 Fr Mathew Street;
- widening of footways with new paving along N24 Main Street/Bank Place and along N74 Fr. Mathew Street/Cashel Road;
- new footways between James Connolly Park and St. Michael's Avenue (West) and between St. Michael's Avenue (East) and St. Michael's Cemetery car park;
- upgrade of the car park at St. Michael's Cemetery;
- upgrade of public lighting along N74 Fr. Mathew Street/Cashel Road;
- localised drainage upgrades;
- enhanced soft and hard landscaping throughout the scheme;
- the provision of upgraded street furniture;
- new town gateway signage at the existing 60kph speed limit on N74 Cashel Road.

Preliminary design work has been completed; the Part 8 for the scheme was passed in January 2021 but the members of the Municipal District decided not to proceed with the N24 Main Street element of the scheme. The Fr. Mathew Street element of the scheme is at final design stage and subject to availability of funding will commence construction early in 2022.

N62 SLIEVENAMON ROAD, THURLES PHASE 2

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consists primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and design

work commenced in 2018. The preliminary design is substantially complete and the Part 8 will be advertised early in 2022.

N62 TEMPLEMORE (ROSCREA ROAD)

This Scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 700m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road on the northern approach to Templemore. The Scheme starts at the speed limit sign north of Templemore at the Circle K Garage and continues 700m to the south. Construction commenced in September 2021 and will be substantially completed before the end of 2021.

N65 CARRIGAHORIG PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves:

- 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
- public realm improvements.

Feasibility work has been completed and Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath renewal/widening/extension works is currently underway. Subject to land acquisition it is expected that preliminary design work will be completed and the Part 8 for the scheme advertised in 2022.

N75 LIBERTY SQUARE TO ANNER HOTEL

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage and subject to availability of funding will be constructed in 2022.

N62 KILNOE (M8) TO THURLES ROAD SOUTH

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 4.1km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage and subject to availability of funding will be constructed in 2022.

N74 GOLDEN TO KNOCKROE

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74. The scheme is located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage and subject to availability of funding will be constructed in 2023.

N24 CARRICK ON SUIR

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of a total of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route in county Tipperary. Design Work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office and the Part 8 Planning process was completed in July 2020. Detailed design and contract documents are in preparation and it is planned to publish the tender in Q4 2021.

N24 MOANGARRIFF TO TWOMILEBRIDGE

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. It was progressed separately from the Inner Relief Road due to the planning process that will be required for these works. Preliminary design is under way along with liaison with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Road Safety engineers. The planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

N24 KNOCKAGH PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT

This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. This is a location of frequent accidents and the works will include

improvements to the road cross fall and surface texture as well as safety measures at junctions. The scheme will require planning approval.

N76 GRANGEMOCKLER PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT

This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. This will include improvements to the footpaths and landscaping in addition to pavement strengthening. The project has obtained Part 8 planning approval and it is anticipated that it will be tendered in Q4 2021.

MINOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The current position in respect of Minor Improvement Schemes in county Tipperary is as follows:

N74 BALLYHUSTY REALIGNMENT

This scheme involves the realignment of approximately 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A Compulsory Purchase Order has been approved and the tender for the scheme has been published. A tender report and approvals are currently being prepared for submission to TII. It is anticipated that subject to these approvals that a contractor will be appointed before the end of this year. Negotiations for land purchase are under way.

N65 CARRIGAHORIG TO BALLEIRAGH BRIDGE

This is a pavement improvement scheme involving raising of the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. The scheme commences to the north of Carrigahorig village and extends approximately 2.5km in a north westerly direction to Balleiragh Bridge 2km southeast of Portumna. Design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has recently been completed and is currently being assessed. Following a review with TII and specialist geotechnical advice, a decision will be made on the next steps to be taken to advance the preliminary design.

N24 BALLYDREHID BENDS TO TOUREEN CROSS

This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. A submission has been made to TII and we await their response. All options for realignment are very expensive due to the presence of the railway and the topography of the land, and there will still be an issue with severe bends further to the east.

NON-NATIONAL ROADS

Grant receipts from the Department of Transport (DoT) in 2022 will be provided for in the budget. The typical types of grants allocated by the Department are:

1. Restoration Maintenance grant
2. Restoration Improvement grant
3. Discretionary grant.
4. Drainage works grant.
5. Specific category grants as hereunder.

STRATEGIC NON-NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

THURLES INNER RELIEF ROAD

The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1 km 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. The scheme includes a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir along with ancillary drainage, attenuation ponds (2 no.), ducting, water mains, public lighting and flood alleviation works along the River Suir. Negotiations for land acquisition are ongoing and an application to fund the scheme has been made to the Department.

KILLALOE BY PASS/SHANNON BRIDGE CROSSING/R494 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Clare County Council is the lead authority for this project. Planning procedures and the oral hearing have been completed. Design was substantially completed in Q2 2020. The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was

published in December 2019. The tender competition for the works contract started in Q3 2020 and will be completed in Q3 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is completed. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q4 2021 and the scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.

R498 NENAGH TO THURLES REALIGNMENT AT LATTERAGH BENDS

Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020, an oral hearing was held on 1st and 2nd December 2020 and the CPO was confirmed on April 16th 2021, without modifications. It is anticipated that, subject to the availability of funding, work on the scheme will commence in early 2023 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.

BRIDGE REPAIRS

A grant allocation of €695,000 for bridge rehabilitation works on regional and local roads was received from the Department of Transport in 2021. In addition, a Specific Grant allocation of €150,000 was made available for the completion of Clonbeg Bridge. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2022.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON NON-NATIONAL ROADS

A grant allocation of €560,000 was received in 2021 for Safety Improvement Works on non-national Roads in county Tipperary. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2022.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE WORKS

A grant allocation of €973,000 was received from the Department of Transport in 2021 for a programme of Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works in county Tipperary. The approved works include road edge protection, raising road levels, drainage and resurfacing. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2022.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME

A grant allocation of €1,194,000 was received from the Department of Transport for the Community Involvement Scheme 2021. A number of road projects were undertaken across all Districts, where local contributions were paid in accordance with the scheme. The Council has applied for funding for the Community Involvement Scheme 2022/2023 and a similar annual allocation is anticipated for both years of the scheme.

FORMER NATIONAL ROADS

A grant allocation of €500,000 was available to the Council in 2021 for rehabilitation works under the Former National Roads Rehabilitation Grant programme. This grant assists local authorities with the rehabilitation of sections of former national roads with a poor condition rating. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2022.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A grant allocation of €721,621 was available to the Council in 2021 for Local Improvement Schemes from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Schemes have been undertaken across all Districts, and those approved were subject to a local contribution in accordance with the scheme. It is anticipated that an allocation in the region of €600,000 will be available to the Council for 2022.

CLÁR

The Department of Rural and Community Development invited applications from Tipperary County Council under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures in 2021, and three applications received approval to proceed with a grant allocation of €104,000. It is anticipated that the scheme will be available for a similar number of applications in 2022.

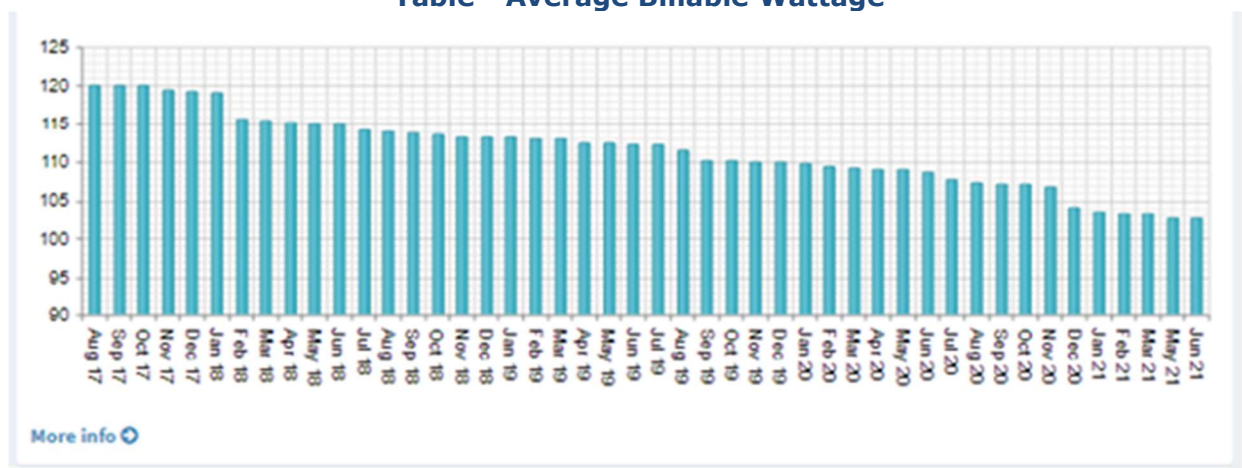
ACTIVE TRAVEL

The Programme for Government includes significant and ambitious targets for the development of Active Travel schemes. Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy. As part of the overall Programme, €50 million was made available to the National Transport Authority for the funding of walking and cycling projects in local authorities across the country during 2021. The aim of this funding is to support the development of high-quality urban cycling and walking infrastructure outside of our cities and so this investment is specifically targeted at towns and villages across the country. Tipperary County Council secured an initial allocation of €4.633m from the National Transport Authority for Active Travel projects in 2021, with further approvals requested throughout the year. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2022.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of over 18,000 lights across the county, on all roads with the exception of the motorway network. Public Lighting is the single biggest user of energy in the overall council's energy usage – approximately 8,448,284 kWh of energy is used per year. Over the past number of years, the council has introduced LED lighting in a number of new and replacement public lighting projects. Over 5,000 lights have been upgraded to LED, and this will continue in 2022, with consequent ongoing reduction in billable wattage.

Table - Average Billable Wattage



The Council has adopted a Public Lighting Policy which sets out the council's strategy for managing public lighting assets over the coming years. In 2021, the council continued implementing the Public Lighting Policy, in many cases to make energy efficiencies and to undertake essential general maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns, and interface boxes. The Council has also had to bring the lighting up to standard in a number of estates that were recently taken in charge. This will continue to have an impact on the Public Lighting budget over the coming years. The increase in carbon tax will result in an increase in energy costs in 2022.

ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Road Management Office (RMO) and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 50% more energy efficient by 2030. A Section 85 Agreement has been signed by Tipperary County Council and Kilkenny County Council for the authorisation of Kilkenny to take the lead in this project. Approx. 280,000 lights are to be retrofitted in this project, 13,000 of these will be in county Tipperary. The southern region project has gone out to tender and work is ongoing on the preparation of the tender documents for the eastern region.

SMART – SPACE PROJECT

Tipperary County Council has approval for European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding for a project to develop Smart Sustainable Public Spaces across the North West Europe region with the project being called (SMART – SPACE). Tipperary County Council along with three European Municipalities received funding to install a smart lighting system where the four partners will commit to a research project involving the installation and monitoring of this lighting system. Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the project. Advances in intelligent lighting systems offer the opportunity to significantly increase energy efficiency, thereby reducing the carbon footprint. The

primary location for the project in Tipperary is Thurles and in particular Liberty Square. Tipperary County Council has included two other small villages, in addition to Thurles, to trial this technology in a rural location, the selected villages being Drangan and Clonoulty. SSE Airtricity was appointed in 2021 to install the street lights and this work will be substantially complete by year end.

The Interreg North West Europe (NWE) Smart-Space Project was shortlisted in the Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 in the category 'Enhancing the Urban Environment'.

ROAD SAFETY

In the coming year the main focus under road safety for Tipperary County Council will be the development of a new Tipperary Road Safety Strategy for the period up to 2030. This will ensure that the objectives set out in the Government Strategy on Road Safety 2021-2030, the launch of which is awaited, are achieved at local level and will involve continued co-operation with An Garda Síochána (AGS), the Road Safety Authority (RSA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services. A review will also be carried out into the operation and effectiveness of the previous Tipperary Road Safety Strategy (2018 to 2020) and the outcome of this review will influence the new Strategy.

The Road Safety Section will continue to work closely with the Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána on:

- Promoting national campaigns to discourage speeding, driving while intoxicated, driver fatigue, etc. and
- Promoting national 'SLOWDOWN' initiatives.

We continue to promote road safety locally in all media: print, radio and digital; advertising/public awareness campaigns in 2021 focused on:

- Back to school
- Safety at Roadworks
- Road Safety during COVID-19
- Walkers Be Safe Be Seen

- Pedestrian Safety during silage/harvest season.

The Road Safety Section participates in training/seminars/webinars organised by the Road Safety Authority and engages with Road Safety Officers in other local authorities. There can be no denying the impact that COVID-19 has had on the ability of the Road Safety Section to deliver services to the community in 2021. While visits to schools and other settings were put on hold, the Road Safety Section developed and delivered a successful webinar to Transition Year students in October 2021.

Meetings of the Road Safety Working Together Group, which comprises of representatives of Tipperary County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Síochána (AGS) and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services, will be held quarterly in 2022 to develop the new Road Safety Strategy. Meetings of local Road Safety Teams for the county, one covering the northern part of the county, the other covering the southern part of the county, in line with Municipal and Garda Districts will continue. These teams discuss operational issues and, amongst other things, the Collision Prevention Programme (CPP).

The Road Safety Section will aim to see a reduction in the number and severity of collisions in county Tipperary in the coming year and will encourage members of the community to play an active part in reducing fatalities and injuries on Tipperary's roads by taking responsibility for their own behaviour as road users.

PARKING / E-PARKING

Traditional Pay and Display parking machines are in operation across the county. In addition, Tipperary County Council operates 'Tipperary eParking', a cashless parking system. The system allows users to pay for parking via credit/debit card in all nine towns in Tipperary where paid parking operates: Nenagh, Thurles, Templemore, Roscrea, Clonmel, Cashel, Cahir, Tipperary Town and Carrick on Suir. Methods of payment include smartphone app, website or phone call. Transactions can be processed remotely via the smartphone app. Users no longer need coin to park their car, as eParking is

a cashless system, reduces paper use and potential litter in towns from disused pay and display tickets. Promotion of the eParking initiative will continue in 2022.

For further information visit: www.tipperaryeparking.ie

WINTER MAINTENANCE

The winter maintenance period lasts from mid-October to the end of April each year. The aim is to keep priority routes safe and as free as possible from winter hazards. Having regard to the Council's capabilities in terms of finance, equipment and staffing levels, to maximise benefit to road users, winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis and will continue from 2021 into 2022:

Priority 1: National Roads, and Regional roads of strategic importance;

Priority 2: Regional Roads with high volume of traffic using the road;

Priority 3: Urban roads and local roads on a priority basis, urban centres.

In addition, Tipperary County Council has established a Severe Weather Alert Team (SWAT) to deal with emergencies as they arise.

WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER

IRISH WATER

Background:

The Programme for Government for National Recovery, 2011-2016, published on 06 March 2011, committed to the creation of Irish Water, a state company which would take over the water (including wastewater) investment and maintenance programmes of the 34 county and city councils (reduced to 31 with effect from 01 June 2014) with the key aim of supervising and accelerating the significant investment needed to upgrade the state's water and wastewater infrastructure.

The government agreed on 17 April 2012 to establish Irish Water as an independent, state-owned subsidiary within the Bord Gáis Éireann (BGE) group. BGE was renamed Ervia on 20 June 2014.

Legislation:

- (a) **Water Services Act 2013:** this enabling legislation established Irish Water and empowered it to commence the installation of domestic water meters;
- (b) **Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013:** this enduring legislation provided for the transfer of principal water services functions which are set out in the Water Services Act 2007, from local authorities to Irish Water, with effect from 01 January 2014, and other related matters. Functions particular to the Rural Water Programme and to domestic wastewaters disposed of through septic tanks and other individual wastewater treatment systems were excluded from this transfer;
- (c) **Water Services Act 2014:** this legislation related to a number of matters, including domestic water charges, a water conservation grant, the public water forum and other related matters;
- (d) **Water Services (Amendment) Act 2016:** this legislation related to the suspension of domestic water charges and provided for matters connected therewith; and

(e) **Water Services Act 2017:** this most recent legislation provided the mechanism through which the majority of the recommendations of the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future Funding of Domestic Water Services have been introduced. This report, published on 12 April 2017, was approved by both Houses of the Oireachtas. The Act also provided for the preparation of a Water Services Policy Statement, which was published on 21 May 2018, and the establishment of a Water Forum and Water Advisory Body.

Economic regulation:

The Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 provides that the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) [renamed the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) on 02 October 2017] shall perform its functions in a manner that best serves the interests of the customers of Irish Water. The CRU will be required to have regard to the need for Irish Water to be able to finance its activities, to ensure the continuity, safety and sustainability of water services and to ensure that costs are recovered from the users of water services in accordance with the EU Water Framework Directive 2000.

Service Level Agreement:

While statutory responsibility for water services passed to Irish Water on 01 January 2014, local authorities continue to remain very involved in the sector, acting as agents of Irish Water in relation to the operation and maintenance of services. This phased transition has meant that local authorities operate under Service Level Agreements with Irish Water, doing exactly what they have been doing on a day-to-day basis prior to the establishment of the new utility, e.g. operating and maintaining water and wastewater treatment plants and networks, and finding and fixing leaks. Irish Water will be, on an ongoing basis, setting the level of service, in light of its contract with the economic regulator (i.e. the CRU), and driving efficiencies and accelerated investment.

Tipperary County Council (as the successor of the former North Tipperary County Council and the former South Tipperary County Council) has entered

into a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, with effect from 01 January 2014. This is a binding agreement and will remain in place for a period of 12 years, with reviews after 2 and 7 years, respectively. It provides for the following:

- reimbursement in respect of expenditure incurred by the Council in the performance of its functions pursuant to the agreement;
- standards to be met by the Council in the performance of the said functions;
- resolution of disagreements in relation to the performance of the functions; and
- performance by the Council of functions within the functional area of another local authority.

Annual Service Plan:

In conjunction with the Service Level Agreement, an Annual Service Plan must be prepared through a joint planning process between the Council and Irish Water. An Annual Service Plan (ASP) for 2021 was prepared in relation to Tipperary County Council. The ASP 2021 focuses on such matters as:

- the budget for the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater services, including finance and headcount;
- objectives and targets for infrastructural performance;
- operations and maintenance and improvement initiatives (Council-led);
- investment plan (Irish Water-led);
- service and activity performance; and
- other matters as they arise.

Preparations are underway in relation to the ASP 2022 for County Tipperary.

Water Sector Transformation:

On 23 February 2021 Deputy Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a *Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation* entitled *Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish Water*

– *Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility*. The Policy Paper, Frequently Raised Topics, and accompanying press release, are available on www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading with the press release appearing under the Press releases heading.

The Policy Paper:

- sets out the Government’s vision for the future of water services;
- addresses the provision of water services as set out in the Programme for Government, entitled *Our Shared Future*, published on 15 June 2020;
- considers the water sector transformation process; and
- concludes by requiring the key stakeholders to engage to agree a framework to move towards an integrated public water services utility.

Minister O’Brien asked the key stakeholders (Irish Water, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the County and City Management Association (CCMA) and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) and relevant affiliated trade unions (Fórsa, UNITE, SIPTU and Connect)) to engage to agree a framework for a stable operating structure for the future delivery of water services, which framework would replace the current Service Level Agreement (SLA). The Minister further asked that this engagement would conclude by July 2021 and he indicated that implementation of the agreed framework would commence immediately thereafter, on a phased basis, to be concluded in 2022. He requested the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) to facilitate this engagement.

The WRC has commenced this process of engagement with the various stakeholders. The process is ongoing.

Investment Plan:

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3), to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This incorporates Irish Water’s

Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. The CRU's determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled *Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024)*.

This Decision Paper was issued against the backdrop of the new funding model for Irish Water brought about by:

- the Water Services Act 2017;
- the publication by the then Deputy Eoghan Murphy, the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, of the Water Services Policy Statement on 21 May 2018, and
- his approval of Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan 2019-2024 on 08 November 2018.

The Decision Paper was accompanied by Irish Water's Updated Investment Plan 2020-2024, entitled *Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 to 2024 Updated Investment Plan for CRU Review*, submitted by Irish Water in November 2019 to the CRU for review.

In April 2020 Irish Water submitted a further capital funding request to the CRU, which was reviewed in its entirety by the CRU. Having considered this request, the CRU, on 04 August 2020, published its Decision Paper entitled *Update to Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3.5) - Irish Water's Updated Capital Investment Plan*. This Decision Paper took into account evidence related to commitment dates for projects that Irish Water plans to deliver in the period and information provided by a review of Irish Water's capital planning processes by Scottish Water International.

The Update sets out the total revenue that Irish Water can receive, through government subvention and from customers, to cover its efficiently covered costs during the period 2020-2024. This Decision Paper should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned Decision Paper published on 05 December 2019.

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, www.cru.ie.

Investment is prioritised where it can deliver the most urgently needed improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, water availability, wastewater compliance, efficiencies and customer service.

The table hereunder provides an update of the current status of capital projects in County Tipperary.

Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary:

B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design	Contract Name	Current Scheme Status
Clonmel WRZ WP1 – Remedial Action List (RAL) and Boil Water Notice (BWN) Project	– Upgrading and expansion of existing Monroe Wellfields; and - Construct Pipelines from Monroe to Clonmel and on the Mountain Road. This will increase water supply into Clonmel and allow for the removal of the Boiled Water Notice on Mountain Road and rationalisation of Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant.	Nicholas O’Dwyer Consultants appointed to the project.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water to prepare strategy plan by end 2021.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water to prepare strategy plan by end 2021.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Irish Water appointed EPS Contractor/Consultant. Planning application documents and EIS estimated to be submitted in Q1 2022. Estimated to start construction in early 2023.

Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants completed Draft Drainage Area Plan and model for Irish Water. Irish Water to review.
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant progressing with full design. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 19 May 2021. Estimated to start construction in Q4 2022.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 09 March 2021. Estimated to start construction in Q3 2022.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Decision to grant permission for upgrade works issued on 06 September 2021. Estimated to start construction in 2025.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing. Planning Application estimated to be submitted in Q4 2021. Estimated to start construction in late 2022.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 20 May 2021. Estimated to start construction in late 2022.

Irish Water Capital Delivery Programmes:

In respect of the Capital Delivery element of the Investment Plan, these ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible by identifying where funding is most needed through a focus on specific asset condition and performance and establishing root causes of problems and addressing these. These programmes address issues such as water quality, water availability, health and safety, regulatory compliance

(with respect to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)), public health and environmental risk, energy efficiency and maintaining levels of service through addressing underperforming assets.

The programmes address issues such as:

- water quality;
- water availability;
- health and safety;
- environmental regulatory compliance (per the Environmental Protection Agency);
- public health and environmental risk;
- energy efficiency; and
- maintaining levels of service through addressing underperforming assets.

All projects put forward by Tipperary County Council are reviewed by Irish Water before approval.

As part of Capital Delivery, projects are underway in County Tipperary under a number of headings. The following update describes the current position on a number of these projects in relation to water and wastewater.

(A) Networks Portfolio Delivery (Water):

Irish Water has established a new contractor framework to replace the existing frameworks and has appointed Shareridge Limited to the Mid-West Region which covers Counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare.

The scope of services covered by this framework includes the following:

- new watermains and service laying;
- below ground network rehabilitation work;
- backyard lead replacement;
- District Metering Areas (DMA) establishment;

- pressure reducing valves (PRV) works; and
- minor works to include leak repair, public side lead works and metering.

To date in 2021, the following works have been completed or are ongoing:

(1) Watermains Rehabilitation Works:

- Ardfinnan (1km), substantially completed;
- Mount Carmel and St. Anne's Terrace, Ardfinnan (0.2km), ongoing;
- Davis Road, Clonmel (0.48km), completed;
- Templetuohy (0.15km), completed;
- Carrick-on-Suir N24 (0.6km of various pipe sizes at junctions), completed;
- Kilfeacle to Thomastown (1.2km), ongoing; and
- Ballinastick South (1.86km), ongoing.

