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INTRODUCTION







FOREWORD

CATHAOIRLEACH

COUNCILLOR
MICHAEL MURPHY



A Cháirde,

It is a great honour and pleasure to introduce on behalf of Tipperary County Council, this Annual Report, which provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the activities and achievements of this Council during 2019, all of which contributed to putting Tipperary County Council to the fore in terms of local public service provision and ensuring that Tipperary continues to be an attractive and inclusive place in which to live, work, invest and visit.

I am honoured to hold the position of Cathaoirleach, having been elected on 7th June 2019, as the 6th Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council and to represent Tipperary as its first citizen in the first year of its second all-county Council. It was a proud day for me personally and also my family.

This past year has served to remind me of the huge role that this Council plays in the development and success of the county in terms of active community engagement and tirelessly working with the business and tourism sector 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.



On a personal level, I was deeply honoured to be reappointed as Head of the Irish Delegation to the EU Committee of the Regions until 2025. I also attended the National Day of Commemoration in Dublin in July.

At the outset of my term, I referred to four key principles which I sought to upkeep throughout the year, namely:

- Commitment to Tipperary County Council;
- Optimism for the County;
- Respect for the members and those whom I would engage with on a daily basis;
- Impartiality to all who contribute to deliberations in the Chamber.

Reflecting now over the past year, I would like to think that I more than adhered to those principles and there have been many significant events that I can look back on with pride, but none more so than

- The conferral of a Civic Reception in December at the Horse-and-Jockey Hotel to the Tipperary Senior Hurling Team, the Tipperary Under 20 Hurling Team and the Tipperary Ladies Intermediate Football Team in recognition and appreciation of their significant achievements in winning their respective All Ireland Championships during 2019;
- The Official opening of the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History at the County Museum, Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel in October;
- The awarding of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2019 in September to Sharon Cunningham, of Shorla Pharma, based at Questum Acceleration Centre, Ballingarrane Science and Technology Park, Clonmel;
- Other highlights during the year include:
 - Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service being awarded "Best Public Service" and "Consistent High Achiever" at the 28th Annual All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards hosted by the National Irish Safety Organisation and the Northern Ireland Safety Group;
 - Tipperary Co-Operative Creamery being awarded the Large Business Award at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland Energy Awards; and
 - The securing of €8.2 million from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) for the redevelopment of the former Kickham Barracks, Clonmel and the provision of a Sports Hub (multi-purpose sports facility) at the existing LIT Campus, Frank Drohan Road, Clonmel and additional funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) for Fethard Town Park (€2.6 million), Roscrea Enterprise, Digital and Social Impact Hub (€1.925546 million) and Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza (€2.1075 million).

During my term I had the privilege to meet communities and individuals across Tipperary and wider afield, to attend events celebrating the past and the present which show-case the rich talents that are in such abundance in our Premier County. Events that took place include the following:

- The commemoration of the 120th anniversary of Ireland's first local elections with the hosting of "History of Irish Local Government Exhibition" at Clonmel Library and Civic Offices, Nenagh;
- The official opening of a revamped Ormond Castle in Carrick-on-Suir;
- The official opening of the Suir Blueway, Clonmel;
- The many festivals and events such as Clonmel Junction Arts Festival; and
- The 70 events that took place in County Tipperary during the Annual Heritage Week from 17 to 25 August 2019.

The continued investment in our county was evident with a number of contract signings and other significant project developments, including some within my own Clonmel Borough District, such as:

- The commencement of the national primary road N24 Pavement Improvement Scheme of approximately 6.4 km on Frank Drohan Road, Clonmel from the Cahir Road roundabout at Ballingarrane to the Moangarriff roundabout on the Waterford Road;
- The Contract signing for the Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles;
- The completion by Irish Water, in partnership with Tipperary County Council, of a water storage reservoir, and associated pipelines, at Giantsgrave, Clonmel as part of the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Advance Works);
- The creation of 200 jobs by LMC Group engineering firm (modular housing manufacturer) at the former Proctor and Gamble premises in Nenagh; and
- The launch of the Sabrina Integrated Services large film plastics recycling facility at former Bord na Mona factory, Littleton.

I would like to acknowledge the large number of community groups and voluntary organisations we have in the county and who do such tremendous and valuable work in making a positive contribution to their locality and environment. I would like to congratulate all of the tidy towns groups around the county who participate annually in the Tidy Towns competition and to commend the dedication of all the volunteers, from the individual who maintains a green area on his own doorstep, to the dedicated tidy towns committees and development groups.

Tourism continues to thrive in Tipperary and we, as a Council, work closely with Fáilte Ireland in maximising the County's opportunities as part of Ireland's Ancient East and Hidden Heartlands, which is of major significance to Tipperary and provides a platform for the County to showcase the wealth of heritage, landscape, lakes and rivers, mountains, culture and stories we have to offer. I would like to acknowledge the work of the Tipperary Tourism Company, the Lough Derg Marketing Group and those involved in the tourist industry in promoting the message 'Tipperary – time to take it all in' both at home and abroad.

On a personal note, I would like to remember two former Councillors who passed away during my term. It was with great regret that we learned of the death of Jack Crowe, former Cathaoirleach and longest serving Member of South Tipperary County Council, and Liam Whyte, former Senator, Cathaoirleach and Member of North Tipperary County Council. They will be sadly missed. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, for his guidance and support throughout the year, to the staff of the Council, both indoor and outdoor, for all their hard work and dedication in delivering a wide range of services. In particular, I wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the contribution of Matt Shortt, who