(2) Back Yard Services replacement ongoing at Tipperary:

Phase 1 works replaced 220 no. lead shared services in the following locations:

- Marian Terrace, Saint Michael's Avenue, Cashel Road, O'Connell Road, Dillon Street, Saint Patrick's Avenue and Dawson Villas.

This phase of works is the first to be approved of the planned 3 phases which, subject to Irish Water approval, aim to progress the removal of almost 1,000 back yard lead services from the water supply in Tipperary.

The process of transferring the water supply from the rear to the front of each dwelling is a slow procedure which will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected. It is planned that the removal of all the back yard services will add to the quality and sustainability of the water supply to Tipperary and reduce leakage, in a major way, in the old lead and cast-iron pipes.

Phase 2 works ongoing in Lacey Villas and Glenview Square.

Consultation with householders in other areas is ongoing.

(3) Back yard services replacement (32 no.) in Mount Carmel and St. Anne's Terrace, Ardfinnan:

This is ongoing.

(4) First Fix programme:

This is ongoing. By email, dated 22 April 2021, Irish Water notified the elected members of changes to the programme, including a widening of eligibility criteria.

(5) Non-domestic meter survey:

This is ongoing as follows:

- Northern (Nenagh DMAs - Limerick Road; Stafford Street; Nenagh Hospital; and Town Centre); and
- Southern (Clonmel DMAs – Twomilebridge; Ballypatrick; and Frank Drohan Road, Clonmel).

Disinfection Programme:

Irish Water is undertaking a National Disinfection Programme. This Programme will:

- improve drinking water quality;
- ensure compliance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended;
- remove supplies from the Remedial Action List (RAL) as maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency;
- reduce the risk of the issue of Boil Water Notices or the formation of trihalomethanes (THM); and
- provide improved control of the disinfection systems.

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:

This stage involves the assessment of the condition and performance of the existing disinfection systems at water treatment plants across the country. This will determine the works required to ensure that the treatment plant disinfection process meets the specified requirements.

Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:

Some of these works may include upgrade of chemical storage and dosing infrastructure, upgrade of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems, upgrade of monitoring systems and generation of Critical Process Alarms.

The following update describes current progress on the National Disinfection Programme in County Tipperary in respect of Phase 2 Necessary Upgrade Works at various locations throughout the county:

- (i) Works ongoing at Coalbrook, Cordangan, Crotty's Lake, Stooke and Lorrha; and
- (ii) Design ongoing at Hollyford, Dualla, Riverstown, Cloughjordan, Coolbawn (Nenagh), Newport and Borrisokane.

Source Rationalisation Programme:

The aim of this Irish Water programme is to rationalise small water schemes into the bigger schemes. The schemes currently being assessed for rationalisation under the programme are Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey, Littleton, Upperchurch and Glengar. Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey and Littleton will be assessed for connection to the Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme. Upperchurch will be assessed for connection to the Kilcommon Water Supply Scheme and Glengar will be assessed for connection to the Ironmills Water Supply Scheme.

Tipperary County Council will promote other suitable water schemes which meet the criteria.

(B) Networks Portfolio Delivery (Wastewater):

Irish Water has appointed AECOM (Project Management) and Terra Solutions contractor to carry out sewer network rehabilitation works as part of regional sewer rehabilitation projects. The scope of works within each regional contract will be defined gradually through inputs from Water Services engineers, closed circuit television (CCTV) surveys, etc., to identify and prioritise asset upgrade requirements.

No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

(1) Wastewater Inlet Works, Storm Tank and Sludge Programme:

Irish Water has procured EPS to assess a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to evaluate the provision of new inlet works, storm tank, sludge treatment (or a combination of these) to improve plant operation. The sites identified are Newtown, Puckane, Portroe, Dromineer and Borrisokane. Design phase ongoing. The provision of any identified works may require a prior grant of permission from Tipperary County Council as planning authority.

A grant of permission for upgrade works to Borrisokane Wastewater Treatment Plant issued on 05 September 2021. Construction work is anticipated to commence in Q4 2021.

(2) Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme:

A Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme is underway at a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county.

(3) Provision of Chemical Bulk Storage Tanks:

The provision of chemical (ferric sulphate/chloride) bulk storage tanks is planned for a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county.

(4) Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme:

Under the Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme, the wastewater treatment plant at Carrick Street, Mullinahone was identified for improvement works. The upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant included construction of inlet works, new process units and below ground storage tanks, landscaping and associated ancillary works, including new below ground pump chambers and pipework. The population equivalent of the agglomeration of Mullinahone is 608. Consequently, it is in receipt of a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency. The above works are substantially completed.

(5) National Certificate of Authorisation Programme:

Wastewater treatment plants which serve an agglomeration where the population equivalent is less than 500 are in receipt of a Certificate of Authorisation from the Environmental Protection Agency as the environmental regulator. Those plants serving a population equivalent in excess of this threshold are in receipt of a licence from the environmental regulator.

Irish Water has a National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). Pursuant to this programme, feasibility studies and site investigations are underway in relation to a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county which are in receipt of the said certificate of authorisation.

(6) Wastewater Pumping Station Programme:

Consultants appointed by Irish Water are currently assessing a number of wastewater pumping stations to improve pumping station operations. The consultants have produced draft concept design reports for pumping stations at Borrisokane Park; Riverstown, Birr; Murroe Road, Newport; Riverside, Ballina; and Killenure, Knockavilla. These will be reviewed at Irish Water workshops.

NOTE:

It should be noted that progression of the above projects is dependent on Irish Water and on the availability of the resources necessary to deliver same. Engagement by Water Services with Irish Water is ongoing in respect of the above.

SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES GROWTH PROGRAMME:

Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3) Investment Plan 2020-2024 includes the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (STVGP). This programme is primarily intended to provide capacity in wastewater treatment plants to cater for growth in smaller settlements which would not otherwise be provided for in the current Investment Plan. The STVGP is limited to supporting growth in settlements already served by Irish Water infrastructure.

On 27 July 2020 Irish Water notified Tipperary County Council that 7 settlements in County Tipperary had been identified for inclusion in the STVGP. These are: Cloughjordan, Golden, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Lisvarrinane, Newcastle and Silvermines.

Tipperary County Council submitted supporting information in relation to these settlements and a workshop for Planning and Water Services staff took place with Irish Water on 11 November 2020.

Final decisions on which projects progress will be made by Irish Water. In this respect, the elected members were informed on 30 September 2021 by the Irish Water Local Representative Support Desk that the wastewater treatment plants at Kilsheelan and Lisvarrinane will be upgraded.

The review process will continue in order to identify which further project(s) in County Tipperary will be progressed.

The selected projects will now continue through the standard capital investment delivery processes and will be required to meet governance and

budgetary requirements at each phase. Updates on likely works completions will be provided in due course.

Water Conservation:

Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to reduce our demand for water. This helps to preserve our natural water resources, puts less pressure on our wastewater treatment facilities, gives greater value for money for customers and provides a greater level of service and water quality for all consumers.

Leak detection and repairs are ongoing as part of the Water Conservation Project, which was rolled out across the county in 2005. Water conservation is important as it allows for active leakage control and better planning of watermain rehabilitation.

Irish Water is acutely aware of the importance of water conservation to the delivery of water services and recognises that the Water Conservation Project Team forms an integral part of Water Services. Water conservation will be a key feature of the ASP 2022 as agreed by the Council with Irish Water.

Water Quality:

The Council is required to carry out regular monitoring of public and group water scheme supplies to assess drinking water quality. Monitoring results have indicated that the quality of water in this county is generally satisfactory. However, deficiencies do occur, which require improvements in the treatment of water supplies.

The maintenance of high standards of water quality, together with full regulatory compliance, will be a key feature of the forthcoming engagement by the Council with Irish Water in relation to ASP 2022.

Connections:

Responsibility for the provision of water and wastewater connections has transferred to Irish Water with effect from 01 January 2014.

Irish Water and Tipperary County Council have been working in partnership to streamline and improve the application process for connecting to the water and/or wastewater network. In this regard revised arrangements have been put in place since 11 July 2017, whereby applications for new connections are made directly to Irish Water. However, the Council continues to assess all such applications and carry out the required connections on behalf of Irish Water, in accordance with prior practice.

For all connection applications received by Irish Water on or after 01 April 2019, Irish Water is implementing a Connection Charging Policy, as determined by the CRU. This provides for a standard set of charges, based on connection type, for connections to Irish Water's water and wastewater networks. Standard connection charges will apply to the majority of customers.

Further information is available on the Irish Water website, www.water.ie.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE:

Water:

The ASP submitted to Irish Water has included estimated revenue expenditure for 2021. This provides for the operation and maintenance of all public water supply schemes in the county. The Council operates 45 no. town and regional water supply schemes. It has a network in excess of 3,265 kilometres of public watermain.

Wastewater:

The ASP submitted to Irish Water has included estimated revenue expenditure for 2021. This provides for the operation and maintenance of all public wastewater facilities in the county. The Council's portfolio covers 91 no. wastewater treatment plants, including pumping stations and the associated wastewater network serving towns and villages throughout the county. Each of these plants is subject to either a licence (where the population equivalent

exceeds 500) or a certificate of authorisation (where the population equivalent is less than 500) from the EPA.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Focus:

The focus of the Rural Water Programme for 2021 in respect of group water schemes has been to address remaining inadequacies in the quality of drinking water so as to ensure compliance with the parameters set down in the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended, through:

- (i) the provision of treatment and disinfection facilities;
- (ii) source protection measures; and
- (iii) the rehabilitation and upgrade of distribution systems.

Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

The Council's Rural Water Monitoring Committee consists of 5 members of the Council and representatives of the group water schemes and of rural organisations in the county in addition to a representative from the National Federation of Group Water Schemes. The Rural Water Monitoring Committee, under the chair of Councillor Ger Darcy, has met, via Zoom, on 3 occasions in 2021.

The task of improving the quality, reliability and efficiency of rural water supplies has to be undertaken in a structured way, with the Council, group water schemes and other rural interests working together to achieve shared objectives and making the best use of available resources.

The Council has been notified by the then Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) of its block grant allocation to cover capital expenditure in respect of group water schemes. This was in the context of the Department's Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021. A sum of €102,178.93 has been paid to 12 October 2021, to 7 group water schemes in respect of capital works in 2021. It is anticipated that a further €133,000.00

will be paid to another 2 group water schemes in respect of capital works by 31 December 2021.

In addition, an annual subsidy is paid to schemes for maintenance, with €561,169.33 paid to 61 group water schemes in 2021 up to 12 October 2021. It is anticipated that a further €2,000.00 will be paid to another 2 group water schemes in respect of the annual subsidy by 31 December 2021.

These payments are recoupable from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) (renamed from the DHPLG on 29 September 2020).

Grants for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house:

A revised Private Well Grant Scheme is now in place and operating from 05 June 2020.

Conditions are largely unchanged and the Scheme is still demand-led. The Scheme has an appeal system built into it. There are 3 headings under which an application may be made:

Treatment: installing an ultra-violet (UV) system, pre-filter system, iron or manganese, etc. filter: 100% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €1,000.

Upgrade: new pump, pressure vessel, structure and electrics of pump house: 85% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €3,000.

New source: drilling, dressing, sealing well head: 85% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €5,000.

An applicant can apply under any of these headings or combinations as follows:

Treatment and Upgrade or Treatment and New Source.

An applicant cannot apply for both New Source and Upgrade.

On 15 January, 2021, the DHLGH introduced a cut-off date of 30 March 2021 in respect of the former private well grant scheme. An extension to this date was sought by the Rural Water Team. On 24 March 2021 the DHLGH informed all local authorities of an extension until 30 June 2021 for applicants to have work completed and submit claims and until 30 September 2021 for local authorities to submit claims and address items where water quality reports are causing delay in submitting claims. The extension is especially welcome and facilitates the Rural Water Team in contacting persons who may need a little extra support. All applicants awarded under the former scheme have now received attention and this scheme is closed.

Grants towards remediation, repair or upgrading works to, or replacement of, a domestic waste water treatment system:

The Domestic Waste Water Treatment System Grant Scheme has also been revised. There are now 3 headings under which an application can be considered, pursuant to the following Regulations:

- the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Financial Assistance) Regulations 2020;
- the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Financial Assistance for Prioritised Areas for Action) Regulations 2020; and
- the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Financial Assistance for High Status Objective Catchment Areas) Regulations 2020.

Technically, the conditions are unchanged. The income limit has been removed. The maximum grant payable has increased from €4,000 to 85% of eligible costs or €5,000, whichever is the lesser figure.

While the administration of the grant scheme falls within the remit of the Rural Water Programme, technical assessment of the applications, including site inspections, is carried out by staff from the Council's Environment and Climate Action Section.

No grants have been paid in 2021 up to 12 October 2021 but it is anticipated that a sum of €8,000.00 will be paid to 2 applicants up to 31 December 2021.

However, it is expected that a number of applications will be received in 2022 as awareness increases in relation to the availability of the scheme. Responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme lies with Tipperary County Council. Grants are fully recouped from the DHLGH.

Grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016:

A new scheme became available in February 2016, with the purpose of assisting owners of dwellings connected to a domestic water supply with the costs of replacing lead piping or related fittings located within the internal distribution system of the premises, as defined in the Water Services Act 2007. The premises concerned must be occupied by the applicant as his or her principal private residence. Section 2 of the 2007 Act provides that “internal distribution system” means that part of a distribution system, within the curtilage of a premises, which is used for the provision of water for human consumption or food or drinks production. Depending on household income the maximum grants awardable and payable are:

Household Income	% of Approved Costs Available	Maximum Grant Available
Up to €50,000:	80%	€4,000.00
€50,001 - €75,000:	50%	€2,500.00
In excess of €75,000:	No grant is payable.	No grant is payable.

A sum of €4,000.00 has been paid in 2021, up to 12 October 2021, to 1 applicant; it is not anticipated that further grants will be paid up to 31 December 2021.

However, it is expected that a number of applications will be received in 2022 as awareness increases in relation to the availability of the scheme. Responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme lies with Tipperary County Council. Grants are fully recouped from the DHLGH.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

SECTION 1: WORKS COMMENCED/COMPLETED IN 2021 DEVELOPMENT PLANS / LOCAL AREA PLANS

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028

This will be the first County Development Plan prepared for Tipperary and will provide a unique opportunity to create a new vision to shape the sustainable development of the county for the lifetime of the plan and beyond. The County Development Plan will be underpinned by a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment.

The Plan review process commenced on 18th of September 2020, followed by an 8-week period for stakeholder and public input. Following consideration of the Chief Executives report and extensive engagement at workshops with the members the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan was published on July 30th 2021. The Plan was open for consultation from 30th July to 15th October 2021 and a series of webinars was undertaken in order to inform and engage with the public. After this consultation period was over (October 15th), all submissions have been compiled and will be considered in a Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members.

The preparation of the County Development Plan is a 2-year process, with three stages of public consultation. The final plan is scheduled to be adopted in Q3 2022.

CAHIR LOCAL AREA PLAN 2021-2027

In accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) a new Local Area Plan was prepared for Cahir, which sets out the land use strategy for the town to ensure the town can grow, support employment and homes, and can do so sustainably.

The proposed Cahir LAP was published on 25th Sept 2020 and submissions were invited until to 9th Nov 2020. 143 submissions (from 129 individuals) were received. A Chief Executive's Report was prepared which summarised each of the submissions and provided responses and recommendations on foot of these submissions for the consideration of the members of the Council. On 11th Jan 2021, the Council considered the Proposed LAP and the CEs Report and resolved to amend the Proposed LAP in accordance with the CEs recommendations subject to 2 further amendments. The Proposed Material Alterations to the Cahir LAP were published on 22nd Jan 2021 and submissions were invited until 22nd February 2021. A Chief Executive Report was prepared on submissions received and was circulated to the Elected Members for consideration. The Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027 was made by the Elected Members on 12th April 2021 and came into effect on Monday 24th May 2021.

KILLALOE-BALLINA ENHANCEMENT & MOBILITY PLAN

Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council have prepared a draft Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan. The draft Plan outlines a coordinated approach to public realm enhancements within Killaloe and Ballina, providing a clear vision for Killaloe and Ballina as linked settlements in the context of the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing. Specific measures, designs and schemes will promote the towns' complementarity, and create an overall focus on their joint strengths and opportunities in terms of functionality, aesthetics and the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing. A draft public consultation process took place from 9th July

2021 to 20th August 2021 and a webinar was held on 21st July. The final plan will be presented to the Municipal District Members in November 2021.

THURLES TOWN CENTRE RENEWAL STRATEGY

The final Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy was noted by the Elected Members of Thurles MD on the 18th January, 2021. The Strategy strives to create a thriving and vibrant town centre for Thurles which will support the future growth of the town and the needs of its residents, visitors and businesses. The community and businesses of the town took the opportunity to make an input into the Strategy during the two consultation periods which included workshops and a dedicated online portal. The final document sets out a number of projects that can be developed in the town centre over the next ten years.

Roscrea Enhancement Plan

The Planning Section continued to work with the Roscrea Town Centre Enhancement Plan Committee to facilitate the delivery of priority projects identified in the Roscrea Enhancement Plan. This included the delivery of the refurbishments scheme at Market Square, which will create a new urban space and enhance the public realm and accessibility in the town centre.

The preparation of a Master Plan for an Age Friendly neighbourhood at Gantly Road also commenced in 2019, which will build on Roscrea's designation as an Age Friendly Town. Pre-draft consultation has taken place and it is intended to complete and place the Draft Masterplan on public display in Q4, 2021.

RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES

A new county-wide Draft Record of Protected Structures has been prepared as part of the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028. Over 1800 structures were surveyed resulting in 43 proposed additions and 172 proposed deletions from the Record of Protected Structures. The record of Protected Structures for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Cashel, Carrick on Suir and Templemore will be reviewed when Local Area Plans are prepared for each of these towns.

URBAN HOUSING & REGENERATION ACT 2015

Under the Urban Housing Regeneration Act 2015, planning authorities were required to establish a register of vacant sites in their functional area.

There are two sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register since 2019. The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 increased the Vacant Site Levy rate from 3% of the market value of a vacant site for 2018, to 7% for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Invoices have issued annually in respect of the levies due on the two sites on the register. The revenue from the levy is to be used by local authorities for the provision of housing and regeneration development in the local areas in which the vacant sites are located.

PROJECT IRELAND 2040: FUNDING SCHEMES

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

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

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub.

Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works on the car park were completed in December, 2020. The main works contract commenced in June, 2021 with demolition currently in progress. Programme duration is 12 months. **Clonmel Regional Sports Hub** – Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021. Programme duration is 13 months. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**

Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. **Phase 1:** -The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1st October, 2020. Works are substantially completed on the Southern side of Liberty Square and works have commenced on the Northern side. Expected completion of Phase 1 by Q1 of 2022. **Phase 2:** - Preliminary design drawings are currently being undertaken and Part 8 Planning process will commence in Q4 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,000.**

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and under-utilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been

designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr's Road Town Park, Martyr's Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Project was approved for funding in March, 2021. Provisional Approval received from the Department on 25th. August, 2021 with arrangements and conditions attached to the funding support. In-depth review undertaken and revised costings submitted to the Department in early September. Preliminary Business Case to be reviewed and submitted to the Department. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, an 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. **Market Yard** -Works were completed by the end of October 2021. **River Ara Walkway** -Bridge is installed. Final Business Case was recently approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in order to proceed with the implementation of the construction stage of the walkway. **Total project costs approved are €835,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €626,250.**

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Final design for project completed. **Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches** recommenced in May, 2021 following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and expected completion by year end. **Phase 2 – Pavilion and Public Realm Works** –Scope of works reduced following a review by the Department of Rural and Community Development on the Final Business Case.

Design revised and tender documents completed. Request for tenders currently advertised on e-Tenders. **Total project costs approved are €5,094,969 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,600,000.**

Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Preliminary designs agreed. Detailed designs completed. Tendering process has commenced for the appointment of a contractor for the construction stage. Works expected to commence in December, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**

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

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Design team in place. A questionnaire was advertised online for the public to have their say with a significant response received. 3 concepts were selected to go forward for further public consultation which will inform the design. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning should be completed by the end of April, 2022. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. A design team was appointed December, 2020. The preliminary design stage is completed with significant input from the public. Part 8 Planning is in progress with expected approval in November, 2021. Detailed designs commenced. Programme is on track for completion in November, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**

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

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir's historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square.

Cahir Market House Business Centre: –Design team in place. Detailed designs have commenced and will be completed by November, 2021.

Cahir Town Centre Public Realm:–Final Business Case approved by the Department (DRCD) August, 2021 to proceed to project implementation for both the public realm and car park. Purchase of two opportunity sites being finalised. Detailed designs and Part 8 to be completed December, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €951,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and

visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students' Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. Awaiting Department (DRCD) approval to verification documentation submitted. Meetings have taken place with the project partners. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team currently being compiled. **Total project costs are €3,215,401 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,893,861.**

Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council's '**Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing**'. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be a model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project was awarded RRDF funding in April, 2021. Awaiting Department (DRCD) approval to verification documentation submitted. Tender process for the engagement of a design team is in progress.

Total project costs are €613,171 and RRDF grant amounts to €551,854.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Third Call Category 2 Projects

Three applications have been submitted under the Third Call for Category 2 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 30th. July, 2021 and a decision is expected circa November. Details are as follows: -

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to prepare detailed designs for the adaptive re-use of a former cinema and outline masterplan for

redevelopment of the adjacent brownfield site at Banba Square, Nenagh. The Hub would be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development. It will build on the development of the **Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter** Project and will deliver a 4th pillar in the centre of the town. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure from dereliction. The project value is **€1,431,059** and grant funding of **€1,144,847** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Tipperary Town Revitalisation - Phase 1

This project is a collaboration between the public, education and community sectors and seeks to develop three interconnected elements for the revitalisation of Tipperary Town through conservation of the built heritage, social inclusion, recreation, further education, training and tourism. Funding is sought to undertake detailed designs of the three interconnected elements namely (i) renovation, extension and fit out of Dan Breen House into a youth services and further education and training centre (ii) renovation and upgrade of Canon Hayes Recreation Centre into a fit for purpose sport and recreation facility and (iii) the development of an equine and sporting tourism attraction at Tipperary Racecourse. This is regarded as a priority project for the regeneration of the town through addressing high unemployment and social exclusion and enhancing the attractiveness of Tipperary town as a place to live, work and visit.

Total project cost is **€1,699,750** and grant funding of **€1,359,800** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Holycross Rural Immersion Centre – Mainistir

This proposal seeks funding for the development of detailed designs for the provision of a multi-purpose state of the art rural immersion centre in the

Padre Pio Prayer Garden adjacent to Holycross Abbey. The centre will be developed around four key components- (i) The Holycross Abbey Experience – Interpreting the story of Holycross Abbey and the monks; (ii) Rural Experiences Orientation Hub – A focal point for rural tourism and outdoor experiences (iii) Rural Producers Showcase – A focal point and retail experience for quality rural artisan food and craft produce; (iv) Rural Knowledge Event Space – A space for rural knowledge sharing and collaboration. The proposed centre will deliver a new immersive rural and community visitor experience which will stimulate tourism growth through the attraction of visitors to the village and wider geography of the area thereby supporting rural revitalization and economic development.

Total project cost is **€1,333,190** and grant funding of **€1,065,552** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES / MASTER PLANS / PROJECTS

ROSCREA ENHANCEMENT PLAN

The Planning Section continued to work with the Roscrea Town Centre Enhancement Plan Committee to facilitate the delivery of priority projects identified in the Roscrea Enhancement Plan. This included the delivery of the refurbishments scheme at Market Square, which will create a new urban space and enhance the public realm and accessibility in the town centre.

The preparation of a Master Plan for an Age Friendly neighbourhood at Gantly Road also commenced in 2019, which will build on Roscrea's designation as an Age Friendly Town. Pre-draft consultation has taken place and it is intended to complete and place the Draft Masterplan on public display in Q4, 2021.

CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural

Conservation Areas. Applications were invited up to and including the 31st January, 2021. Tipperary County Council had 29 applications for funding under the BHIS. 16 applications were approved for funding by the DHLGH with funding ranging from €2,500 to €9,000. Due to the Covid lockdown periods a number of projects were unable to proceed and their funding was redistributed following Departmental (DHLGH) guidelines between the remaining successful projects. The total budget for the scheme was €94,800. The funded projects were as follows;

- Shopfront, Croke St, Thurles €3,000
- Old Parochial House, Borrisokane €8,500
- Southpark, Roscrea €3,800
- The Old Convent, Clogheen €4,500
- Knockkelly Castle, Fethard €8,000
- Former AIB, Templemore €2,500
- St Pauls, Cahir €7,500
- Glenleigh House, Clogheen €9,000
- Garden Cottage, Patrickswell, Clonmel €9,000
- Milford House, Borrisokane €9,000
- St Marys COI, Thurles €5,000
- Corabella House, Newcastle €2,500
- St Marys, Irishtown, Clonmel €8,500

The **Historic Structure Fund 2021 (HSF)** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally

significant assets; and

- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.

Tipperary County Council received 16 applications under the HSF and 6 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department. Having assessed the projects, the DHLGH chose to financially support the following projects;

- O'Shea's, Burke Street, Fethard €50,000.
- DW Parkes, 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel (Pilot Scheme for Shop Fronts) €40,000.
- Tipperary Courthouse, Tipperary €50,000.
- Peahill Ballylooby (Pilot Scheme for Vernacular Buildings) €10,000.

TOWN WALLS PROGRAMME

The Council continues to participate in the Irish Walled Town Network (IWTN) which seeks to co-ordinate the strategic efforts of local authorities involved in the management, conservation and enhancement of historic walled towns. Annual maintenance of the Walls is the responsibility of the Municipal Districts in association with the Heritage Office.

Four towns are members of the IWTN - Clonmel, Cashel, Carrick-on-Suir and Fethard at an annual cost of €2,500 per town. Since 2007 the Council has received over €1.2m in funding from the Heritage Council for conservation works to the medieval town walls.

Works are complete for 2020/21 in Carrick on Suir and a presentation on Carrick on Suir was given by Tipperary County Council at the AGM and launch of the 2021 Funding programme by the Heritage Council. Works in Cashel were completed in June 2021. These works were funded by the HSE and located at the General Hospital, Cashel, project management services were provided by Tipperary County Council.

PLANNING AND CLIMATE ACTION

NEAR ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS (NZEB) PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

In association with Sustainable Tipp, the Planning section and the Tipperary Energy Agency set out to promote compliance with the new Building standards for dwelling construction to Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) standard. This campaign was aimed at planning agents and designers, planners and building control officers. A key part of the campaign was an information day held in Thurles on the 26th November 2019 and a design competition for extension to domestic dwelling to NZEB standard. The closing date for the design competition was the 31st July 2020. The winner of the competition was Ed Walsh Architects, Cahir for a dwelling located in Waterford.

E-PLANNING

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has been selected as one of the pilot Authorities for e-planning. During 2021 the following works have been completed in preparation for e-planning, webinar has been held with agents, full UAT (User Acceptability Testing) testing has commenced on the production platform, faults have been addressed and the national document categorisations have been completed. We have liaised with Galway County Council to assist them with the pilot project. The prescribed bodies have been engaged with regarding planning applications to inform them of the implications for e-planning. In addition, Tipperary County Council and the LGMA have worked with the software developers and significant development works (phase 1 & 2) have been undertaken. It is envisioned that ePlanning will go to live pilot (where planning applications can be lodged online and all subsequent correspondence to the applicant/agent will be electronic.) before the end of 2021.

SECTION 2 – WORKS PROPOSED 2022

DEVELOPMENT PLANS/LOCAL AREA PLANS

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The preparation of Tipperary County first county-wide strategy will continue in 2021 with final adoption in 2022. The County Development Plan, as required by legislation, will be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. Environmental consultants have been appointed to undertake these reports and assessments.

RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES

The preparation of a county-wide Record of Protected Structures will form part of the County Development Plan. Survey work and review of all structures will continue as part of this process.

URBAN HOUSING & REGENERATION ACT 2015

A new Zoned Land Tax was announced in Budget 2022, which will eventually replace the vacant sites levy. The Zoned Land Tax will apply to land which has not been developed for housing, but is serviced and zoned for residential development. The tax will be 3% of the market value of the land and it will be collected by Revenue. This tax will not apply until 2023 at the earliest. In the meantime, the vacant sites levy continues to apply.

VARIATION TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Planning Section will prepare variations to the Development Plans and amendments to Local Area Plans as may be required.

PROJECT IRELAND 2040: FUNDING SCHEMES

The Planning Section will co-ordinate the preparation and submission of applications for funding as opportunities arise.

ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES / MASTER PLANS

The Planning Section will continue to work in partnership with Enhancement Committees and communities in the on-going implementation of projects identified in Development and Public Realm Plans.

CONSERVATION & HERITAGE

The Planning Section will continue to administer conservation grant schemes as they arise and provide guidance and support in relation to the protection of the built heritage of the county.

E-PLANNING

Online planning (ePlanning) services for Local Authorities in Ireland will roll out nationally in 2022. The main elements of the project are:

- Standardised naming/structure of all documentation in Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála
- Web Portal through which all planning applications and all correspondence regarding same will pass
- All submissions will be made on-line for both planning applications and Part 8 applications
- Fees will be paid online by means of card payment or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Part 8 applications for all Local Authorities will be submitted and stored centrally
- Referrals to all prescribed bodies and the receipt of their submissions will be electronic
- Electronic transfer of planning files to An Bord Pleanála following an appeal.

The E-Planning system will provide a better service to the public, will allow agents to 'build' their planning application before submission, will reduce or eliminate copying and scanning of documentation and will facilitate electronic interaction between Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála and Prescribed

Bodies. The system development has been ongoing for the past few years and is scheduled for live pilot in Quarter 4 2021.

SECTION 3: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Year	Individual houses – no. of applications decided	Housing developments – no. of applications decided	Non-housing not requiring EIA - no. of applications decided	Requiring EIA - no. of applications decided	Total applications decided
2012	153	6	611	10	780
2013	169	8	554	17	748
2014	145	8	504	15	672
2015	126	5	674	12	817
2016	158	3	674	14	849
2017	224	7	701	5	937
2018	232	17	765	16	1030
2019	201	21	718	6	946
2020	188	25	720	1	934
2021*	189	28	659	5	881

*2021 figures up to 30th September only

ENFORCEMENT

Issues relating to enforcement are responded to promptly with inspections taking place and followed up with appropriate action. This can include the serving of an Enforcement Notice and Legal Proceedings if required.

2021 Statistics (up to 30th September):

Warning Letters	Enforcement Notices	Cases Closed
98	17	135

TAKING IN CHARGE

8 estates have been taken in charge to date in 2021, totalling 252 housing units:

Development Name	District	Number of Housing Units
Ard Abhainn, Grange Road, Ballina	Nenagh	16
Ash Court, Cahir Road	Clonmel	5
Cluain Orge, Golden Road, Cashel	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	11
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 1)	Carrick-on-Suir	18
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 2)	Carrick-on-Suir	13
Meadowlands, Moangarriff	Clonmel	31
Rossmore Village, Carrownreddy, Tipperary Town (Springfield Crescent)	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	72
Rossmore Village, Carrownreddy, Tipperary Town (Springfield Grove)	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	86

A further 7 estates are either advertised or due to be advertised for taking in charge at Municipal District meetings in 2021, totalling 425 housing units.

Development Name	District	Number of Housing Units
Bellevue, Coolbawn	Nenagh	4
Mill Crescent, Town Parks & John St	Carrick-on Suir	22
Townspark, Cahir	Tipp/Cashel/Cahir	24
West Meadows, Boherlahan, Cashel	Tipp/Cashel/Cahir	32
Ashgrove	Thurles	44
Caisleann Court, The Commons	Thurles	32
Aylesbury Court	Clonmel	15

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Providing support in (a) economic development through local enterprise office, retail supports and town centre initiatives, tourism and project funding; and (b) community development in LCDC, town and village renewal, outdoor play, recreation, and sports supports, age-friendly support, healthy Tipperary support and community participation.

COMMUNITY CALL

This service was invaluable to vulnerable communities during the early part of the pandemic. Infrastructure is now in place to manage many of the needs identified. However, Tipperary County Council will continue to provide the Community Call service, which is available from 9am-5-pm daily.

TIPPERARY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

The LECP Plan 2014-2020 has been implemented with the implementation process including a bi-annual review. The new LECP guidelines are being developed by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and Tipperary LCDC made a significant submission to that process.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

The LCDC meets monthly and continues to provide oversight across a wide range of schemes and programmes including the Community Enhancement Programme, Rural Development Programme, Healthy Ireland, Migrant Integration and SICAP.

SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

The SICAP programme has been extended to 2022 and a mid-programme review of the programme is to take place. It is expected that the Annual Plans will see a shift in focus in 2022 towards addressing the national and local programme priorities:

1. New Communities with particular focus on those living in Direct Provision

2. Mental Health (including youth)
3. Long Term Unemployed
4. Travellers /Roma
5. Older People and isolation

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/LEADER

€48 million has been committed under the current programme, and we have a transitional project from April 2021 to December 2022 of approximately €2.2 million. This will focus on Engaging new communities, Broadband and technology, recovering from COVID and Brexit, SMART Towns and Villages and the Green Agenda including the circular economy.

OTHER FUNDING SCHEMES OVERSEEN BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

In May 2021 Tipperary was approved for €149,690 under the CEP. €99,690 was provisionally approved to 116 community group by the LCDC for grants of between €500 and €902. €50,000 was ring fenced for specific initiatives in the county.

- Migrants and inclusion in our communities,
- Training and Post Covid-19 Restart supports for communities
- Support to the 5 Garda Youth Diversion and 2 Youth and Family Support Services in Tipperary
- Greener Communities and implementation of Action Plans
- Age Friendly thematic project supporting age friendly groups
- Support to 4 Family Resource and 3 Community Resource Centres to address Food Poverty and provision of play therapy support t
- Dementia Awareness Supported Projects
- Keep Well – Staying Connected supported projects

In September 2021 Tipperary was allocated €36,696.52 from the Dormant Accounts Fund **Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021**. 37 applications were received by the closing day on the 6th of Oct.

Town & Village Scheme

2020 MAIN SCHEME

Town and Village Main Scheme in 2020 we had the main scheme and 8 projects with a grant amount of almost €790,000 were approved.

NEW ACCELERATED MEASURES 2020 ONLY

Additionally, we had a one-of scheme called accelerated measures, these were smaller projects with a grant amount of up to €25,000 and we could submit a number of €40,000 projects over three tranches. Tipperary secured 5 projects of €40,000 and 8 projects up to €25,000.

2021 MAIN SCHEME

The main scheme which permitted 4 projects up to €100,000; 2 projects up to €250,000 and one project up to €500,000. Additionally, one project development measure up to €50,000 was submitted this was to flesh out a potential project allowing for exploration and feasibility works to be undertaken. To date the successful projects have not been announced.

2021 STREETScape SCHEME

This was announced in August 2021 and we could nominate 6 towns and award up to €320,000 the nominated towns and villages are Nenagh, Thurles, Cashel, Cahir, Carrick On Suir and Rosegreen. The applications were approved in late September and approximately 140 properties were approved for support under the measures.

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME

In 2020 the following projects were approved:

Measure 1; 7 projects with a grant amount of up to €20,000 each approved.

Measure 2; 2 projects with a combined grant amount of €280,000 approved.

In 2021:

Measure 1; 7 projects sought €20,000,

Measure 2; 3 projects have been submitted with a value of up to €200,000 each; and

Measure 3; 1 project has been submitted with a value of almost €250,000.

CLAR

Under the Community section of the CLAR application process in 2021, we have recently been notified of approval of the Clonakenny Community Garden Project attracting a grant amount of approximately €35,000.

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Meetings were held virtually using zoom. The committee continues to review the patterns and trends of crime in Tipperary. As soon as restrictions are lifted it is planned to return to normal meetings in 2022. The MDs are holding regular community safety meetings dealing with local issues.

TIPPERARY AGE FRIENDLY

An “Age Friendly County” is a county ‘that recognises the great diversity among older people and promotes their inclusion in all areas of community life. It is a county that respects their decisions and lifestyle choices and anticipates and responds to related needs and preferences’ (Age Friendly Ireland). Tipperary Age Friendly Older Peoples Council, Tipperary interagency Alliance continues to activate and deliver on the objectives of the Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

In 2021 Tipperary PPN continued to act as agent for information, support and engagement with an active community and voluntary sector in Tipperary. The wellbeing vision informed by the community is embedded in the Corporate Plan for Tipperary and the PPN are developing Municipal District Structures.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES COMMITTEE (CYPSC)

Tipperary CYPSC, chaired by TCC, is a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people

in every county in Ireland. CYPSC, who receive its own Healthy Ireland national funding, partner Tipperary LCDC in joint funding applications and implementation of Healthy Ireland funding across the county ensuring geographical and demographical targeting of this funding support.

COMMUNITY LEARNING HUBS

Tipperary County Council support the provision and promotion of community facilities providing capacity and hot desk for students to participate in their on-line learning and attend their college requirements.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is a new initiative to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people living in the most disadvantaged communities in Ireland. Tipperary County Council partnered with HSE and agencies will support the Healthy Community development in Clonmel it the first phase of Healthy Communities.

HEALTHY TIPPERARY

Healthy Ireland Round 3 Fund 2019-2021 was approved in January 2020, 12 activities are ongoing to a value of €270,000. There is also a fund of €30,000 available for Community Mental Health Grants where allocations of €2,000 and €5,000 will be distributed. All activities are to be completed when the fund ends in December 2021 and is likely to be extended into 2022 due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Comhairle Na nÓg gives young people a voice on the development of local policies and services in Tipperary, and worked on a number of different themes including youth mental health, LGBTQ awareness and diversity in 2021.

PLAY AND RECREATION

Work is to be carried out in Templemore and Newcastle with support from Capital playground grant from DCEDIY, no annual ROSPA is carried out due

to no company having insurance cover to carry them out. Continual inspections are carried out by MD staff while IPB, Department trying to come to a resolution.

PRIDE OF PLACE 2021

The Pride of Place of Place competition was judged in Tipperary on September 28th and 29th 2021. The groups competing were:

- Ballyporeen Community Council,
- Tipperary Down Syndrome,
- Ballysloe Community Council,
- Lorrha SCEAL (Social Enterprise)

The judges were very impressed with the high level of community activity and volunteerism in the county. All the participating groups are providing excellent services, facilities and support to their respective communities

DISABILITY AWARENESS

Tipperary County Council hosted 'Make Way Day' for the county on Friday September 24th, collaborating with Rehab Care Clonmel on a walk of the town. Sign of the Times Project promotes the awareness and use of Irish Sign Language (ISL).

MIGRANT INTEGRATION

Tipperary LCDC is preparing a Migrant Integration Strategy. The consultation and analysis piece of the strategy development is complete. The consultation was through interviews/focus group and by and online.

A very good response was received one of the key findings in this research was the warm and welcoming reception reported by most respondents. This finding was common across respondents from diverse backgrounds both within and outside the EU. Discrimination, xenophobia, and racism reported was minimal. As part of the Strategy Development, a migrant forum has been developed.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

On the back of a very strong performance in 2020 when over €5m was distributed on existing and Covid19 related programmes, 2021 has seen a consolidation of activity and relative normalising of services to start up and micro enterprises in the county. The total grant amount for measure 1 assistance (priming and business expansion grants) is targeted at circa. €900K for 2022 along with involvement in national initiatives such as agile R&D and graduate placement programmes with client companies where up to €30K is available in placement support.

The target number of client companies for 2022 will be in excess of 40 with a minimum of 5 companies receiving priming grants largely for employment support. Companies availing of business expansion grants will be in the region of 15 in total.

Under measure 2 support – training and management development, approximately 400 mentoring assignments and over 1,000 trainees of various programmes ranging from social media, start your own business and Brexit/customs training will be set as a key performance indicator.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CENTRES & BUSINESS PARKS:

PRIORITIES FOR 2022

Work to see delivery of employment at Ballingarrane Clonmel, Amneal site in Cashel, Lisbunny, Nenagh, Benamore, Roscrea, Clongour, Thurles, Lisheen, Ballylynch Carrick-on-Suir and Knockanrawley Tipperary.

Completion of the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation project in the former engineering building on site (circa. 18,000 sq. Ft.). Final planning is due in Q4, 2021 with an expected start date on the project of mid 2022.

Marketing Strategy

“Tipperary, The Place, The Time.” is a suite of marketing materials developed to promote Tipperary and testimonials can see on www.tipperary.ie as well as the social media pages of Tipperary, The Place The Time (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook). The four companies are Blanco Nino, Clonmel; Vision ID, Clonmel; Orsted, Lisheen and Oakpark, Cahir.

RETAIL

The Commercial Incentive Scheme In 2021 a new scheme was developed through the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and this will significantly add to the restoration, vibrancy and vitality of the centre of the towns and villages in the County. Applications for the grant have been moved to a fully online process and an information portal has been established with all the details of the scheme. This portal is now available at the following link - www.tipperarycoco.ie/cvis

The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme provided funding to a range of business and community groups across County Tipperary to support the towns and villages in retaining their footfall in what was likely the most challenging Christmas business period in living memory. The activities vary from festivities and entertainment that would create a joyous and happy atmosphere and bring people into the towns and villages in a safe manner.

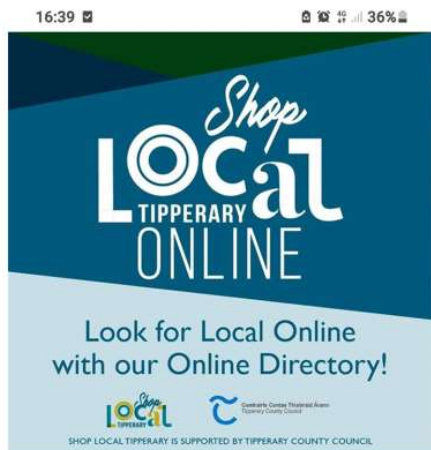
The Painting & Enhancement Scheme offers funding to the 5 Municipal District’s for painting and general improvements to commercial building frontages; the erection of planters; floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements and the removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and the replacement with shop fascia signage. Total Allocation provided from C&E across the 5 MD’s was €20,044 but there was an overall value leveraged from scheme of €159,783 – i.e. 700% extra funds were used for scheme purposes.

The Shop Local Tipperary Social Media Campaign is now on Instagram



and Facebook @shoplocaltipperary and it has been growing followers over the past year. Feedback is very positive and the promotion is clearly branded as being a Tipperary County Council initiative.

A promotion has been launched on Facebook and Instagram for the month of October to encourage people to shop local. There are 8 prizes of vouchers to the value of €50 each in any shop in County Tipperary of the winner's choice.



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shoplocaltipperary Shopping online? Did you know that we have an online directory of Tipperary businesses? Check out the diverse offerings across the county at: shop.localtipperary.ie Decorating your home? You will find everything from local painters and carpenters, to the finer details like coffee tables and side lamps. Hungry? You will find everything from restaurants and cafés, to specialist cakes or where to buy the freshest ingredients to bake and cook from scratch! You can also search by town, so you can find the closest products and

Another promotion is planned for November and December, in the run up to Christmas, to remind people to use the businesses in their county for online shopping. The campaign will take the form of a treasure hunt and it will direct shoppers to the newly created online directory of businesses at <https://shop.localtipperary.ie> which is hosted on the Tipperary County Council Website. The directory highlights any business that sells online in County Tipperary. It is fully searchable by category or by nearest town so it offers a very simple way for people to find shops in their locality for specific categories of goods or services.

The Town and Village Accelerated Funds 2020 assisted towns to overcome the challenges to towns presented by the COVID19 pandemic.

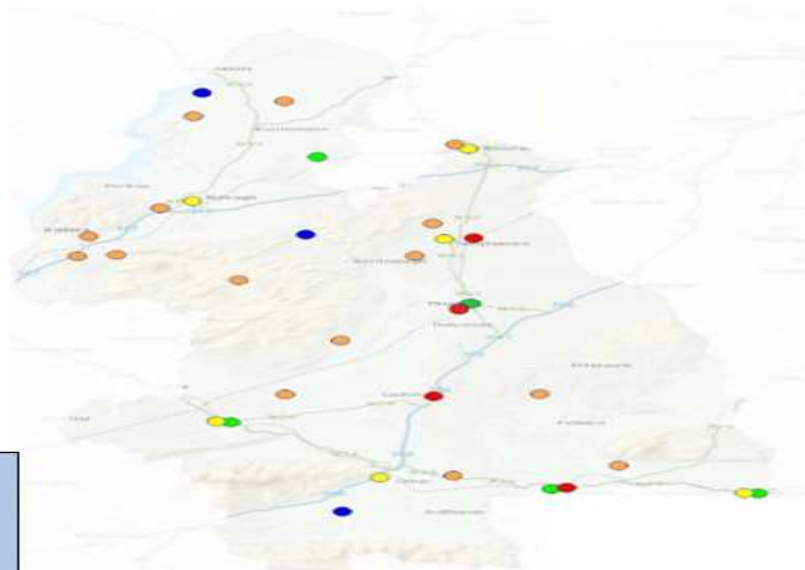
Carrick on Suir MD received a grant of €28,500; Thurles MD received funding of €27,800; Tipperary MD received €27, Nenagh MD also received funding for both Nenagh and Terryglass of €24,000 each

County Tipperary Digital Strategy Reviewed and Reset. Tipperary County Council conducted a review of the Tipperary Digital Strategy. And the new plan will ensure that County Tipperary accelerates its digital capabilities as a County, intensifying and growing all opportunities that will place County Tipperary as a fore-runner in addressing change.

Enterprise Centres, Digital Hubs, Shared work spaces

There has been ongoing development across the county to create or support availability of Enterprise Centres, Digital Hubs and shared work spaces. The existing or targeted projects as follows:

County Tipperary Digital Hubs Locations and Status



LEGEND

●	In Place
●	In Development
●	GAP (Targeted)
●	BCP Live
●	BCP Not Live

Tipperary Digital Hubs Status			
Location	#	Type	Status
Carrick-on-Suir	1	● Digital Hub	Small digital hub operational
	1	● Enterprise Dev Hub	Enterprise Dev Hub in planning/development
Cahir	1	● Enterprise Dev Hub	Planning work on-going - RRDF Old library
Cashel	0	● No current plan	Stakeholders/Site to be identified
Clonmel	1	● Start-ups	Questum catering for start-up business
	0	● Digital Hub	Stakeholders/Site to be identified.
Cloughjordan	1	● Digital Hub	'WeCreate' Digital Hub
Nenagh	1	● Digital Hub	Sourcing funding for Digital hub
Roscrea	1	● Digital Hub	Funding obtained - In development
Templemore	1	● Hot Desk X 2	Library – In development in Town Hall.
	0	● Digital Hub	Stakeholders/Site to be identified
Thurles	1	● Enterprise Centre	Operational
	0	● Digital Hub	Potential to expand
Tipperary Town	1	● Digital Hub	Digital hub operational
	1	● Enterprise Dev Hub	Funding obtained – In development
Other	15	● BCP	BCP's Live
	3	● BCP	BCP's not Live

Tipperary Digital Hubs Status Source: Market Dynamics and Tipperary County Council, Sept 2021

BROADBAND

National Broadband Plan

In 2019, the Government appointed National Broadband Ireland - NBI™ to build, maintain and operate a future proofed high-speed broadband network in the State intervention area over a 25-year period.

In total, there are 29,759 premises in the rollout area in Tipperary in 21 Network Deployment Area's, which includes homes, farms, commercial businesses and schools. This equates to 35% of all premises in the county. Under the National Broadband Plan, Tipperary will see a State investment of €117M in the new high-speed fibre network.

In total, three Regional Core Network Exchanges will also be built in County Tipperary - namely in the towns of Roscrea, Clonmel and Tipperary – and will serve approximately 15,000 premises per each Regional Exchange.

Broadband Connection Points – County Tipperary

The BCP initiative is a collaborative and *Our Rural Future* – recognises remote working hubs and BCPs as being key economic assets for towns and villages throughout Ireland. This ambition is to transform digital connectivity for rural communities and enterprises through the delivery of high-speed broadband to every part of the country. The 20 BCPs include Rossmore community hall, Drom community hall, Curreeney community hall, Aglish, Killurney, Moyglass, Killoscully, Killea, The Pavillion, Ballinderry sportsfield, Ballinahinch, Boher parish hall, Fanure Roscrea, Kilcoleman, The Apple Farm Cahir, Donaskeagh, Terryglass community hall, Ballylooby, Latteragh, Gurtagarry, Lismackin,

The council's broadband officer and economic team is working closely with all providers such as Eir, SIRO, to provide improved fibre and connectivity The Mobile Network Operators, including Vodafone, Three, Eir , Imagine, Cellnex and other to provide better mobile coverage.

Through the European Commission's WiFi4EU programme, co-funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, Tipperary County Council has established free public Wi-Fi services in the towns of Clonmel, Nenagh, Tipperary, Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir and Thurles.



A4 Poster

TOURISM

The ongoing Covid 19 global pandemic brought tourism to a standstill worldwide in March 2020 as countries closed their borders and travel was restricted to 5km from home. The council has actively supported the industry focusing in 2021 on sustaining the industry through collaborative led marketing and connecting tourism providers with funding and upskilling opportunities to assist in forging a way through the challenges of a very difficult economic climate. A renewed focus on tourism product development saw the launch of a new ambitious strategic plan and the progression of a number of projects during year as outlined below.

Tipperary Destination Recovery Taskforce (TDRT)

A Tipperary Destination Recovery Taskforce was established in 2020 to co-ordinate recovery at a destination level. This new stakeholder group is led by Tipperary Tourism CLG in co-operation with Failte Ireland, supported by Tipperary County Council, the OPW and the industry across the county. The TDRT developed and is currently implementing a bespoke *Tipperary Destination Resilience Plan* during 2021 and 2022.

Tipperary Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience & Destination Development Plan 2016 -2021

This plan will lead a €150 million investment in tourism product development over the next decade. It contains innovative concepts for creating exciting new tourism experiences and significantly enhancing existing ones. Across 19 concepts, development is focused on leveraging the county's assets in heritage, landscape and water with the entire plan.

Cashel Destination Town

Tipperary County Council invited Fáilte Ireland to work together to develop a Destination Town Plan for Cashel. During 2021 two projects commenced and are in progress as follows; A partnership project with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland to select a site and complete preliminary work on the development of a new Rock of Cashel visitor centre; and a destination town-led public realm design and signage strategy for Cashel town centre.

Fáilte Ireland Historic Towns Heritage Trail Upgrades Fethard & Cashel

The upgrade of the Historic Town Trail Signage in Fethard and Cashel was completed. Fáilte Ireland worked with the local community and Tipperary County Council to upgrade and rebrand the signage to align with the Irelands Ancient East proposition and The Butler Trail.

Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme

This €17million scheme focused on the development of outdoor dining capacity in two parts.

- Grants of up to €4,000 for tourism and hospitality businesses to develop and increase their own outdoor seating capacity. And 240 applications were received.
- Project proposals submitted for two outdoor public dining spaces in Clonmel and Thurles.

Department of TCAGS&M Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021

Abbey Street Car Park, Clonmel was supported which was successfully awarded €243,512 to create public space and facilities dedicated to the arts, culture and festivals opened for applications in May.

Platforms for Growth 2 Facility Centres for Water Sports Activities.

Progressing through the compliance phases with an application for a facility in Dromineer Harbour, the facility will provide a hub where multiple water sport operators can base themselves. These best-in-class facilities will include; changing facilities, showers, toilets, secure storage and enclosed spaces for inductions to take place.

Holycross Visitor Experience

Tipperary County Council submitted an RRDF proposal in 2021 to support the development of a new visitor experience close to Holycross Abbey.

Equine Tourism / Thoroughbred Country

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism are working in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, Kildare County Council and Kildare Fáilte to develop equine tourism experiences across the county connected nationally through a Thoroughbred Experience Trail and to jointly deliver the Fáilte Ireland Thoroughbred Country Destination Development Plan. At a county level the Tipperary Equine Tourism Group actively collaborated with the Tipperary Town Taskforce to develop a Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Bid under Category Two, which includes recreational tourism development connecting Tipperary Town with Tipperary Racecourse.

Just Transition Funding Application for Littleton Labyrinth.

Tipperary County Council and Bórd na Mona were successful in a funding bid to the Just Transition Fund for €780,000 to develop the first phase of Littleton Labyrinth. Essentially this project encompasses a peatway from Horse and Jockey to Glengoole encircling Lough Daoire Bhile. Also included in this application is a feasibility and business plan to develop the concept of a *Bushcraft Survival and Activity Centre* a concept from the *Tipperary Transforming Tourism Product Development Plan 2020 -2030*. The project is currently in progress.

Suir Blueway Tipperary

Tipperary County Council worked in partnership with Waterford County Council to prepare a brief to procure consultants to complete a feasibility study

on connecting Suir Blueway Tipperary with Waterford Greenway. Procurement is complete and funding opportunities are actively being sought to support this feasibility study.

St Declan's Way

Tipperary County Council worked in collaboration with Munster Vales, Waterford County Council, the voluntary St. Declan's Way Committee and Fáilte Ireland to support the marketing and launch of St. Declans Way, officially launched by Heather Humphries, Minister for Rural and Community Development, on September 29th.

Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme – Department of Rural and Community Development. Funding was secured by tourism section for the following projects Tipperary Interactive Activities Map (€25,000), Lough Derg Interactive Activities Map (€25,000), and Munster Vales Interactive Activities Map (25,000)

Tipperary Tourism Marketing

A significant effort ensured that the online presence of Tipperary Tourism was maintained during the Covid 19 pandemic and impressive digital, audio and PR campaigns were rolled out. A large quantity of evergreen content was created e.g. Video, photography and itineraries.

Munster Vales

During 2021 Munster Vales continued to roll out the Munster Vales Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024 and lead collaborative marketing of the Munster Vales destination incorporating parts of counties Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and Waterford.

Munster Vales led the development of **a new food trail** itinerary which is available for visitors through www.munstervales.com .

Lough Derg

A **Destination Recovery Taskforce** was established for Lough Derg in July 2020. In collaboration with Irelands Hidden Heartlands Destination, Lough Derg undertook a workshop with the task force in December 2020. The

workshop produced a road map in the form of 4 momentum projects to support and assist the industry through re-opening. **Funding received:** €76,660 was received from Fáilte Ireland, to support adventure Lough Derg App | PR campaign | Digital Assets | Supporting Festival and Events. **Lough Derg Visitor Experience Development Plan (VEDP)** was launched on the 20th of April. A very successful media campaign around the launch provided over 6 million impressions of the region.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION SERVICES

CLIMATE CHANGE

The cross-sectional Energy & Climate Action Committee and Tipperary Energy Agency met on four occasions during the year to progress the Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 and the Energy Action Plan. The section collaborated with the Eastern & Midland Climate Area Regional Office (CARO) on joint initiatives such as the preparation of the new Climate Action Plan, staff training programmes and research. A progress report detailing the status of the 53 actions was submitted to the CARO office. Expenditure on climate change related projects is expected to exceed €6 million for 2021, and additional funding was secured from Government departments for climate related initiatives.

Based on the energy Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) report prepared by Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), the local authority is on track to reach the 50% energy efficiency target for 2030, having attained a 40% target in 2020. Tipperary County Council's primary energy consumption ratio is as follows: grid electricity 56%, fossil fuel 37% and renewable sources 7%. The upgrade of the public lighting infrastructure will reduce our Greenhouse Gas Emissions significantly due to the decarbonisation of the electricity sector. However, the decarbonisation of the fossil fuel-based heating systems in our public buildings and transport fleet will be a challenge in terms of the investment required.

TEA is providing an Energy Bureau Service to assist sections to identify energy savings measures. An energy management information system was procured in 2021 which will provide data on energy consumption in our 15 largest buildings on a 24/7 basis. A tracking tool developed by SEAI to evaluate energy projects potential for generating energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reductions will be used to future proof investment going forward.

Our Environmental Awareness programme included a number of initiatives to support climate change in communities, these included the distribution of over 1,000 wild flower packs/trees and organising biodiversity workshops. In support of the circular economy, a repair directory of all businesses in the county was produced and circulated free of charge, the upcycling competition attracted over 40 entries and a campaign to encourage the public to donate items to their local charity shops were initiatives undertaken to reduce waste going to landfill. During energy week the section organised a series of events, one being The Create Tipperary Energy Trees initiative to get primary school children to submit their ideas on energy tips. These will be displayed on specially designed wooden trees in our seven libraries. A series of podcasts on home retrofits and energy savings tips were produced and broadcast on TippFM.

Tipperary Co Co is committed to the use of renewable energy sources through the generation of 442 Kwh of energy from the Solar PV installations at 15 sites. The Community Virtual Power Plant project was completed in 2021 and contributed 250Kwh of energy. Further installations of PV Solar panels are planned at other sites.

The enactment of the Climate Action Bill 2021 obligates each local authority to prepare a new Climate Action Plan which will replace the current Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024. This new plan will incorporate both climate mitigation and adaptation actions.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS & AFTERCARE

Enabling works at Ballaghveny landfill were completed in 2021 and preparation for the transfer of waste from the Shannon Vermi-composting facility has commenced. Other operational costs include the management and monitoring of surface water, leachate and landfill gas. Also included are the maintenance costs incurred at the Donohill and Tipperary town closed landfills.

RECOVERY & RECYCLING FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Visitors to the Civic Amenity sites are expected to exceed 130,000 in 2022, in 2021 there was a 30% increase in footfall. This service funds the maintenance and operations costs of the five recycling centres at Cashel, Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh and Roscrea. The section is working with the waste sector in establishing outlets for the recycling and re-use of waste material instead of going to landfill.

PROVISION OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

This service covers the cost of waste collection from community bins.

LITTER MANAGEMENT

A new Litter Management Plan will be prepared in 2022, with an increased focus on raising awareness about litter prevention at community level. This allocation also provides for the cost of anti-litter campaigns, tidy town grants and public awareness activities, including the placement of visual signage to deter dumping at known black spots and supporting local communities through funding the Annual Spring Clean. The section received funding for community projects under the Anti-Litter and Anti-Dumping Schemes, the most recent being the rollout of solar compact bins.

WASTE REGULATIONS, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

During the year, legal proceedings were initiated against operators for breaches of the Waste Management Act and Litter Pollution Act, resulting in six successful prosecutions in the courts. The Enforcement Unit monitors compliance with the Waste Regulations, through the processing of waste permit applications, conducting inspections, monitoring/control of waste

movements and enforcing legislation under the Extended Producer Responsibility schemes (Packaging Waste Regulations). The enforcement officers continue to investigate illegal dumping incidents and the carrying out of household inspections in areas where there is persistent reporting of dumping. The section engaged with 120 new households about their waste disposal responsibilities as part of their pre-tenancy training.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

A new National Waste Management Plan for the circular economy will be published in 2022. A key focus of the plan will be to examine how waste is managed and the potential value to be derived from waste as a resource. The section supported several circular economy initiatives such as the bikes for Africa, the recycling of mattresses, and textile and glass collection.

MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS

This service funds the ongoing maintenance of 232 active burial grounds, including caretaker services at the rural burial grounds, the operational costs in the larger town burial grounds, and grant provision to 236 burial ground committees. The burial ground improvement works programme funds the costs of works such as footpaths, plinths and headstone foundations. New Burial Ground Bye Laws for the county will be introduced in 2022.

SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES

Under the Derelict Site Act 1990 and the Local Government (Sanitary Service) Act 1964, costs are incurred in carrying out technical inspections and issuing notices to the owners of derelict and dangerous properties. The section will continue to engage with the owners of derelict sites to render them non-derelict. A Derelict Sites Register is updated and published annually on the Tipperary County Council website.

WATER QUALITY, AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

A new River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 is expected to be published in 2022. In tandem the section is preparing an Environment Water Quality Plan for the county.

The section will continue to monitor water quality in our rivers and lakes, through regular sampling and analysis at selected locations across 56 rivers. Tipperary County Council is the joint lead authority with Kilkenny County Council in overseeing the role of the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) office.

Under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, the section is responsible for issuing and monitoring Section 4 discharge licences and Section 12 notices for non-compliance with the act. Other functions include the assessment of nutrient management plans, septic tank and farm inspections.

Air quality monitoring stations were installed in Tipperary Town, Clonmel and Nenagh. These measure the air quality in real-time and publishes the data on websites for public viewing. Other activities include the processing of licences/permits applications and the regulation and monitoring of businesses obligated under the Solid Fuel, Petroleum Vapours and Deco Paints Regulations.

VETERINARY SERVICES

The Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare services cover the costs of activities carried out on behalf of various Government departments and other statutory agencies. These include regulations under the Control of Horses Act, abattoir inspections and the Dog Warden Services. Monies are recouped from the Food Safety Authority of Ireland and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and income is received from fees, licences and grants.

AGENCY & RECOUPABLE SERVICES

Working with the National Standards Association of Ireland, costs are incurred in maintaining our Health & Safety Management systems, which includes renewing the ISO14001 accreditation and achieving the ISO45001 Occupational Health and Safety Standard in 2022.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications provides funding towards the rehabilitation of the closed landfill sites in Carrick on Suir, Brittas Road-Thurles, Monanearla-Thurles, Dundrum and Coole and the Office of Public Works funds the costs of the Flood Relief Schemes.

Tipperary Energy Agency is responsible for monitoring and reporting on energy consumption, carrying out energy audits, preparing and implementing the Annual Energy Action Plan. Projects identified for 2022 include developing plans to reduce energy usage in buildings and supporting the housing retrofit programmes.

FIRE SERVICE

Services such as administration, fire safety activities, dangerous substances licensing, building control, major emergency management etc., are delivered from the Fire Service Headquarters at Limerick Road, Nenagh and from the Clonmel Fire Station at Heywood Road, Clonmel.

The operational service is delivered through twelve fire stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Tipperary, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel. The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensure delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective service, responding to between 1400-1500 incidents on a 24/7 basis. This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service continued to provide an uninterrupted service throughout the continuing Covid-19 crisis. All 12 stations remained operational throughout the pandemic as did our fire safety and building control sections.

The Council continues to encourage property owners to ensure that their insurance cover includes for the cost of fire service charges. The income from Fire Service charges contributes a small proportion of the cost of delivering the service. A waiver scheme is operated for the benefit of service users where the charge might give rise to hardship, particularly in the case of fires in domestic buildings.

The Fire Training and Development Centre based at Heywood Road, Clonmel continues to provide a high quality service for a large number of fire authorities and some private sector training companies. The Centre is considered by many to be the premier fire service training facility in the country. A recent addition to the centre has been the development of the HYDRA Command Development Suite which is the only one of its kind in the Irish Fire Service. The income generated from the Centre's activities contributes towards the overall running of the service.

In line with efforts across the Local Authority to address the many challenges associated with climate change, the Fire Service is continuing to examine ways of introducing new techniques and practices within its operational functions. One recent example relates to efforts to identify opportunities to reduce the amount of live 'carbonaceous' burning that is undertaken in our training facility in Clonmel. While it will always be necessary to expose recruit firefighters to 'real' fires during the course of their training we are currently trialling a digital fire solution which we hope will allow for a reduction in the order of 10% of the number of live fires that we set during a typical two-week recruit course.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence is made up highly trained, professional and multi-skilled group volunteers who support the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's), the Local Authority, An Garda Síochána, and the Health Services Executive in times of crisis. Civil Defence also supports, where possible, community, sporting and cultural events with the provision of First Aid & Ambulance cover.

Funding for Civil Defence operations at local level is shared between the Department of Defence and Tipperary County Council. Vehicle fleet and equipment along with Civil Defence uniforms and PPE are funded by the Department of Defence (Civil Defence Branch).

Civil Defence services are managed locally by the Civil Defence Officer, aided by the Assistant Civil Defence Officer's who are responsible for the day to day operations and delivery of Civil Defence services. Civil Defence volunteer members regularly display their dedication, professionalism, reliance and response capacity in support to the Principal Response Agencies and their local community; this has been particularly highlighted in the COVID response 2020/2021.

Civil Defence volunteers come from all walks of life, range in age from 18 years upwards and come with a wealth of knowledge and experience. They do amazing work in giving so freely to the community.

Tipperary Civil Defence has a highly trained search capacity with a number of qualified search managers and responders, and is regularly called upon by An Garda Síochána to assist in search for missing persons. In 2021 Tipperary Civil Defence was grant aided to purchase a new drone to enhance this search capacity. In addition to this, Tipperary Civil Defence is one of five Counties nationally which has a K9 Search Dog capacity.

Tipperary Civil Defence has been extensively involved with the COVID-19 response, providing support to the HSE, Local Authority and Community

Support Services. Response tasking has increased dramatically, and this is a testimony to the commitment of the volunteers.

The Civil Defence Branch of the Department of Defence is based in the Civil Defence College in Roscrea. The Branch provides policy direction, centralised training, and central procurement of major items of uniform, vehicles and equipment.

Tipperary Civil Defence is currently working to achieve ISO 14001 health & safety standard, having successfully achieved OSHAS standard.

Civil Defence seeks to ensure that actions to address climate change and mitigation measures are incorporated into all its practices, in line with best practice in support of our community and having regard to national and local climate action initiatives and guidance.

LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) is a national shared service managed jointly by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils and employs 61 specialist staff from a broad range of disciplines. These staff work out of 13 local authority centres in a five-region structure: Border, West, East and Midlands, South East and South West.

The improvement of water quality is not only the responsibility of local authorities, but also management of a wide range of implementing bodies whose work can impact on water quality in various ways. An important part of the overall aim of LAWPRO is to foster cooperation between local authorities and relevant public bodies to produce positive water quality outcomes, both locally and nationally.

LAWPRO will also work with the Local Authority Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) to advise on the Integration of water quality and biodiversity messaging into the LA Climate Action Training. LAWPRO will also work with all stakeholders to build capacity and understanding of the multiple benefits achievable in the fight against Climate Change.

REGIONAL WATER AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

A local authority Chief Executive chairs each of the five Regional Management Committees (RMC). The committees are a vital link between decision making at higher levels in the RBMP Governance Structure and implementation of plans by local authorities. A regional operational committee supports each Regional Management Committee.

REGIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

Each of the five regions has a Regional Operational Committee (ROC), with membership including operational staff from the respective local authorities and 23 different public bodies. A Director of Services chairs these Committees, which allow for effective knowledge transfer and tracking of progress on implementation of measures set out in the RBMP.

The ROCs meet on average four times per year and the Management Committees three to four times per year. In 2020/2021 regular meetings of both Committees took place virtually. This was facilitated by LAWPRO who, in addition to providing secretariat services to the committees, facilitate and lead on discussion of work programmes, provide regional updates and raise significant issues to be escalated to local or national governance structures. The work of those Committees includes the following:

- Coordination of the Priority Area for Action selection for the 3rd cycle River Basin Management Plan 2022 – 2027
- Development and expansion of the “Red Dot Programme” - to provide for faster reporting of serious water quality issues and increase the chance of getting a positive outcome for the environment.
- Discussion of various topics such as challenges posed by agricultural intensification and new measures in the Nitrates Action Programme.
- Hold workshops and coordinate training of local authority staff on Nature Based Surface Water Management and Catchment Science and Management training.
- Identify and discuss the issues of resources in the local authority sector and how to resource into the future.

NATIONAL COLLABORATION AND WORKING GROUPS

LAWPRO possess specific sectoral expertise which is used to coordinate and facilitate multi-agency collaboration at regional and national level. LAWPRO works closely with DHLGH and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in meeting national obligations for better water quality where it aids in linking bottom-up concerns to top-down governance, including giving communities a voice in high-level decision making. Some examples include:

- Water Quality Advisory Committee
- National Technical Implementation Group
- National Coordination Management Committee
- GAA Green Clubs
- Climate Action Regional Offices

- Agricultural Sustainability, Support and Advisory Programme (TEAGASC)
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
- LEADER
- Rivers Trusts

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Communities Team support local groups, education providers, Tidy Towns, Rural Development Companies, Rivers Trusts, etc, to spread awareness on the importance of water quality.

LAWPRO is building networks of active communities with the knowledge, skills, and capacity to make a difference. In this way, LAWPRO's 13 Community Water Officers have established themselves as contact points for local communities. This is clear by the growing number of groups and champions getting involved in caring for their local water environment.

LAWPRO manages the **Community Water Development Fund** which is an important tool to fund projects and initiatives which directly engage communities.

- In 2020, over €230,000 funding support to 118 community groups.
- In 2021, over €380,000 funding support to 155 community groups

2021 saw the highest level of demand for the scheme, with 195 applications made for funding in excess of €1Million, for project costs in excess of €2Million.

LAWPRO supported by the EPA, have engaged with the practitioners, agencies, trainers and community groups interested in **Citizen Science**. This led to the development of a brand-new scheme – a Citizen Science Stream Index (CSSI) suitable for beginners. Training is currently being rolled out across LEADER areas via bespoke Water Training developed by LAWPRO and the Rural Development Companies.

"Stories from the Waterside" was an initiative launched by LAWPRO during the first COVID-19 Lockdown in May 2020. It was initially a story writing

competition to promote the value of local waters, and later entrants spoke of how it had helped them to cope during Lockdown.

Entrants were to share their memories and reflections of time spent at a river, lake, or coast. They submitted almost 500 stories from across the entire island of Ireland, in both English and Irish languages. A robust judging process selected 20 prize winning stories. LAWPRO published those winners and a further 18 stories in the Stories from the Waterside book.

The book was launched during National Heritage Week 2020 by Minister Malcom Noonan to mark Water Heritage Day.



CATCHMENT SCIENCE

The Catchment Team comprise thirty Catchment Scientists, one Blue Dot Scientist, five Catchments Managers and a Catchments Team Manager covering a range of disciplines, e.g. ecology; hydrogeology and agricultural science within the wider environmental sciences sector.

The Catchments Team meets with local community and farmer groups, liaise with Teagasc ASSAP advisors and a range of implementing bodies.

Catchment Scientists work in Prioritised Areas for Action (PAAs) because of deteriorated water quality and undertake Local Catchment Assessment. This is the process to understand why water quality has deteriorated and what needs to be done to improve it. This is a five-step process:

Step 1: Improve Scientific Understanding / Desktop Study Report

Step 2: Community Engagement

Step 3: Stream Assessments and Fieldwork

Step 4: Measures Proposal and Implementation

Step 5: Recording, Tracking and Monitoring

Catchment Science	Public meetings	Farmer meetings	Desk studies started	Desk studies completed	Assessments started	Reports underway
<i>National in 2020</i>	17	22	21	53	28	22
<i>Cumulative totals by end 2020</i>	99	80	122	75	102	68

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022

The Community and Catchment Teams will continue to work with local community groups, education providers, Tidy Towns, Rural Development Companies, Rivers Trusts, farming groups, etc, and liaise with Teagasc ASSAP advisors and a range of implementing bodies to develop and implement projects, provide advice and training and spread awareness on the importance of water quality.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage will launch a revised and updated River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) in 2022. This will set out Ireland’s approach to implementation of the final part of the EU Water Framework Directive. The draft Plan was published for public consultation in October 2021 for a period of six months. LAWPRO will lead on the local level public engagement and consultation on the draft RBMP.

LIBRARY SERVICE

OVERVIEW

The Library Service is a space for learning and sharing knowledge which allows our citizens to gather and connect, to learn and share ideas and inspire creativity. Tipperary County Council Library Service continued to deliver a high-quality service during 2021 despite the limitations placed on the service due to Covid-19. The pandemic and the associated restrictions have led to changes in the offering to Library users. Visitor figures have been impacted and in-branch events and activities were curtailed. However, there has been a marked increase in digital usage which has been very positive. Emphasis was placed on online services and an extensive marketing campaign took place to highlight the range of online library services which are available. These include e-books, e-magazines and online courses. In addition, Library staff created online videos of story-time, arts and craft sessions and lectures throughout 2021.

As the Library Service plans for 2022, it is vital that full services are restored and physical visits to branches are increased. The most immediate priorities for the Library Service are to bring the visitor figures back to pre-pandemic levels and build on the excellent progress made in the digital sphere. This will be achieved by implementing a number of promotional campaigns and innovations by the library service as 2022 will see a return to the full range of Library Services.

CLIMATE CHANGE

A key goal for the Library Service is to meet the targets established in the Tipperary County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024. The Library Service has worked with the Tipperary Energy Agency to install Solar PV panels and heat pumps systems in several libraries. In addition, a pilot powerwall battery system to store and use excess power from the Solar PV panel has been installed in Nenagh Library. The Library Service will continue to work with the Tipperary Energy Agency in 2022 to retro-fit Library

Buildings with high quality systems to reduce the Library carbon footprint. In addition, the Library Service will continue to work with the Environment & Climate Action Section of Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary Energy Agency on running environmental awareness campaigns in 2022.

BOOKFUND

The provision of new book stock for children and adults is the life-blood of the Library Service. Provision has been made in the budget to maintain the book fund at the same level as 2021.

PROPOSED LIBRARY PRIORITIES FOR 2022

This draft budget will allow the Branch Library Network to continue to deliver events, lectures and exhibitions for our local communities. Children's Services are a fundamental part of the Library Service's remit and proved as successful as ever in 2021. Today's children are the future users of our libraries and many of our events focus on encouraging them to read for pleasure and to enjoy the library experience. The Library Service will concentrate on promoting reading and providing high quality events throughout 2022. It is anticipated that these events will take place in Branch Libraries but many will also be broadcast online. This hybrid model of physical and online events will allow for the return of visits to the Library while also building on the base of customers who access Library events online. The budget will allow for this to be delivered in a high quality and accessible format. Other programmes that will continue to run in the Library Service in 2022 include the Right to Read campaign which supports literacy needs in local communities and Work Matters which is an information service for job seekers.

HEALTHY IRELAND

Healthy Ireland at your Library is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing, placing a focus on prevention, individual awareness and keeping people healthy for longer.

The Library Service will continue to deliver the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme throughout 2022.

A series of events will be run in all Branch Libraries and online which will concentrate on improving the health, well-being, and overall quality of life of communities and individuals at all life stages

LOCAL HISTORY AND DIGITISATION

The draft budget will allow the Library Service to maintain its commitment to develop the Tipperary Studies Local History Collections. In addition, the digitisation programme of Local History materials will continue to develop and expand. The Tipperary Studies website has been very successful for several years. Library Staff have been up skilled and delivered a range of online content from historic photograph collections to sporting ephemera and there has been high views recorded on this website. Provision has been made to ensure that this service is fully resourced in 2022.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

Construction works are due to commence on the conversion of the Town Hall in Templemore into a Cultural and Enterprise Centre. The Library will be an anchor tenant in this development.

Work is progressing on the conversion of the Craft Granary into a Public Library. A design team is currently working on a full design and construction tender. It is proposed to complete the tender process in Q1 2022.

A tender to appoint a design team for a new Library in Clonmel will get underway shortly. This team will complete a detailed design and bring this forward for Part 8 Planning Permission.

TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (TSP)

Tipperary Sports Partnership's remit is to develop sport and increase physical activity in the county. As 'Return to Sport' opened, 42 individual programmes or initiatives with over 3,000 participants and secured funding in excess of €510,000 was delivered. The programmes included:

- Three eight week walking programmes in Cashel, East Tipperary and Thurles.
- The establishment of a new Parkrun was supported in Roscrea.
- A Swim for A Mile Programme was supported in the Ballina Outdoor pool with Swim Ireland along with a Women Midlife Swimming programme.

The 12th Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held as a virtual event for the second time over the weekend of the 25th & 26th September with 387 participants registering to choose their own 10k routes and times to complete the event which was a great success. A 'Couch to 3k' Podcast was developed and is available to download on the www.tipperarysports.ie

In September Bike Week took place, TSP supported South East Cycling Challenge, Schools Cycling social media campaign and Schools Cycling Programme on the Blueway.

Adult Taster Kayaking sessions were delivered and a rowing programme as part of the Community Sports Hub and Urban Adventure projects in Clonmel.

A new Community Sports Hub is under developed at the Canon Hayes Sports Centre in Tipperary Town and was officially opened in June

Young People & Schools: 2 Sport Leader Programmes have been delivered in Newport and Nenagh with 53 students. Sports Hall Athletics was delivered to 6 Primary Schools and the Cycle Right Schools programme was delivered in 11 schools (470 pupils) to date. The Wibbly Wobbly Bike programme was delivered to 18 Preschools (375 Toddlers) to date. 10 Preschools received the Buntús Start programme with another 10 to be completed by November.

Club support continued and €59,307 was allocated to 52 Sport Clubs through the TSP Club Sports and Physical Activity Funding Scheme to support their development and return to Sport.

THE FAI DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT Social Inclusion in soccer, with coaching sessions with Knocklofty Rehab Care, Bridge Water Rehab Care (Clonmel), Moorehaven Centre (Tipperary Town) & The Journeyman Program (Carrick on Suir). Recovery football coaching sessions with St Marys adult mental health services Thurles. Development of two new football for all clubs in Ballymackey and Killavilla. Weekly club sessions in Borrisokane FC with members of the Direct provision centre in Borrisokane. Late night leagues in Borrisokane and Nenagh with the youth clubs/Foroige groups across North Tipperary.

Girls Football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county.

Middle Age Men's Football with 80 Participants taking part in a tournament format in Cahir Park AFC. **Summer Camps** - Over 2,000 children throughout Tipperary enjoyed the summer camp programme.

The Priorities for 2022 will continue to provide a service of social inclusion programmes that enables the youth of particular areas within the county to have regular and easy access to the game and seek to increase the level of activity in this area.

ARTS

OVERVIEW

The key objective of The Arts Office is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We plan to work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county during 2022 in partnership with stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council across six strategic priorities (as outlined in the Arts Strategy):

Creative Communities- Public Participation

Creative Practitioners- The Artist

Creative Solutions – Arts Partnerships & Collaboration

Creative Supports – Arts Information & Advice

Creative Infrastructure – Arts Venues & Festivals

Creativity & The Public Realm – Public Art

ACTIVITIES IN 2021

2021 was a challenging year for the arts sector and for the Tipperary festival programme, however, organisers throughout the county demonstrated their resilience in re-imagining how they engaged audiences in changing circumstances due to COVID-19 throughout the year. During 2021, the Arts Office co-ordinated the central application process for festivals and events. Under the Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme, 43 festivals were funded by Tipperary County Council in 2021. As part of our ongoing commitment to development opportunities for the arts sector in Tipperary, we invited a number of leading players in the arts in Ireland to share insights into their work and practices at what was a very strange time for the sector. The Insights Series encouraged county-wide sectoral networking via zoom in March and April at a time when most were isolated and unable to work with others.

Capital Funding of €243,512 was secured for outdoor staging & covering working with Clonmel Borough District from The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Outdoor Public Space Scheme. This scheme was informed by Life Worth Living, the report of the Arts & Culture Recovery Taskforce which recommended a scheme to accelerate a public realm capital improvement programme to fund local authorities to adapt, equip or otherwise improve outdoor public spaces for arts & culture events and also festivals, taking account of public health guidelines.

25 local groups were approved for funding under the 2021 Arts Act Grant Scheme.

The Bealtaine Festival is a key element of the Tipperary Arts Programme and creates opportunities for deepening engagement with older people through the arts. The Arts Office and Library Service worked together to present a programme of events during the month of May. Over 40 events took place across an active and varied programme, and our aim was to reach as many people as possible in the comfort of their own homes, be that in care or domestic settings in our first online Tipperary Bealtaine Festival. We were especially committed to older adults who may have had limited access to the online world. We would normally visit groups or care homes with an event or activity during May, this time we visited them online, promoting the programme widely and through the network of nursing homes and care centres, encouraging them to engage with our online offer, all located in one place at www.tipperarybealtaine.ie

In June 2021, our application for funding under the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme was successful with an award of €143,000. As the commercial music sector had been adversely affected by restrictions due to COVID-19, this scheme was established by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with the aim of supporting local event management companies to host live events outdoors. Live events took place in each of the five municipal districts across Tipperary during August, September and October providing employment opportunities for musicians,

production companies, technicians and crew locally in addition to enabling audiences to enjoy live music outdoors again.

In late July, Poetry Ireland announced Carrick-on-Suir, as one of 20 'Poetry Towns' across Ireland. This new initiative saw more than a hundred free poetry-related activities take place in 20 towns across the island of Ireland between 10th and 18th September 2021. Carrick-on-Suir was the Tipperary Poetry Town, with an exciting range of activities for the town being organised. Tipperary Arts Office partnered with The Tudor Artisan Hub and Writing Changes Lives to coordinate the programme locally.

Culture Night Tipperary 2021 provided an opportunity to encourage audiences to safely re-engage with the arts and the arts infrastructure locally. Working with our arts partners across the county, Culture Night Tipperary presented a broad range of live and online events. Culture Night is seen by the Tipperary Arts Office as an opportunity to support artists in the county, to highlight and showcase the range of creative work taking place and to encourage audiences to connect with their locality. Taking a curatorial approach we worked to develop a programme which presented 44 events across the county, 5 of which were online. We were delighted to facilitate a new approach in Clonmel which saw three organisations come together to plan and present a packed programme of music at a new outdoor venue which extended the audience experience with the support of additional night time economy funding. Our online offer included two new radio plays developed in Carrick on Suir inspired by stories generously shared by nursing home residents recorded remotely during lockdown three. A collaboration of artists presented "Found Links" at Derrynaflan which was a bringing together of traditions in music, print, storytelling and the exploration of our Tipperary landscape through guided walks enhanced by creativity. In total 61 artists and 27 non-artists/curators/technicians were involved in the delivery of Culture Night Tipperary 2021.

The Tipperary Youth Theatre Programme continued to be delivered in Nenagh & Thurles in partnership with local arts centres during 2021 moving quickly online and to a hybrid model as restrictions allowed. The duration of the Youth

Theatre season was extended to ensure a platform for creativity for young people was maintained during lockdown in the first half of the year and to support continued engagement as we re-opened.

Tipperary County Council views the creative practitioner as central to the long-term development of the arts and culture in the County. Direct financial assistance was awarded to 22 artists through artists support schemes in 2021 in the areas of music, theatre, literature, circus and the visual arts. Our focus on professional development for artists this year remained on supporting artists in developing new ways of working and responding to the challenges posed by COVID-19. Building on work to date, we delivered Going Digital Part 2 with 20 artists over 12 weeks; a networking & training opportunity while upskilling in online tools. We also partnered with Limerick & Clare Arts Offices & Visual Artists Ireland to develop a Visual Artists Lifelong Learning Programme to benefit visual artists in the region by pooling resources & creating networking opportunities. This planned programme responds to changes and current topics of interest for the sector and will run from September 2021 to November 2022.

In the Open | FaoinSpéir is an Arts Council funded programme developed in response to the COVID-19 crisis during 2021 which will see a variety of outdoor arts events taking place in public spaces around Ireland. Tipperary Arts Office partnered with South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to make an application under this exciting programme and were delighted to hear in June that our application had been successful. With an overarching theme of "Come out to Play" this exciting programme located in Clonmel attracts funding of €90,000 from the Arts Council and focuses on making creativity visible through large scale visual arts events, performances, music and theatre with events taking place from October 2021 to April 2022. The first of a number of visual arts projects emerged on the 18th August in Clonmel to launch the programme. Artist Jonathan Lynn was commissioned to produce "Tread Softly", a beautiful mural on Nelson Street Clonmel.

PROPOSED ARTS PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR 2022

Development of a new County Tipperary Arts Strategy 2022-2026.

Implementation of the new Tipperary Festival Strategy.

The Arts in Education – Initiatives to provide access for children & young people to the arts through formal and non-formal education.

Development of an expanded strand of programming in the area of Socially Engaged Arts Practice to include initiatives such as Culture Night which encourages public participation & Bealtaine which celebrates creativity in older age.

Creative Infrastructure – Supports to Arts Organisations, festivals and Music Generation Tipperary.

Delivery of Clonmel In The Open programme in partnership with arts partners Clonmel Junction Arts Festival and South Tipperary Arts Centre.

Artists & Creative Practitioners – Investment in artistic development initiatives to support the development of new artistic work as we emerge from the global pandemic.

Work with Clonmel Borough District to deliver new outdoor infrastructure for the arts with funding from The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under The Outdoor Public Space Scheme.

TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM

OVERVIEW

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History enables people to experience the cultural richness and pride of Tipperary through collecting, caring, interpreting and displaying the material history of our county for the enjoyment, education and benefit of all our users.

The Museum Service continued to deliver a high-quality amenity during 2021 despite the limitations placed on the general public and the service due to Covid-19. However, our Fáilte Ireland Covid19 Safety Charter ensured our visitors were aware that we were maintaining strict COVID19 health and safety standards and that we were open for business.

During the year, the Museum's strategy was to concentrate on our visitors. We were acutely aware that our visitors sought onsite cultural stimulation and live experiential performances. This enabled museum staff to re-imagine new & innovative programming. With our augmented digital presence, we experienced greater engagement and traction with audiences across the globe.

CLIMATE CHANGE

A key goal for Tipperary Museum is to meet the targets established in the Tipperary County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024. The Museum is currently working with the Tipperary Energy Agency to develop a Building Services Design Feasibility Study of the building and to review our HVAC System. Through the Local Authority Museums Networks SMP, a focus on Climate Change will be addressed through a series of far reaching actions.

2021 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

- A huge milestone for the Museum was the development of our new website www.hiddenhistory.ie. For many years the museum had been digitizing its collection and preparing new and exciting digital content. We are now in a position to share this content through our cleanly designed, accessible website.

- We commissioned a *360 Museum Tour* of our state-of-the-art galleries, where any visitor can access Tipperary Museum on their own PC or mobile phone. Accessibility to our collection is paramount.
- We continued to share our online workshops / talks on our digital platforms and this has increased our engagement by 40% and our reach to over 10k+ in 2021.
- ‘Museum in a Box’ resource is part of the education and engagement work of Tipperary Museum. The box brings a museum learning experience to our users, encouraging them to explore the past in a hands-on, empathetic way. It looks at the history of domestic life in Ireland during the past 200 years and contains 16 objects related to this theme, plus activities and talking points to use with students and community groups.
- Our marketing campaign focused on bringing our collection alive through various channels: The Mick Delahunty CD project, the Museum & Library Shop Front Project, the War of Independence Exhibition and our Great Character Escape Trail. These impressive, exciting and interactive projects brought the local Museum onto the streets of our local Municipal Districts.
- Our partnership with Tipperary Workplace Partnership Forum continued to flourish through various imaginative mindfulness, exercise, quizzes and competitions to motivate staff and their families.

FUNDING

Our budget from Tipperary County Council along with increased funding from our cultural partners, The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, CREATIVE Ireland, Culture Night and the Decade of Centenaries has ensured our innovative and exciting programme of events and exhibitions has been realised in 2021 and will continue into 2022.

Emphasizing once more, with additional investment in the Museum’s service, our stakeholders will support Tipperary Museum as a significant tourism and

cultural entity within County Tipperary, ensuring that our local community is at the heart of the museum's programming.

PROPOSED MUSEUM PRIORITIES FOR 2022

- Looking to 2022 we will continue to actively encourage our visitors across the island of Ireland to visit Tipperary and experience Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, with our partners Tipperary Tourism and Fáilte Ireland.
- Maintain our Covid19 compliance & health and safety protocols.
- To continue the museum's educational function, digital & outreach programming and ensuring our community is at the heart of our service.
- Continue to document, care for and research artefacts and liaise with donors.
- To launch our Tipperary Civil War Exhibition and continue to liaise with local groups to create an exhibition which strives to document people's thoughts, memories and its impact on the wider community.
- To further develop our website to promote Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and ensure our digitization project continues to expand.
- Research and complete Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Strategic Management Plan 2022 – 2026.
- Apply for the Maintenance of the Museums Standards Programme of Ireland to the Heritage Council.
- To advocate for Museums nationally through our TCC Cultural Team, Local Authority Museums Network, Irish Museums Association, National Museum and The Irish Museums Trust.

HERITAGE SERVICES

OVERVIEW

The core aims of the Tipperary Heritage Plan 2017-2021 is to preserve and promote the rich heritage of Tipperary and to make it 'an integral part of everyday life at the core of our communities'.

Activities and projects are carried out with the support of the Heritage Council, Creative Ireland, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

2021 saw the country revert back into a state of full lockdown in January which continued for the first six months of the year. Despite our experience from last year which allowed us to adapt aspects of our programme to a digital/virtual format, the lockdown period did have an impact on capital projects and areas which required in person engagement or fieldwork. Efforts were made to overcome this where possible, nonetheless there have been challenges.

WORKS COMPLETED IN 2021

County Heritage Plan Projects:

Tipperary Holy Wells Audit was commissioned to look at the large number of holy wells in the county and record their location, associated patterns and customs. There are 113 known wells and most towns and villages have a local well which feature strongly in the cultural heritage of the area. A desk top survey was undertaken with a programme of community engagement and a website and publication are to follow.

Bolton Library Film Project: There is an ongoing collaboration between Tipperary County Council through the Heritage and Library Services with the Glucksman Library in University of Limerick. This is the current home of the Bolton Library Collection and the Representative Church Body Library who own the collection. Following the departure of the collection from Cashel in 2016, the Heritage Office has been working towards having elements of the library on display in Cashel. To raise awareness of this library which has books of

international significance we have commissioned a film to illustrate the history and importance of this collection and its long association with Cashel.

Raising Awareness Programme: This programme supports communities and works with them to raise the profile of our local heritage. Activities this year included:

- Geophysical survey of Ormond Castle Park Carrick on Suir.
- Options Analysis for Tipperary Courthouse.
- Know your 5K online local heritage training course.

It also supported a number of groups to produce heritage week activities in relation to Law and Order in Tipperary Town, Liathmore monastic site, Lorrha Tree Trail, Lorrha Lughnasa Festival.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Biodiversity Action Plan projects this year included:

Tipperary Wetlands Survey: In the context of the importance of some of our wetlands in relation to climate action and biodiversity, phase 1 of a wetlands survey of the county was initiated. This was a desk top survey which identified 662 potential wetland sites including raised bogs which play a hugely important role as exceptional carbon sinks. An associated storyboard was created for Heritage Week to increase public knowledge about the importance of these sites.

Barn Owl Monitoring programme: Following on from last year's successful report, the Heritage Office continues to work with Birdwatch Ireland in monitoring this species in the county. A video on the long running Ballycahill Barn Owl project was produced to highlight the work of our Barn Owl champions Áine Lynch and Tom Gallagher. A Biodiversity week talk attracted huge numbers and we are facilitating the establishment of a Barn Owl Network in the county to support communities who want to get involved in nest box projects and monitoring of the species.

Cabragh Wetlands: Following on from last year's work in upgrading the bird hide facilities on site to be more user friendly for new audiences and children, an enhanced signage project was supported on site here.

A number of supports were provided to Tidy Towns groups and other interested parties in relation to the support of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.

Invasive Species: The Heritage Office continued to support the eradication of Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed from the Little Brosna River in conjunction with Offaly County Council. This cross-county collaboration highlights the importance of whole catchment approach in respect of invasive species.

Irish Walled Town Network Programme

A digital Heritage Project was completed with Digital Heritage Age and artist John Flynn. Archaeological fragments in each of our 4 walled towns were photographed and a series of 3D images created. Ink drawings were also produced which were developed as a postcard collection and an exhibition is currently travelling around Carrick on Suir, Clonmel, Cashel and Fethard.

Community Monuments Fund

Following on the successful launch of this scheme by the Department last year, the Heritage Office submitted a number of projects including emergency works on a collapsed tower house due to an extreme weather issue, a conservation management plan and other capital works to stabilise the structure. We received €168,000 for projects at the following sites:

Moanicha Abbey Roscrea – Geophysical Investigation.

Coolquill Castle - Emergency works.

Carrick on Suir Clock Tower – Conservation Management Plan.

Carney Castle Ardcroney – Stabilisation works.

Pallas/Dorrha Church. – phase 2 works.

Decade of Commemorations Programme

The Programme continued in 2021 with an increase in funding to €50,000. Commemorations were significantly impacted by lockdown and the challenge will always be that a centenary commemoration is very much tied to a location and a point in time which makes online events very challenging. The Heritage Office supported a number of initiatives including:

- Final of the trilogy 'Tipperary in Documents' on the Civil War. This booklet and exhibition is produced by Tipperary Studies and Dr Denis Marnane.
- Landscapes of the Revolution – mapping of Kilcommon Ambush Site
- Our Commemorations Grant Scheme saw ten events awarded funding which included:
 - Third Tipperary Old IRA Brigade – Annual programme
 - Cahir Social and Historical Society – The Kidnap of DCI Potter
 - Fethard Historical Society – Tommy Lee Commemoration
 - Daughters of Dun Iascaigh- Women's History live trail
 - Mondreeny Ambush - Centenary of Ambush
 - Up till Dawn Clonmel Junction – Theatre piece on Kickham barracks
 - Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre – Dan Breen's wedding film project

Royal Sites of Ireland

Tipperary County Council has been working with counties Kildare, Meath, Westmeath, Roscommon and Armagh for the last number of years to progress the Royal Sites of Ireland for UNESCO designation as a world heritage site. This year the national Tentative List was up for review and with the help of Dr Christopher Young and with Tipperary as lead authority, an application was made to remain on the Tentative List and progress the bid. A survey was conducted to support the bid which attracted input from across the world and a dedicated website (www.royalsites.ie) was created to keep people informed as the bid progresses. We are currently awaiting news on the outcome of the bid.

Creative Ireland Programme is a cross departmental culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. It is coordinated by the Heritage Office in Tipperary in partnership with the Arts Office, the Library Service and the County Museum.

Maintaining the increased funding of €150,000 from last year, the Heritage Office ran two schemes to encourage creativity in our communities. We funded the following projects:

Community Grant Scheme

- Burncourt Community Council – Everard Commemoration Burncourt Castle
- Dromineer and Nenagh Literary Festival
- Refresh Thurles – Creating Ripples
- Youthwork Ireland Fethard and Killenaule
- Tipperary Town Revitalisation Heritage Sub group
- Clonmel Applefest – heritage programme
- Newcastle Tidy Towns - mural
- Laosie Carey Studio – exhibition
- Feile Brian Boru – community programme
- Tipperary Town Youthreach – Youth Creative writing
- Silvermines Historical Society – local history
- Slieveardagh Mining Interest Group/ Old School Mining Museum - website
- Open Call Scheme
- Maurice Caplice -Binsí Críonna (Wise Benches):
- Melissa Ryan and Birdhill Tidy Village – Outdoor Art trail
- Jack Reardon Stagecraft – Youth Film project
- Cashel Arts Festival - programme
- The Source Arts Centre – The Sugar Tapes
- Cloughjordan Circus Club – Summer Camp
- Aoife Barrett-PrintVanGO -
- Dushraith Ballyporeen – Local Heritage project
- Clonmel Junction Arts Festival – community programme

Cruinniú na nÓg the national day of free creativity for children took place on June 12th and in person and online creative activity was provided with Nenagh Arts Centre, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, South Tipperary Arts Centre and Tipperary Libraries.

WORKS PLANNED FOR 2022

- Implementation of County Heritage plan actions across all objectives, including phase 2 of Holy Wells audit
- Implementation of National Biodiversity Action Plan initiatives including phase 2 of Wetlands Survey.
- Review of the current Heritage and Biodiversity plan
- Climate change and heritage, incorporate climate actions as core element of all heritage initiatives where possible
- Community Monuments Scheme 2021
- Supporting communities with local 2021 commemorations and continue to work with the Commemorations Unit in the Department.
- Community Grant Scheme and Open call roll out for Creative Ireland and increased activity for Cruinniú na nÓg
- Progress the Royal Sites UNESCO bid

NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SCHEMES OFFICE

Tipperary County Council is providing verification and accreditation services on behalf of SOLAS (the Further Education and Training Authority) at the National Construction Schemes (NCS) Office established in Nenagh in October 2018. The NCS Office is responsible for approving candidates who have undertaken a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) or Quarries Certification Scheme (QSCS) programme with public and private sector SOLAS Approved Training Centres. The services provided cover all of the CSCS and QSCS training programmes that are delivered nationally and the office corresponds with over 55 Approved Training Centres nationwide. Over 10,000 candidates who have undertaken one or more of the 36 programmes available under the CSCS and QSCS schemes are approved to receive their SOLAS Experienced Operator Registration Card by the NCS Office per annum. National Construction Schemes is also responsible for approving the candidates for Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 5 certificates and distributing these certificates to candidates via the Approved Training Centres.

Examples of the programmes verified and accredited include; Signing Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks, Locating and Avoiding Underground Services, Health and Safety at Roadworks, and plant programmes such as 360 Excavator Operations, Telescopic Handler Operations, Site Dumper Operations, Mobile Crane etc. Previously this process was delivered by twelve Education Training Boards before SOLAS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Tipperary County Council in July 2018 to transfer the verification and accreditation processes to Tipperary County Council. Costs associated with the service are fully recoupable from SOLAS.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, there was significant disruption to the construction sector and consequently the number of training courses being held by the Approved Training Centres in 2020 and 2021. With the opening up of restrictions, activity has exceeded normal levels and it is anticipated that the office will verify approximately 7,500 and 10,000 in 2021 and it is expected that, without further restrictions, this number will increase in 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

CORPORATE PLAN 2020 – 2024

Tipperary County Council is responsible for providing a wide range of services and supports to a diverse range of customers. Our customers include over 159,500 residents in 69,106 households, approx 14,000 businesses with over 63,400 employees, along with those who visit our county whether for recreation or work.

The Council adopted a new Corporate Plan in March 2020, which sets out the strategic vision and direction for our County for the next five years.

The Plan describes the kind of Tipperary we want to see in the future and what we will do as the County Council together with all stakeholders, to deliver the vision for the County:- ***"Tipperary - A vibrant place where people can live, visit and work in a competitive and resilient economy, a sustainable environment and an inclusive and active community"***

This plan will serve as the framework for action during the lifetime of this Council, delivered through the supporting strategies of all Directorates in the Council, setting out the ambitions for the County and its communities and the need to drive the County forward in terms of infrastructure, tourism, recreation, amenity and with the goal to make Tipperary a better place to live and conduct business. A limited number of strategic objectives have been identified that the Council will seek to deliver over the next 5 years. These objectives will translate into more detailed supporting strategies and activities to be identified in the annual service delivery plans.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Action will be a key determinant in how these objectives will be delivered at local level to help reduce the risks and impacts of climate change across communities. The Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy is the start of the process of adaptation planning in Tipperary County Council and is the first step in increasing our knowledge and understanding of the changing climate, growing our resilience, and enabling effective responses to the threats posed by climate change. The following actions have been

identified from a Corporate perspective for implementation over the next number of years:

- Mainstream the Climate Adaptation Strategy into the Annual Service Delivery Plan and the Corporate Plan 2019-2024.
- Review use of vacant council lands with a view to enhancing climate mitigation.
- Liaise, collaborate and work in partnership with the sectors identified in the NAF, subject to funding, in the delivery of the Government approved sectoral adaptation actions, where they relate to and are relevant to the functions and activities of the council at local level and in local communities.
- Ensure Climate Action is incorporated into service delivery plans for each section.
- Deliver climate awareness training to all staff, Councillors and non-council members of formal Council Committees (SPCs, LCDC etc.)
- Establish a complete inventory of all local authority assets (excluding social housing).
- Carry out a risk assessment of identified 'at risk' buildings and infrastructure create an at-risk database.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Customer Services Desks in both Clonmel and Nenagh Civic Offices is based on a dedicated, trained customer services team who provide a countywide service for customers calling in person, by telephone or email to customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie to Tipperary. A Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system is utilised for logging and tracking customer queries to support the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses in a welcoming environment. The CSD offices act as a hub for all customer activity for the Council, with on average in excess of 200,000 customer service interactions made annually between phones, personal callers and emails

The Council continues to enhance the access to online services available to the public and utilises Map-Alerter, which is a 24/7 free alert service. Members of the public can sign up to receive free alerts relating to specific topics such as road closures, floods, severe weather, planning applications and water outages. Rather than informing an entire town about a water outage, all alerts are mapped so only the affected residents are notified.

Local Government faces a number of challenges in ensuring that we can provide services efficiently to our citizens with the best customer service and a standardised, clearly defined list of services called a service catalogue is being developed across the sector to help. The project commenced in early October 2018 and is currently being piloted in a number of authorities including Tipperary. The Service Catalogue will provide a full A-Z list of services in the form of a national service catalogue with inbuilt search and data cross-referencing functionality.

COMMUNICATIONS

Good communication is essential to delivering our Corporate Plan and to maintaining, and building on, our excellent reputation. The Council has a Communications Team to support the delivery of proactive communications across the Council's internal and external audiences.

By communicating proactively, in a planned and co-ordinated manner, Tipperary County Council will help our citizens and stakeholders to be better informed, proud to live in Tipperary and proud to partner with the Council, and improve how we work together across our Council offices and depots.

CORONERS SERVICE

The roles and responsibilities of a local authority in relation to the Coroners Service are set down in legislation and include details regarding the appointment of a Coroner, the Coroner's salary and related payments to third parties. Fees paid to Coroners are determined by the Department of Justice and sanctioned by the Department of Finance; however the responsibility to appoint and pay the Coroners is the responsibility and liability of the local authorities and provision has been allowed to fund the cost of this public service in the budget for 2022.

LOCAL REPRESENTATION/CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with Councillors representational payment, monthly expense allowance, conference and training allowances together with costs associated with civic receptions and twining events.

FRANCHISE / REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The new Electoral Reform Bill provides for the establishment of an Electoral Commission, the modernisation of the Electoral Register, Regulation of online political advertising and measures to facilitate the holding of elections in COVID pandemic situations. The modernisation of the Electoral Register will see the simplification of forms and the registration process, including an online option, a rolling (continuously updated) register, a move to a single, national Electoral Register and the introduction of provisional registration for 16-17 year-olds which would become active at the age of 18. This Bill is currently at second stage in the Dáil.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The acquisition, disposal and control of all property is centrally managed by the Property Management Section to ensure compliance with corporate aims and to assist and support county wide enterprise and community development.

COURTHOUSES

The Council will continue to maintain the Courthouses in 2022. This expenditure will be recouped in full from the Courts Service which has assumed responsibility for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses.

ARCHIVES

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with digitisation and conservation work on material held by the archivist.

RATES

The Revenue Department of the Council is responsible for the management and collection of commercial rates payable by businesses in the county, in respect of approximately 5,380 commercial properties.

Rates are a property-based tax levied by Local Authorities on the occupiers of commercial/industrial properties in their administrative area.

The occupier of the property on the date on which the rate is made is primarily liable for the full year's rates. If a property is vacant, the owner or person "entitled to occupy" is liable for payment of the rates but will qualify for a refund of the rates paid subject to satisfying certain specified criteria.

Rates are payable in two moieties (i.e. two instalments), the first moiety when the rate is made and on receipt of the rates demand by the occupier of the premises and the second moiety by the 1st July. As an alternative, ratepayers can opt to pay by agreed payment plans.

An Early Payment Scheme is in operation whereby a small or medium business, whose annual rates bill is less than €12,000 can avail of savings of 5%, (to a maximum of €500) by paying their rates bill by a defined date.

Section 32 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on all occupiers to clear all outstanding rates before they vacate the property. Owners must clear all rates due by them before they transfer any property. Any rates due by the owner will become a charge on the property if transferred to another party without being cleared.

Section 32 also requires owners to inform the local authority, within 14 days, of any change of occupancy, or ownership of the property. Failure to inform the Local authority within 14 days may result in substantial penalties being applied.

The income generated by rates is used to fund a wide range of services provided by the County Council throughout county Tipperary.

Refunds on Vacant Properties

The change from 100% relief on all vacant properties has generated the following income to the end of October 2021;

85% relief on properties where the amount payable is between €5,000 and €10,000:

2020 – €18,267

2021 - €471

70% relief on properties where the amount payable is in excess of €10,000

2020 - €71,716

2021 - €11,744

It is expected that these amounts will increase over time.

Covid-19 Waiver Scheme – The Government announced a revised rates waiver scheme for the first Quarter of 2021, which was later expanded to also cover the 2nd and 3rd Quarters. There was reduced eligibility compared with the 2020 waiver, principally with offices and industrial units excluded from the scheme.

Waivers to the value of €6,674,274 have been applied to accounts.

A further waiver scheme has been announced for Q4 of 2021. This will be mainly restricted to targeted property uses within the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors.

Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid-19

Revenue Section processed the SBASC Grant for Q1 and Q2 of 2021 which was funded by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

84 Applications were approved for Q1 to the value of €336,000.

80 Applications were approved for Q2 to the value of €287,000.

Appeals following ReValuation 2019

To date we have been notified of the results of approximately 20% of appeals submitted following the Revaluation process in 2019. There has been an average of 56% reduction on the appeals decided so far, with an overall reduction in valuation of €826,330.

This will have an impact on the rates accrual going forward.

MOTOR TAX

Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting the Motor Tax On-line facility. The total number of Tax Discs issued to the 31st July 2021 amounted to 117,481. In percentage terms the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was **86.96%** thereof.

A percentage of **83.82%** was reflected for the equivalent period in 2020.

In addition, the Council also has facilities available at Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal District Offices. These outlets cater for persons who do not have a Laser or Debit Card available to them.

Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order and the on-line aspect of the transaction is carried out by a member of staff.

A total number of transactions of 23 have been carried out from the 1st of January 2021 to 31st August 2021 – this number is down on last years figures due to the Municipal Offices being closed as a result of Covid 19.

Computers with internet connection are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at the Libraries in the County.

In the financial year 2020, the Motor Taxation Department, dealt with a total of **16,734** postal applications for Motor Tax licences and these were processed in the following manner.

Issued	No. of Transactions	%
On the same day	16,379	97.87
On 2 nd or 3 rd Day	275	1.64
On 4 th or 5 th Day	11	0.07
Over 5 days	69	0.42

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

To assist in the fight against climate change, the IT procurement of infrastructure equipment will continue to include where appropriate “environmental ratings” as an award criteria. In 2021, the request for tender for a new data centre infrastructure refresh, included this criteria and marks were awarded accordingly.

The budget for IT includes:

- the hardware, software, and communications costs associated with running the business systems in the organisation
- the costs for maintaining the IT infrastructure and services that support the business systems and the organisation
- the salaries and travelling expenses of IT staff
- contribution to the Local Government Management Agency and the Ordnance Survey Ireland on behalf of the organisation

Provisions have been made for the following:

- contribution to the Local Government Management Agency
- fees to the Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) for the use of digital maps
- costs associated with the support, maintenance, licensing and upgrade of our phones system and infrastructure
- costs associated with providing remote working facilities, and video conferencing facilities
- costs associated with the support, maintenance, licensing and upgrade of infrastructure (data storage, servers, printers, virtual environments, UPS, storage area networks, etc.)

- communications costs associated with linking the offices together throughout the county, and to government networks (including resilient links)
- support, maintenance and licensing costs of the Business Systems/Applications for HR, Finance, Roads, Housing, Water Services, Fire Services, Corporate, Planning, Environment, Community and Enterprise, Elected Members, and the Customer Service Desk
- costs associated with protecting the IT environment and keeping it safe and secure (anti-virus, encryption, firewalls, filtering, etc.)
- costs associated with the support, maintenance, licensing and upgrade of network communications equipment (switches, routers, etc.)
- backup, restore, disaster recovery hardware/software costs
- support, maintenance and licensing costs associated with the provision of Email, File Services, Database, and Geographical Information Systems
- Provision of web-sites, internet connectivity, hosting, and Wi-Fi systems and services costs.



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SUB-SERVICE

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DIVISION

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units – includes provision for planned and response maintenance of the Council’s housing stock including energy efficiency measures.
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units – covers the cost of maintaining halting sites. A portion of the routine maintenance costs of halting sites are recoupable from the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management – provision for Senior Social Worker salary. 90% of this item is recoupable from the Department (DHLGH). Also included are Supervisor costs for Halting Sites, 75% recoupable from the Department (DHLGH).
A0104	Estate Maintenance
A0199	Maintenance & Improvement of L/A Housing Service Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area. Also included are insurance premiums on housing stock.
A0201- A0299	Housing Assessment, Allocation Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0301	Debt Management and Rent Assessment – provision for staff salaries, and payments to An Post for the Bill Pay and Household Budget Services.
A0399	Housing Rent & Tenant Purchase Admin Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0401- A0402	Housing Estate management – includes the Sustainable Communities fund. Tenancy Management – provision for promoting Tenant Participation projects and a Tenant Award Scheme.
A0403	Social & Community Housing Service
A0499	Housing Community Development Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0501- A0502	Homeless Service – includes the cost of Homeless Services provided by Arlington Novas Ltd., 90% of these costs are recoupable from the Department (DHLGH). Also includes

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salaries of staff in the Homeless Persons Centre, communication and travel expenses.

A0599 Administration of Homeless Service Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

A0601- Technical & Administrative Support, Loan Charges
A0699

A0701 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Operations – provision for payments to Landlords and Voluntary Bodies.

A0702 Long Term Leasing – provision is made for the leasing of suitable properties by the local authority to meet housing needs.

A0703 Payment & Availability – Voluntary Bodies Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

A0704 Affordable Leasing

A0799 RAS Programme Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

A0801 Loan Interest and Other Charges – includes SDA, Shared Ownership, Reconstruction and Affordable Housing Loans. Provision is also made for payment of mortgage protection insurance on loans taken out from the County Council, which is recovered through mortgage repayments.

A0802 Direct costs including salaries in the administration of Debt Management Housing Loans

A0899 Housing Loan Support Costs

A0901 Housing Adaptation Grants – Provision for required matching funding of 20% to be met from the Council’s resources, subject to provision of a Capital Allocation for Housing Grants by the Department (DHLGH).

A0902 Loan Charges DPG (Disabled Persons Grants).

A0903 Essential Repairs Grants - Housing Aid for Older People. Provision for required matching funding of 20% to be met from the Council’s resources.

A0904- Other Housing Grants – Mobility Aids Grant. Self Help Scheme.

A0905 Provision for grant assistance to LA tenants carrying out certain improvement works to their rented houses.

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A0999- Housing Grants Support Costs – includes salary and
A1199 apportioned costs relating to this service area.

A1201 Includes HAP Operational Costs, salaries, and apportioned
A1299 service support costs.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
B0101- B0199	National Primary Road Maintenance and Improvement – is 100% grant aided from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).
B0201- B0299	National Secondary Road Maintenance and Improvement – is 100% grant aided from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).
B0301- B0399	Regional Roads – Maintenance and Improvement. Funding is provided from a combination of the County Council’s own resources, Development Levies and the Department of Transport. The works carried out under this programme include road overlays, road marking, road signage, surface repairs, footpath refurbishment, winter maintenance, hedge and verge trimming and emergency works.
B0401- B0499	Local Road Maintenance and Improvement – includes all other roads within the County Council’s network. Funding is provided from the Department of Transport, Development Levies and the County Council’s own resources. The same maintenance works as above are undertaken in this programme.
B0501- B0599	Public Lighting – (maintenance, energy consumption and improvement works) is funded from a combination of the County Council’s own resources and Transport Infrastructure Ireland Contribution. Transport Infrastructure Ireland contributes towards lighting on National Primary & National Secondary routes, the TII advise the budget at the start of year.
B0601- B0699	Traffic Management Improvement. In consultation with the elected members, to continue with the implementation of Traffic Management Plans for various towns in the county.
B0701- B0799	Road Safety Engineering Improvements – includes a number of Low Cost Safety Projects.
B0801- B0899	Road Safety Promotion/Education – These sub-services provide funding for the School Wardens and Road Safety Promotions.
B0901- B0999	Car Parking – These sub-services provide for the enforcement of the parking bye-laws. It includes the costs relating to Traffic and Community Wardens, and maintenance of pay and display machines and cash collection contracts.
B1001- B1099	Support to Roads Capital Programme – provides for administrative support for the capital roads programme.

- B1101- Road Improvement & Maintenance, Agency and recoupable
B1199 Services – provides for Agency Services to other authorities.
- B**99 * The Overhead Subservices within the Road Services are not
Note grant-aided, but are met from the Council’s own resources, in
addition to the Own Funds provision towards the Road
Programme.

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C0101	Water Treatment Plants and Networks – provides for the treatment and distribution of the public drinking water supply. Water Conservation continues to be a key priority.
C0199	Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0201	Waste Water Treatment Plants and Networks – provides for the Operation and Maintenance of public waste water schemes.
C0299	Operation and Maintenance Waste Water Treatment Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water - provides for the cost of the collection of the non-domestic water and waste water charges operated by Tipperary County Council and the income derived from the implementation of the charges.
C0399	Collection Water and Waste Water Charges Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating this service area.
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences.
C0499	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations – grants for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house (well grants): a recoupable budget is provided as grants paid are recoupable from the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies – includes Group Water Scheme Subsidy payments, and expenditure relating to the Rural Water Programme which is fully recoupable from the DHLGH.
C0599	Administration of Group Water Schemes/ Private Installations Support Costs – cost of support to the Rural Water Programme.
C0601- C0699	Technical Support and Supervision to Irish Water Capital Investment Plans, includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0701	Agency and Recoupable Services
C0799	Agency and Recoupable Services Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0801	Local Authority Water Services.
C0802	Local Authority Sanitary Services.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy – reflects the operation of the Forward Planning Function. Provision for variations as required is included as is our contribution towards any Material Contraventions of Development Plan or any Local Area Plan.
D0199	Forward Planning Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
D0201	Planning Control – reflects the costs of the day to day provision of the Development Management Service.
D0299	Development Management Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area
D0301	Enforcement Costs – provides for the operation and management of the Enforcement Section including legal costs and court fines.
D0399	Enforcement Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations
D0404	General Development Promotion Work.
D0499	Operation & Maintenance of Industrial & Commercial Facilities Support Costs
D0501	Tourism Promotion
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations
D0599	Tourism Development and Promotion Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
D0601- D0699	Community and Enterprise Function/Social Inclusion – relates to the costs promoting and branding the County, Comhairle na nÓg and Social Inclusion includes costs which are fully recoupable.
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates – includes salaries and direct costs.
D0799	Unfinished Housing Estates support costs

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
D0801- D0899	Building Control Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to the Building Control Service Area
D0901	Urban & Village Renewal
D0903	Town Twinning
D0905	Economic Development and Promotion Support Costs
D0906	Jobs, Enterprise & Promotion – Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs)
D0999	Contributions, salary and apportioned costs relating to the Economic Development & Promotion service area.
D1001- D1099	Property Management Costs includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area i.e. Management of Council Property.
D1101	Heritage Services – includes the salaries and associated cost of the Heritage Officer. Salary costs are 25% recoupable and expenditure on the Heritage plan is 75% recoupable from the Heritage Council.
D1103	Conservation Grants
D1199	Heritage and Conservation Services Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
D1201- D1299	Provision is made for Health & Safety. Agency & Recoupable Services Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
E0101	Landfill Operations
E0102	Contribution to other Las – Landfill Facilities
E0103	Landfill aftercare Costs – Provision has been made in 2020 for legacy landfills and dumps.
E0199	Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill Support Costs – includes provision for salaries, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations – provides for the operation of the Civic Amenity Sites throughout the County.
E0202	Bring Centre Operations
E0204	Other Recycling Services
E0299	Operation and Maintenance Recovery and Recycling Support Costs – includes salaries, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0403	Residual Waste Collection Services
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection
E0499	Service Support Costs
E0501	Litter Warden Service – provision for operation and equipment for Litter Wardens.
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives – provision for Environmental Enforcement Programme and for clean-up of indiscriminate dumping sites.
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services – Provision for salaries and associated costs of the Environmental Awareness Programme.
E0599	Litter Management Support Costs – includes salary, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service – Direct costs for street cleaning is included.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
E0602	Provision & Improvement of Litter Bins
E0699	Street Cleaning Support Costs
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regulations – provides for staff costs in this service.
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations – provision included legal costs.
E0799	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement Support Costs – includes apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0801	Waste Management Plan – provides for staff costs in this service.
E0802	Contribution to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning – includes contribution towards the Southern Regional Waste Management plan.
E0899	Waste Management Planning Support Costs – includes apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds – provides for the management, operation and maintenance of Burial Grounds. Provision for Grants to the Burial Ground Committees, loan charges, and also the Burial Ground Minor Improvement Works is also included.
E0999	Maintenance of Burial Grounds Supports Costs - includes salary, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence – Civil Defence is a national volunteer organisation, whose aim is to recruit and train volunteers to enable the Civil Defence to give assistance to the primary emergency services i.e. Fire Service, HSE and Gardaí in the event of a major emergency/ incident and to give assistance to the local communities, other voluntary groups and charitable organisations where possible and where training standard permit.
E1002	Dangerous Buildings
E1003	Emergency Planning – Provision is made for costs associated with the Major Emergency Plan.
E1004	Derelict Sites – Provision for costs associated with the management and enforcement of the Derelict Sites Act including the investigation and inspection of derelict sites.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
E1005	Water Safety Operation – Includes provision for contribution to Irish Water Safety.
E1099	Safety of Structures and Places Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service – Provision is included for the operation of the direct costs of operating the fire service, this includes a sum to be used to deliver a community fire safety package to every school in the county.
E1103	Fire Service Training - Provision is included for the provision of training in the fire service.
E1199	Operation of Fire Service Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs
E1202	Fire Prevention and Education – includes a sum towards the management of health and safety and the maintenance of accreditation to the ISO 45001 standard and ISO 9001.
E1299	Fire Prevention Support Costs - includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1301	Water Quality Management – provides for contribution to the Regional Laboratory in Kilkenny, expenses relating to pollution monitoring, the pollution response unit, algal bloom and the Nitrates Regulations.
E1399	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution Support Costs – includes apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1401 – E1499	Agency and Recoupable Services & Support Costs – includes salaries and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1501- E1599	Climate Change and Flooding Climate Change and Flooding Support Costs

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations.
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities – this sub-service includes the contributions to Swimming Pools.
F0199	Operation & Maintenance of Leisure Facilities Support Services
F0201	Operation of Library
F0202	Archive Service
F0204	Purchase of books, CDs etc
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations
F0299	Library & Archival service support costs - includes apportioned costs relating to this service area.
F0301	Parks, Pitches and Open Spaces – provision for management operation and maintenance of Amenity Areas and Open Spaces is provided in this area
F0302	Playgrounds
F0399	Operation, Maintenance & Improvement of Outdoor Leisure Support Costs – includes salaries and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
F0401	Community Grants – includes provision for the Pride of Place competition.
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium
F0403	Community Facilities
F0404	Recreational Development – provides funding towards the officers.
F0499	Community Sport and Recreational Development Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme, Tipperary County Council provides significant support to the ongoing development of Arts and Culture in Tipperary. This support entails financial, residencies; artistic services enhancement and provision of infrastructure, community art and related work. Costs in this service include the operational costs of the Arts Office.
F0502	Contribution to Other Bodies Arts Programme – provides for a contribution towards operating costs for the Arts Centres, and loan charges related to the Source Arts Centre.
F0503	Museums Operations – includes direct costs including salaries.
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations – provides for a contribution to the Heritage Company
F0505	Festivals & Concerts
F0599	Operation of Arts Programme Support Costs – includes apportioned costs relating to this service area.
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service

DIVISION G AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas – includes a draft budget relating to land drainage throughout the County, and drainage works under the Local Authority Works Act (LAWA).
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions – pensions to former staff of the Committee of Agriculture.
G0199	Land Drainage Support Costs.
G0401	Provision of Veterinary Service – provides for veterinary equipment.
G0402	Inspection of Abattoirs – provides for the Vet’s salary and expenses relating to slaughterhouses, etc.
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service – provides for wages and associated costs for the Dog Warden and the Dog Pound.
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services including Horse Control – provides for expenses relating to the Control of Horses.
G0499	Veterinary Service Support Costs - includes salaries and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
G0501- G0599	Support Services – the main provision here is for payment of Student Support Grants. All new applications for Student Support Grants are administered by City of Dublin Education and Training Board.
G0601	Agency and Recoupable Service (SOLAS)
G0699	Agency and Recoupable Services Support Costs - includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
H01	Plant and Machinery operations – relates to the Machinery Yard and plant.
H02	Administrative Cost Stores – the operation of the Stores section.
H03	Administration of Rates – provision for salaries of rate collectors and support staff, together with the provision for irrecoverable rates and rates refunds.
H04	Franchise Costs – provides for staff salaries, annual franchise fees, advertising and all expenses associated with the register of electors. A fund is also provided each year towards the cost of running Local Elections.
H05	Operation of Morgue & Coroners Expenses – includes the salary, fees and expenses for the Coroner and related staff.
H07	Operation of markets and casual trading - includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
H09	Local Representation and Civic Leadership– makes provision for remuneration of Councillors, Cathaoirleach’s Allowance, Councillors meeting expenses, conference expenses, Councillors gratuities, SPC Chair Allowances, general meeting expenses, Members’ facilities, contributions to Councillors Associations and salaries of staff related to these functions.
H0909	GMA (General Municipal Allocation)
H10	Motor Taxation – Salary, travel and administration costs relating to the Motor Taxation function.
H11	Agency and Recoupable Services – makes provision for the costs of collection of the NPPR charge. It also includes expenditure relating to Courthouses. Salaries paid to staff on secondment to other local Authorities are included and are fully recoupable.

The Central Management Charges comprises eight cost pools as set out in Appendix 1 to the Statutory Tables and below

Cost Pool	€
J01 - Corporate Buildings Overhead	2,847,761
J02 - Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,614,178
J03 - IT Services	3,277,668
J04 - Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	442,103
J05 - Human Resource Function	2,305,575
J06 - Finance Function Overhead	1,799,708
J07 - Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	10,950,000
J08 - Area Office Overhead	0
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	24,236,993

The costs are reallocated to the sub-services within each division on a basis and in an order as set out below:

Code	Central Overhead / Cost Pool	Basis Of Reallocation / Cost Driver	Order Of Reallocation
J07	Pensions and Lump Sum Costs	Salary and wage costs	1
J01	Corporate Building Expenditure	m2	2
J02	Corporate Affairs/ Services	Staff no.	3
J03	Information & Communication Technology	PC nos., or, % usage	4
J04	Post Room Services	% usage	5
J05	Human Resources Function	Staff no.	6
J06	Finance Function	No. of transactions	7
J08	Area Office Costs	% usage	8

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
J01	Corporate Building Costs – includes maintenance costs, insurance and loan charges for the Civic Offices.
J02	General Corporate Services – includes salaries and travelling expenses for Corporate Services and Internal Audit staff, and printing, stationery, advertising, telephone and legal costs. Also includes levies demands, professional indemnity insurance and a contribution to Tipperary Energy Agency Ltd.
J03	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) – This includes the salaries and travelling expenses of Information Systems staff, the hardware, software, and communications costs associated with running the business systems in the organisation, and for maintaining the ICT infrastructure and Services that underpins these business systems.
J04	Print and Post Room Services – Postage costs including franker advances.
J05	Human Resources Function – includes salaries of Human Resources and Payroll staff, staff recruitment costs and training expenses. Also includes Health and Safety expenses
J06	Finance Function – includes salaries and travelling expenses for Finance staff in addition to bank charges, overdraft interest, stamp duty and G4S security cash collection costs.
J07	Pensions and Lump Sum Costs – includes pension payments to former staff, and a provision towards lump-sums in 2022.

The Draft Budget 2022 and statutory tables follow this report.

Please note that rounding differences may exist between some of these tables.



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BUDGET TABLES

ADOPTED FORMAT OF BUDGET 2022

Tipperary County Council

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION

Summary by Service Division						Estimated Net Expenditure	
		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2022		Expenditure	Outturn 2021
		€	€	€	%	€	%
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income							
Housing and Building		35,690,209	35,077,493	612,716	1%	609,301	1%
Road Transport & Safety		63,153,614	45,927,680	17,225,934	27%	18,038,552	28%
Water Services		15,244,178	14,765,786	478,392	1%	399,591	1%
Development Management		15,850,550	6,380,079	9,470,471	15%	9,131,021	14%
Environmental Services		31,977,857	14,729,511	17,248,346	28%	16,923,576	27%
Recreation and Amenity		14,249,629	2,752,501	11,497,128	18%	11,440,829	18%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,934,033	1,294,655	639,378	1%	572,528	1%
Miscellaneous Services		16,129,983	10,623,380	5,506,603	9%	6,730,109	11%
		194,230,053	131,551,085	62,678,968	100%	63,845,507	100%
Provision for Debit Balance		0		0			
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income	(A)	194,230,053	131,551,085	62,678,968		63,845,507	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances							
Provision for Credit Balance			0	0			
Local Property Tax			27,158,966	27,158,966		27,156,665	
Sub - Total	(B)			27,158,966		27,156,665	
Net Amount of Rates to be Levied	(A-B)			35,520,002			
Value of Base Year Adjustment				0			
Amount of Rates to be Levied (Gross of BYA)	(D)			35,520,002			
Net Effective Valuation	(E)			185,096,414			
General Annual Rate on Valuation	D/E			0.1919			

Table B Expenditure & Income for 2022 and Estimated Outturn for 2021									
Division & Services		2022				2021			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Code		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Housing and Building								
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	10,945,488	10,945,488	16,066,483	16,066,483	10,739,501	13,228,553	15,378,501	18,102,442
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,112,516	1,112,516	129,994	129,994	1,144,021	1,098,798	80,494	50,494
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,419,891	1,419,891	35,894	35,894	1,362,901	1,402,910	36,484	38,984
A04	Housing Community Development Support	1,041,323	1,041,323	364,223	364,223	919,509	961,404	314,133	364,435
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	1,101,050	1,101,050	819,690	819,690	1,017,456	855,215	765,537	625,662
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	1,864,268	1,864,268	1,131,673	1,131,673	1,830,682	1,707,215	1,132,118	1,032,118
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	13,323,376	13,323,376	13,715,456	13,715,456	12,938,443	14,255,215	14,307,438	14,529,729
A08	Housing Loans	821,532	821,532	598,000	598,000	787,660	761,170	603,634	566,134
A09	Housing Grants	3,019,299	3,019,299	1,761,445	1,761,445	2,924,548	4,046,810	1,761,596	2,953,960
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000	8,000
A12	HAP Programme	1,041,466	1,041,466	450,635	450,635	894,688	953,080	325,812	389,111
	Service Division Total	35,690,209	35,690,209	35,077,493	35,077,493	34,559,409	39,270,370	34,709,747	38,661,069
	Road Transport & Safety								
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	815,720	815,720	530,264	530,264	1,027,609	797,524	742,135	530,535
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,763,548	1,763,548	1,255,270	1,255,270	1,613,504	1,727,547	1,163,206	1,255,589
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	19,365,517	19,365,517	15,615,319	15,615,319	17,839,958	19,251,099	14,129,517	15,617,312
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	32,309,903	32,309,903	24,068,669	24,068,669	29,535,246	32,101,962	21,317,504	24,072,689
B05	Public Lighting	2,539,752	2,539,752	345,093	345,093	2,619,444	2,464,985	411,240	345,140
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	123,040	123,040	37,410	37,410	170,116	661,404	67,830	579,426
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	673,335	673,335	639,480	639,480	580,772	672,179	547,555	639,555
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	119,461	119,461	3,249	3,249	117,712	117,393	3,303	3,303
B09	Car Parking	2,169,444	2,169,444	3,073,660	3,073,660	2,132,448	2,029,506	3,074,091	1,661,632
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	2,797,593	2,797,593	31,066	31,066	2,772,848	2,734,174	31,584	31,584
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	476,299	476,299	328,200	328,200	638,886	677,788	299,000	460,244
	Service Division Total	63,153,614	63,153,614	45,927,680	45,927,680	59,048,543	63,235,561	41,786,965	45,197,009

		Table B Expenditure & Income for 2022 and Estimated Outturn for 2021							
		2022				2021			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Division & Services		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Water Services								
Code									
C01	Water Supply	8,961,604	8,961,604	169,916	169,916	8,777,102	8,731,334	172,748	172,748
C02	Waste Water Treatment	3,070,130	3,070,130	74,887	74,887	3,203,506	3,189,958	76,135	76,135
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C04	Public Conveniences	322,036	322,036	53,472	53,472	313,825	311,625	51,520	43,340
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations	1,208,384	1,208,384	1,018,565	1,018,565	1,056,653	1,158,395	898,641	978,641
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	1,404,798	1,404,798	1,392,296	1,392,296	1,272,432	1,264,938	1,269,381	1,269,381
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	239,226	239,226	12,038,651	12,038,651	223,607	221,975	11,958,389	11,958,389
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	38,000	38,000	18,000	18,000	38,000	33,000	18,000	13,000
	Service Division Total	15,244,178	15,244,178	14,765,786	14,765,786	14,885,125	14,911,225	14,444,814	14,511,634
	Development Management								
Code									
D01	Forward Planning	1,160,127	1,160,127	22,547	22,547	1,097,435	946,003	22,922	22,922
D02	Development Management	2,037,670	2,037,670	812,877	812,877	1,953,219	1,948,409	693,592	846,592
D03	Enforcement	1,078,503	1,078,503	37,825	37,825	1,057,973	1,012,813	43,172	38,172
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	56,896	56,896	0	0	56,909	41,833	0	0
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	713,440	713,440	108,049	108,049	645,308	712,506	68,170	119,293
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	3,085,269	3,085,269	1,933,724	1,933,724	2,834,116	3,003,803	1,918,291	1,923,520
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates	571,324	571,324	9,524	9,524	577,905	542,552	9,683	9,683
D08	Building Control	194,967	194,967	27,030	27,030	185,335	187,301	22,114	27,114
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	5,275,840	5,275,840	2,606,875	2,606,875	4,769,986	6,748,162	2,073,501	3,843,069
D10	Property Management	795,738	795,738	217,924	217,924	777,425	732,288	217,171	185,446
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	860,776	860,776	583,705	583,705	635,427	752,829	362,667	485,667
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	16,000
	Service Division Total	15,850,550	15,850,550	6,380,079	6,380,079	14,611,038	16,648,499	5,451,283	7,517,478

Table B Expenditure & Income for 2022 and Estimated Outturn for 2021									
Division & Services		2022				2021			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Environmental Services								
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	3,907,217	3,907,217	1,838,252	1,838,252	2,871,931	2,574,942	814,881	603,881
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	1,939,007	1,939,007	1,317,704	1,317,704	1,784,678	1,901,384	1,097,966	1,327,966
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	13,095	13,095	0	0	13,103	10,059	0	0
E05	Litter Management	1,436,368	1,436,368	396,559	396,559	1,408,608	1,382,683	380,762	391,207
E06	Street Cleaning	1,940,305	1,940,305	34,278	34,278	1,901,594	1,894,164	34,850	34,850
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	525,688	525,688	75,901	75,901	526,444	492,630	61,566	75,766
E08	Waste Management Planning	295,536	295,536	19,947	19,947	320,167	280,690	23,016	17,016
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,678,749	1,678,749	360,299	360,299	1,640,304	1,645,285	341,737	368,537
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	650,182	650,182	159,865	159,865	613,536	684,955	157,546	201,464
E11	Operation of Fire Service	8,261,413	8,261,413	526,226	526,226	8,218,639	8,234,366	495,680	421,680
E12	Fire Prevention	557,864	557,864	160,263	160,263	526,712	538,327	148,484	153,109
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	585,359	585,359	42,875	42,875	551,195	523,896	42,248	29,698
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	10,067,074	10,067,074	9,797,341	9,797,341	9,073,202	8,078,537	8,804,033	7,813,168
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	120,000	120,000	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0
	Service Division Total	31,977,857	31,977,857	14,729,511	14,729,511	29,570,113	28,361,918	12,402,769	11,438,342
Code	Recreation & Amenity								
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	2,993,392	2,993,392	1,056,625	1,056,625	2,893,126	2,716,654	1,056,860	321,310
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	4,745,376	4,745,376	208,416	208,416	4,759,600	4,460,068	217,086	200,191
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,935,295	2,935,295	42,096	42,096	2,903,327	2,975,248	42,777	170,324
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	912,545	912,545	410,464	410,464	778,771	1,137,897	370,639	715,339
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	1,908,881	1,908,881	307,008	307,008	1,724,358	1,970,555	189,875	437,762
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	754,140	754,140	727,893	727,893	754,014	753,255	727,922	727,922
	Service Division Total	14,249,629	14,249,629	2,752,501	2,752,501	13,813,196	14,013,677	2,605,159	2,572,848

		Table B Expenditure & Income for 2022 and Estimated Outturn for 2021							
		2022				2021			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Division & Services		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G01	Land Drainage Costs	194,169	194,169	15,586	15,586	208,590	193,446	15,595	15,595
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G03	Coastal Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G04	Veterinary Service	941,346	941,346	508,032	508,032	934,007	862,595	497,276	494,204
G05	Educational Support Services	30,260	30,260	2,779	2,779	29,330	28,673	2,342	2,387
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	768,258	768,258	768,258	768,258	757,261	757,261	757,261	757,261
	Service Division Total	1,934,033	1,934,033	1,294,655	1,294,655	1,929,188	1,841,975	1,272,474	1,269,447
Code	Miscellaneous Services								
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	24,068	24,068	87,830	87,830	9,527	4,250	89,294	89,294
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	220,688	220,688	7,761	7,761	201,256	196,277	7,891	7,891
H03	Adminstration of Rates	7,026,067	7,026,067	182,056	182,056	7,187,375	13,847,478	182,590	6,736,540
H04	Franchise Costs	250,828	250,828	1,637	1,637	282,891	234,514	1,762	1,562
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	290,149	290,149	0	0	299,185	316,935	0	0
H06	Weighbridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	20,061	20,061	15,266	15,266	19,856	19,577	13,270	15,270
H08	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	3,741,113	3,741,113	16,617	16,617	3,259,502	3,254,475	14,352	31,402
H10	Motor Taxation	1,645,127	1,645,127	90,333	90,333	1,657,754	1,540,430	90,905	90,905
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,909,882	2,909,882	10,219,881	10,219,881	3,568,880	3,013,500	8,871,552	8,724,463
	Service Division Total	16,129,983	16,129,983	10,623,380	10,623,380	16,486,226	22,429,436	9,271,616	15,699,327
	OVERALL TOTAL	194,230,053	194,230,053	131,551,085	131,551,085	184,902,838	200,712,661	121,944,827	136,867,154

Table D	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2022 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	2022 €
Rents from Houses	16,936,140
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	457,720
Parking Fines/Charges	3,041,800
Irish Water	13,393,715
Planning Fees	732,000
Domestic Refuse	0
Commercial Refuse	0
Landfill Charges	2,900,500
Fire Charges	359,000
Recreation / Amenity / Culture	1,022,500
Agency Services & Repayable Works	148,119
Local Authority Contributions	1,710,423
Superannuation	1,800,000
NPPR	300,000
Misc. (Detail)	7,177,895
TOTAL	49,979,812

Table E	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2022 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	
	2022 €
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	
Housing and Building	16,031,820
Road Transport & Safety	0
Water Services	1,032,000
Development Management	349,000
Environmental Services	9,293,643
Recreation and Amenity	0
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	0
Miscellaneous Services	6,562,182
	33,268,645
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	31,918,390
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht	0
National Transport Authority	5,343,532
Social Protection	726,167
Defence	138,000
Education	768,258
Library Council	0
Arts Council	169,607
Transport	1,192,054
Justice	0
Agriculture and Marine	6,000
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	2,381,300
Community, Rural Development and The Islands	2,393,357
Climate Action, Communication Networks	302,225
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	291,000
Other	2,672,740
	48,302,630
Total Grants & Subsidies	81,571,275

**Table F Comprises Expenditure and Income by
Division to Sub-Service Level**

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	7,425,982	7,425,982	7,083,483	9,759,328
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	183,000	183,000	155,000	150,240
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management	745,738	745,738	737,717	749,987
A0104	Estate Maintenance	0	0	0	0
A0199	Service Support Costs	2,590,768	2,590,768	2,763,302	2,568,998
	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	10,945,488	10,945,488	10,739,502	13,228,553
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	625,575	625,575	673,146	635,089
A0299	Service Support Costs	486,941	486,941	470,875	463,709
	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,112,516	1,112,516	1,144,021	1,098,798
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	856,678	856,678	817,351	865,031
A0399	Service Support Costs	563,213	563,213	545,550	537,879
	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,419,891	1,419,891	1,362,901	1,402,910
A0401	Housing Estate Management	258,898	258,898	205,191	221,239
A0402	Tenancy Management	314,897	314,897	302,975	281,602
A0403	Social and Community Housing Service	278,000	278,000	227,698	278,000
A0499	Service Support Costs	189,528	189,528	183,645	180,563
	Housing Community Development Support	1,041,323	1,041,323	919,509	961,404
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	757,815	757,815	705,815	558,836
A0502	Homeless Service	218,172	218,172	179,939	176,502
A0599	Service Support Costs	125,063	125,063	131,702	119,877
	Administration of Homeless Service	1,101,050	1,101,050	1,017,456	855,215
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support	624,476	624,476	605,394	589,195
A0602	Loan Charges	800,000	800,000	800,000	700,000
A0699	Service Support Costs	439,792	439,792	425,288	418,020
	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	1,864,268	1,864,268	1,830,682	1,707,215
A0701	RAS Operations	6,959,956	6,959,956	7,535,448	7,418,543
A0702	Long Term Leasing	2,730,871	2,730,871	2,804,202	2,696,580
A0703	Payment & Availability	3,230,000	3,230,000	2,201,000	3,750,020
A0704	Affordable Leases	40,600	40,600	40,600	40,290
A0799	Service Support Costs	361,949	361,949	357,193	349,782
	RAS and Leasing Programme	13,323,376	13,323,376	12,938,443	14,255,215

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0801	Loan Interest and Other Charges	498,230	498,230	492,927	463,250
A0802	Debt Management Housing Loans	175,721	175,721	151,273	156,346
A0899	Service Support Costs	147,581	147,581	143,460	141,574
	Housing Loans	821,532	821,532	787,660	761,170
A0901	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	1,300,545	1,300,545	1,242,545	2,017,000
A0902	Loan Charges DPG/ERG	0	0	1,350	0
A0903	Essential Repair Grants	650,000	650,000	600,000	1,072,000
A0904	Other Housing Grant Payments	0	0	0	1,270
A0905	Mobility Aids Housing Grants	250,000	250,000	350,000	200,000
A0999	Service Support Costs	818,754	818,754	730,653	756,540
	Housing Grants	3,019,299	3,019,299	2,924,548	4,046,810
A1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
A1199	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	0	0
A1201	HAP Operations	770,458	770,458	632,688	695,303
A1299	Service Support Costs	271,008	271,008	262,000	257,777
	HAP Programme	1,041,466	1,041,466	894,688	953,080
	Service Division Total	35,690,209	35,690,209	34,559,410	39,270,370

HOUSING AND BUILDING				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	16,031,820	16,031,820	16,041,813	18,944,055
Other	365,000	365,000	314,698	320,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	16,396,820	16,396,820	16,356,511	19,264,055
Goods and Services				
Rents from houses	16,936,140	16,936,140	16,749,060	16,896,640
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	457,720	457,720	438,250	426,350
Superannuation	246,813	246,813	250,927	250,927
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	1,040,000	1,040,000	915,000	1,823,097
Total Goods and Services (b)	18,680,673	18,680,673	18,353,237	19,397,014
		0		
Total Income c=(a+b)	35,077,493	35,077,493	34,709,748	38,661,069

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0102	NP – Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	0	0	0	0
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance	129,500	129,500	129,500	129,500
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	384,505	384,505	596,105	384,505
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	0	0	0	0
B0199	Service Support Costs	301,715	301,715	302,004	283,519
National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		815,720	815,720	1,027,609	797,524
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0202	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	0	0	0	0
B0203	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	0	0	0	0
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance	149,500	149,500	149,500	149,500
B0205	NS – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	1,086,609	1,086,609	994,226	1,086,609
B0207	NS – General Improvement Works	0	0	0	0
B0299	Service Support Costs	527,439	527,439	469,778	491,438
National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		1,763,548	1,763,548	1,613,504	1,727,547
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	2,603,664	2,603,664	2,690,744	2,603,664
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	4,239,613	4,239,613	3,307,870	4,239,613
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	0	0	450,000	0
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	6,839,907	6,839,907	6,853,768	6,843,620
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	3,489,780	3,489,780	2,386,500	3,489,780
B0399	Service Support Costs	2,192,553	2,192,553	2,151,076	2,074,422
Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance		19,365,517	19,365,517	17,839,958	19,251,099
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	2,762,837	2,762,837	2,682,256	2,762,837
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	10,981,388	10,981,388	11,035,130	10,981,388
B0403	Local Roads Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	150,000	150,000	469,435	150,000
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	6,473,315	6,473,315	6,500,283	6,512,987
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	7,902,055	7,902,055	4,829,806	7,902,055
B0499	Service Support Costs	4,040,308	4,040,308	4,018,336	3,792,695
Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		32,309,903	32,309,903	29,535,246	32,101,962
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	2,390,474	2,390,474	2,456,574	2,320,474
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	0	0	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	149,278	149,278	162,870	144,511
Public Lighting		2,539,752	2,539,752	2,619,444	2,464,985

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0601	Traffic Management	0	0	0	541,966
B0602	Traffic Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0603	Traffic Improvement Measures	34,400	34,400	64,770	34,400
B0699	Service Support Costs	88,640	88,640	105,346	85,038
Traffic Management Improvement		123,040	123,040	170,116	661,404
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures	635,000	635,000	543,000	635,000
B0702	Other Engineering Improvements	0	0	0	0
B0799	Service Support Costs	38,335	38,335	37,772	37,179
Road Safety Engineering Improvements		673,335	673,335	580,772	672,179
B0801	School Wardens	76,411	76,411	75,090	75,090
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
B0899	Service Support Costs	25,050	25,050	24,622	24,303
Road Safety Promotion/Education		119,461	119,461	117,712	117,393
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	495,048	495,048	489,702	481,845
B0902	Operation of Street Parking	328,750	328,750	323,151	323,150
B0903	Parking Enforcement	681,097	681,097	653,317	621,887
B0999	Service Support Costs	664,549	664,549	666,278	602,624
Car Parking		2,169,444	2,169,444	2,132,448	2,029,506
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme	315,309	315,309	303,928	271,521
B1099	Service Support Costs	2,482,284	2,482,284	2,468,920	2,462,653
Support to Roads Capital Programme		2,797,593	2,797,593	2,772,848	2,734,174
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	451,299	451,299	623,886	662,788
B1199	Service Support Costs	25,000	25,000	15,000	15,000
Agency & Recoupable Services		476,299	476,299	638,886	677,788
Service Division Total		63,153,614	63,153,614	59,048,543	63,235,561

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	31,918,390	31,918,390	33,295,832	32,086,795
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht	0	0	0	0
National Transport Authority	5,343,532	5,343,532	0	5,717,093
Transport	1,192,054	1,192,054	1,192,053	1,192,054
Community, Rural Development and The Islands	849,857	849,857	672,187	849,857
Other	213,679	213,679	240,647	295,489
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	39,517,512	39,517,512	35,400,719	40,141,288
Goods and Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	3,041,800	3,041,800	3,041,800	1,629,341
Superannuation	466,668	466,668	474,446	474,446
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	2,901,700	2,901,700	2,870,000	2,951,934
Total Goods and Services (b)	6,410,168	6,410,168	6,386,246	5,055,721
Total Income c=(a+b)	45,927,680	45,927,680	41,786,965	45,197,009

WATER SERVICES

		2022		2021	
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Code		€	€	€	€
C0101	Water Plants & Networks	6,045,105	6,045,105	6,196,911	6,179,311
C0199	Service Support Costs	2,916,499	2,916,499	2,580,191	2,552,023
	Water Supply	8,961,604	8,961,604	8,777,102	8,731,334
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	1,533,420	1,533,420	1,805,567	1,805,567
C0299	Service Support Costs	1,536,710	1,536,710	1,397,939	1,384,391
	Waste Water Treatment	3,070,130	3,070,130	3,203,506	3,189,958
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water	0	0	0	0
C0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	0	0	0	0
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	294,202	294,202	286,340	284,640
C0499	Service Support Costs	27,834	27,834	27,485	26,985
	Public Conveniences	322,036	322,036	313,825	311,625
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations	290,000	290,000	170,000	304,000
C0502	Grants for Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0503	Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies	624,000	624,000	624,000	570,000
C0599	Service Support Costs	294,384	294,384	262,653	284,395
	Admin of Group and Private Installations	1,208,384	1,208,384	1,056,653	1,158,395
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision	925,727	925,727	816,454	816,454
C0699	Service Support Costs	479,071	479,071	455,978	448,484
	Support to Water Capital Programme	1,404,798	1,404,798	1,272,432	1,264,938
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	174,853	174,853	160,235	160,235
C0799	Service Support Costs	64,373	64,373	63,372	61,740
	Agency & Recoupable Services	239,226	239,226	223,607	221,975
C0801	Local Authority Water Services	18,000	18,000	18,000	13,000
C0802	Local Authority Sanitary Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
C0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	38,000	38,000	38,000	33,000
	Service Division Total	15,244,178	15,244,178	14,885,125	14,911,225

WATER SERVICES				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	1,032,000	1,032,000	912,000	987,000
Other	39,000	39,000	39,000	26,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,071,000	1,071,000	951,000	1,013,000
Goods and Services				
Irish Water	13,393,715	13,393,715	13,189,918	13,189,918
Superannuation	289,521	289,521	294,346	294,346
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	11,550	11,550	9,550	14,370
Total Goods and Services (b)	13,694,786	13,694,786	13,493,814	13,498,634
Total Income c=(a+b)	14,765,786	14,765,786	14,444,814	14,511,634

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy	840,163	840,163	787,415	641,152
D0199	Service Support Costs	319,964	319,964	310,020	304,851
Forward Planning		1,160,127	1,160,127	1,097,435	946,003
D0201	Planning Control	1,260,562	1,260,562	1,202,082	1,207,455
D0299	Service Support Costs	777,108	777,108	751,137	740,954
Development Management		2,037,670	2,037,670	1,953,219	1,948,409
D0301	Enforcement Costs	733,298	733,298	724,117	683,971
D0399	Service Support Costs	345,205	345,205	333,856	328,842
Enforcement		1,078,503	1,078,503	1,057,973	1,012,813
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations	0	0	0	0
D0403	Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	0	0	0	0
D0404	General Development Promotion Work	55,000	55,000	55,000	40,000
D0499	Service Support Costs	1,896	1,896	1,909	1,833
Industrial and Commercial Facilities		56,896	56,896	56,909	41,833
D0501	Tourism Promotion	416,200	416,200	356,200	431,501
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
D0599	Service Support Costs	297,240	297,240	289,108	281,005
Tourism Development and Promotion		713,440	713,440	645,308	712,506
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	1,511,049	1,511,049	1,169,216	1,400,235
D0602	RAPID Costs	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
D0603	Social Inclusion	1,227,000	1,227,000	1,327,000	1,270,670
D0699	Service Support Costs	311,220	311,220	301,900	296,898
Community and Enterprise Function		3,085,269	3,085,269	2,834,116	3,003,803
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates	422,742	422,742	434,157	401,196
D0799	Service Support Costs	148,582	148,582	143,748	141,356
Unfinished Housing Estates		571,324	571,324	577,905	542,552

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0801	Building Control Inspection Costs	0	0	0	0
D0802	Building Control Enforcement Costs	0	0	0	0
D0899	Service Support Costs	194,967	194,967	185,335	187,301
Building Control		194,967	194,967	185,335	187,301
D0901	Urban and Village Renewal	0	0	0	0
D0902	EU Projects	0	0	0	0
D0903	Town Twinning	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
D0904	European Office	0	0	0	0
D0905	Economic Development & Promotion	2,037,334	2,037,334	2,065,318	2,523,407
D0906	Local Enterprise Office	2,461,300	2,461,300	1,939,675	3,497,300
D0999	Service Support Costs	756,206	756,206	743,993	706,455
Economic Development and Promotion		5,275,840	5,275,840	4,769,986	6,748,162
D1001	Property Management Costs	708,523	708,523	692,907	649,325
D1099	Service Support Costs	87,215	87,215	84,518	82,963
Property Management		795,738	795,738	777,425	732,288
D1101	Heritage Services	459,139	459,139	355,475	433,916
D1102	Conservation Services	0	0	0	0
D1103	Conservation Grants	324,000	324,000	204,000	244,000
D1199	Service Support Costs	77,637	77,637	75,952	74,913
Heritage and Conservation Services		860,776	860,776	635,427	752,829
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
D1299	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Agency & Recoupable Services		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Service Division Total		15,850,550	15,850,550	14,611,038	16,648,499

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	349,000	349,000	369,000	379,268
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht	0	0	0	200,000
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	2,381,300	2,381,300	1,858,000	3,417,300
Community, Rural Development and The Islands	1,543,500	1,543,500	1,577,500	1,536,694
Other	806,016	806,016	604,650	784,809
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	5,079,816	5,079,816	4,409,150	6,318,071
Goods and Services				
Planning Fees	732,000	732,000	587,000	752,000
Superannuation	163,163	163,163	165,883	165,883
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	136,000	136,000	16,000	56,000
Other income	269,100	269,100	273,250	225,525
Total Goods and Services (b)	1,300,263	1,300,263	1,042,133	1,199,408
Total Income c=(a+b)	6,380,079	6,380,079	5,451,283	7,517,479

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations	2,937,000	2,937,000	1,932,000	1,617,321
E0102	Contribution to other LA's - Landfill Facilities	0	0	0	0
E0103	Landfill Aftercare Costs.	35,000	35,000	22,600	34,600
E0199	Service Support Costs	935,217	935,217	917,331	923,021
Landfill Operation and Aftercare		3,907,217	3,907,217	2,871,931	2,574,942
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	1,556,350	1,556,350	1,407,000	1,534,350
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	82,000	82,000	82,850	82,000
E0204	Other Recycling Services	0	0	0	0
E0299	Service Support Costs	300,657	300,657	294,828	285,034
Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations		1,939,007	1,939,007	1,784,678	1,901,384
E0301	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Waste to Energy Facilities Operations		0	0	0	0
E0401	Recycling Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0402	Organic Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0403	Residual Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0404	Commercial Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0406	Contribution to Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection	12,000	12,000	12,000	9,000
E0499	Service Support Costs	1,095	1,095	1,103	1,059
Provision of Waste to Collection Services		13,095	13,095	13,103	10,059
E0501	Litter Warden Service	603,995	603,995	587,152	586,720
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	363,400	363,400	359,510	349,402
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
E0599	Service Support Costs	423,973	423,973	416,946	401,561
Litter Management		1,436,368	1,436,368	1,408,608	1,382,683
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	1,656,998	1,656,998	1,622,671	1,619,371
E0602	Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	0	0	0	0
E0699	Service Support Costs	283,307	283,307	278,923	274,793
Street Cleaning		1,940,305	1,940,305	1,901,594	1,894,164
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	255,306	255,306	270,651	220,818
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	37,000	37,000	30,000	50,000
E0799	Service Support Costs	233,382	233,382	225,793	221,812
Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		525,688	525,688	526,444	492,630

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0801	Waste Management Plan	182,907	182,907	205,953	174,361
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	58,657	58,657	61,657	54,708
E0899	Service Support Costs	53,972	53,972	52,557	51,621
	Waste Management Planning	295,536	295,536	320,167	280,690
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,153,320	1,153,320	1,148,555	1,150,220
E0999	Service Support Costs	525,429	525,429	491,749	495,065
	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	1,678,749	1,678,749	1,640,304	1,645,285
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	293,018	293,018	280,000	341,114
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
E1003	Emergency Planning	23,448	23,448	23,448	23,448
E1004	Derelict Sites	124,784	124,784	105,639	119,067
E1005	Water Safety Operation	25,680	25,680	25,680	25,680
E1099	Service Support Costs	167,252	167,252	162,769	159,646
	Safety of Structures and Places	650,182	650,182	613,536	684,955
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	5,332,440	5,332,440	5,381,056	5,359,788
E1103	Fire Services Training	943,234	943,234	912,236	918,189
E1104	Operation of Ambulance Service	0	0	0	0
E1199	Service Support Costs	1,985,739	1,985,739	1,925,348	1,956,389
	Operation of Fire Service	8,261,413	8,261,413	8,218,640	8,234,366
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	0	0	0	0
E1202	Fire Prevention and Education	47,061	47,061	47,061	47,061
E1203	Inspection/Monitoring of Commercial Facilities	0	0	0	0
E1299	Service Support Costs	510,803	510,803	479,651	491,266
	Fire Prevention	557,864	557,864	526,712	538,327
E1301	Water Quality Management	433,567	433,567	404,035	379,339
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	0	0	0	0
E1399	Service Support Costs	151,792	151,792	147,160	144,557
	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	585,359	585,359	551,195	523,896
E1401	Agency & Recoupable Service	9,790,668	9,790,668	8,804,049	7,814,434
E1499	Service Support Costs	276,406	276,406	269,153	264,103
	Agency & Recoupable Services	10,067,074	10,067,074	9,073,202	8,078,537
E1501	Climate Change and Flooding	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
E1599	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Climate Change and Flooding	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
	Service Division Total	31,977,857	31,977,857	29,570,114	28,361,918

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	9,293,643	9,293,643	8,463,049	7,251,884
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Defence	138,000	138,000	140,000	138,463
Climate Action, Communication Networks	302,225	302,225	429,055	322,050
Other	571,500	571,500	275,500	607,500
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	10,305,368	10,305,368	9,307,604	8,319,897
Goods and Services				
Domestic Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Commercial Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Landfill Charges	2,900,500	2,900,500	1,737,000	1,676,000
Fire Charges	359,000	359,000	348,000	329,625
Superannuation	205,343	205,343	208,766	208,766
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	15,800	15,800	18,800	12,800
Other income	943,500	943,500	782,600	891,254
Total Goods and Services (b)	4,424,143	4,424,143	3,095,166	3,118,445
Total Income c=(a+b)	14,729,511	14,729,511	12,402,770	11,438,342

RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	1,965,120	1,965,120	1,870,250	1,700,530
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	557,500	557,500	557,500	557,500
F0199	Service Support Costs	470,772	470,772	465,376	458,624
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	Leisure Facilities Operations	2,993,392	2,993,392	2,893,126	2,716,654
F0201	Library Service Operations	3,122,579	3,122,579	3,174,809	2,986,584
F0202	Archive Service	95,411	95,411	101,578	74,278
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	260,000	260,000	260,000	200,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	0	0	0	0
F0299	Service Support Costs	1,267,386	1,267,386	1,223,213	1,199,206
	Operation of Library and Archival Service	4,745,376	4,745,376	4,759,600	4,460,068
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	2,316,767	2,316,767	2,291,525	2,389,905
F0302	Playgrounds	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
F0303	Beaches	0	0	0	0
F0399	Service Support Costs	513,528	513,528	506,802	480,343
	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,935,295	2,935,295	2,903,327	2,975,248
F0401	Community Grants	121,800	121,800	121,800	121,800
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	0	0	0	0
F0403	Community Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0404	Recreational Development	591,018	591,018	464,000	825,963
F0499	Service Support Costs	199,727	199,727	192,971	190,134
	Community Sport and Recreational Development	912,545	912,545	778,771	1,137,897
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	582,281	582,281	391,861	636,596
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	628,008	628,008	646,008	647,008
F0503	Museums Operations	409,675	409,675	404,130	408,863
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	18,600	18,600	18,600	18,765
F0599	Service Support Costs	235,317	235,317	228,759	224,322
	Operation of Arts Programme	1,908,881	1,908,881	1,724,358	1,970,554
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	726,167	726,167	726,167	726,167
F0699	Service Support Costs	27,973	27,973	27,847	27,088
	Agency & Recoupable Services	754,140	754,140	754,014	753,255
	Service Division Total	14,249,629	14,249,629	13,813,196	14,013,676

RECREATION & AMENITY				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	127,547
Education	0	0	0	0
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht	0	0	0	143,000
Social Protection	726,167	726,167	726,167	726,167
Library Council	0	0	0	0
Arts Council	169,607	169,607	123,500	173,001
Transport	0	0	0	0
Community, Rural Development and The Islands	0	0	0	0
Other	519,245	519,245	403,000	794,085
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,415,019	1,415,019	1,252,667	1,963,800
Goods and Services				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	1,022,500	1,022,500	1,022,000	294,450
Superannuation	195,572	195,572	198,832	198,832
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	119,410	119,410	131,660	115,765
Total Goods and Services (b)	1,337,482	1,337,482	1,352,492	609,047
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,752,501	2,752,501	2,605,159	2,572,847

AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	161,098	161,098	160,887	160,887
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	0	0	0	0
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions	26,708	26,708	41,404	26,392
G0199	Service Support Costs	6,363	6,363	6,299	6,167
Land Drainage Costs		194,169	194,169	208,590	193,446
G0201	Operation of Piers	0	0	0	0
G0203	Operation of Harbours	0	0	0	0
G0299	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours		0	0	0	0
G0301	General Maintenance - Coastal Regions	0	0	0	0
G0302	Planned Protection of Coastal Regions	0	0	0	0
G0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Coastal Protection		0	0	0	0
G0401	Provision of Veterinary Service	0	0	0	0
G0402	Inspection of Abattoirs etc	301,000	301,000	300,285	300,000
G0403	Food Safety	0	0	0	0
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	214,415	214,415	215,352	206,408
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	163,560	163,560	162,915	104,996
G0499	Service Support Costs	262,371	262,371	255,455	251,191
Veterinary Service		941,346	941,346	934,007	862,595
G0501	Payment of Higher Education Grants	0	0	0	0
G0502	Administration Higher Education Grants	0	0	0	0
G0505	Contribution to Education & Training Board	0	0	0	0
G0506	Other Educational Services	0	0	0	0
G0507	School Meals	6,200	6,200	5,600	5,600
G0599	Service Support Costs	24,060	24,060	23,730	23,073
Educational Support Services		30,260	30,260	29,330	28,673
G0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	768,258	768,258	757,261	757,261
G0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Agency & Recoupable Services		768,258	768,258	757,261	757,261
Service Division Total		1,934,033	1,934,033	1,929,188	1,841,975

AGRICULTURE , EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht	0	0	0	0
Education	768,258	768,258	757,261	757,261
Transport	0	0	0	0
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	291,000	291,000	290,285	280,000
Agriculture and Marine	6,000	6,000	10,000	6,000
Other	17,000	17,000	16,550	16,595
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,082,258	1,082,258	1,074,096	1,059,856
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	19,897	19,897	20,229	20,229
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	192,500	192,500	178,150	189,363
Total Goods and Services (b)	212,397	212,397	198,379	209,592
Total Income c=(a+b)	1,294,655	1,294,655	1,272,475	1,269,448

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0101	Maintenance of Machinery Service	0	0	0	0
H0102	Plant and Machinery Operations	(725,000)	(725,000)	(725,000)	-725,000
H0199	Service Support Costs	749,068	749,068	734,527	729,250
Profit/Loss Machinery Account		24,068	24,068	9,527	4,250
H0201	Purchase of Materials, Stores	0	0	0	0
H0202	Administrative Costs Stores	73,000	73,000	54,931	60,000
H0203	Upkeep of Buildings, Stores	78,000	78,000	78,000	74,000
H0299	Service Support Costs	69,688	69,688	68,325	62,277
Profit/Loss Stores Account		220,688	220,688	201,256	196,277
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	493,308	493,308	454,058	475,093
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	293,629	293,629	333,765	286,199
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	5,675,000	5,675,000	5,855,000	12,548,950
H0399	Service Support Costs	564,130	564,130	544,552	537,236
Administration of Rates		7,026,067	7,026,067	7,187,375	13,847,478
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	129,000	129,000	162,390	114,481
H0402	Local Election Costs	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
H0499	Service Support Costs	36,828	36,828	35,501	35,033
Franchise Costs		250,828	250,828	282,891	234,514
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	285,000	285,000	294,000	311,958
H0502	Operation of Morgue	0	0	0	0
H0599	Service Support Costs	5,149	5,149	5,185	4,977
Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses		290,149	290,149	299,185	316,935
H0601	Weighbridge Operations	0	0	0	0
H0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Weighbridges		0	0	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2022		2021	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0701	Operation of Markets	0	0	0	0
H0702	Casual Trading Areas	8,662	8,662	8,582	8,640
H0799	Service Support Costs	11,399	11,399	11,274	10,937
	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	20,061	20,061	19,856	19,577
H0801	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
H0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
H0901	Representational Payments	1,051,520	1,051,520	750,000	889,014
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	82,000	82,000	82,000	72,000
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	445,000	445,000	338,000	328,955
H0904	Expenses LA Members	212,000	212,000	214,000	132,786
H0905	Other Expenses	163,000	163,000	130,500	117,440
H0906	Conferences Abroad	20,000	20,000	15,000	0
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	21,175	21,175	19,615	20,400
H0909	General Municipal Allocation	953,680	953,680	952,530	952,530
H0999	Service Support Costs	672,738	672,738	637,857	621,350
	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	3,741,113	3,741,113	3,259,502	3,254,475
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	978,638	978,638	1,014,865	906,817
H1099	Service Support Costs	666,489	666,489	642,889	633,613
	Motor Taxation	1,645,127	1,645,127	1,657,754	1,540,430
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	2,128,812	2,128,812	2,801,680	2,264,512
H1102	NPPR	131,517	131,517	128,915	126,109
H1199	Service Support Costs	649,553	649,553	638,285	622,879
	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,909,882	2,909,882	3,568,880	3,013,500
	Service Division Total	16,129,983	16,129,983	16,486,226	22,429,436

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
	2022		2021	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants		0		
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	6,562,182	6,562,182	4,750,000	11,445,950
Agriculture and Marine	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Justice	0	0	0	0
Other	141,300	141,300	131,700	215,185
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	6,703,482	6,703,482	4,881,700	11,661,135
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	213,021	213,021	216,572	216,572
Agency services	148,119	148,119	134,400	134,813
Local Authority Contributions	1,558,623	1,558,623	1,612,000	1,076,900
NPPR	300,000	300,000	300,000	500,000
Other income	1,700,135	1,700,135	2,126,945	2,109,908
Total Goods and Services (b)	3,919,898	3,919,898	4,389,917	4,038,193
Total Income c=(a+b)	10,623,380	10,623,380	9,271,617	15,699,328

APPENDIX 1	
Summary of Central Management Charge	
	2022 €
Area Office Overhead	0
Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,614,178
Corporate Buildings Overhead	2,847,761
Finance Function Overhead	1,799,708
Human Resource Function	2,305,575
IT Services	3,277,668
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	442,103
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	10,950,000
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	24,236,993

APPENDIX 2

Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation

			2022 €
Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)			27,158,966
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
			0
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget			27,158,966
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
			0
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget			0
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)			27,158,966

APPENDIX 3

REPORT ON THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 2022 – 2024

In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 set out over are details of the proposed Capital Programme for the three years 2022 to 2024.

The actual projects to be completed are subject to the appropriate Departmental Sanctions, Funding / Loan approval, Planning Legislation and availability of Resources. All figures are estimated at this stage and the total amount spent in any particular year may vary depending on the availability of funding and the determination of timelines for individual project headings.

This report relates solely to infrastructural projects and other capital projects where applications have and will be made under the various Project Ireland 2040 streams. Capital expenditure on Water projects in as far as they relate to Tipperary County Council are included. The day-to-day operations of the Council e.g. road maintenance, house repairs etc., are contained in the Annual Budgets.

A summary of the proposed expenditure is set out on page 2. This report has been prepared on the basis of the best information available at the present time and assumes that the level of grant funding indicated would be forthcoming and that sanction for loans as required will be received. Circumstances or inadequate funding may dictate that some of the proposed projects may not proceed. More detailed information on the various projects within the programme groups will be contained within the Management Reports to Members.

Over the next three years expenditure will be approximately €499 million on capital projects. Grants are estimated at €408 million with the balance being funded from own resources, loans or development levies.

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Summary of Proposed Capital Programme 2022 -2024

Programme					Sources of Funding			
	2022	2023	2024	Total	Grants	Loans	Other	Total
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
Housing & Buildings	66.823	61.191	63.809	191.823	182.823	6.000	3.000	191.823
Roads Transport & Safety	24.480	38.100	37.596	100.176	77.420	12.200	10.556	100.176
Water Services	0.700	0.700	0.600	2.000	0.600	-	1.400	2.000
Environment	6.785	8.029	9.736	24.549	18.474	3.500	2.575	24.549
Economic Development & Project Ireland 2040 streams.	30.906	40.551	64.784	136.241	102.174	30.138	3.929	136.241
Recreation & Amenity	8.571	9.431	19.265	37.267	26.095	4.000	7.172	37.267
Miscellaneous	3.535	2.420	0.790	6.745	0.110	-	6.635	6.745
Total	141.799	160.422	196.580	498.801	407.696	55.838	35.267	498.801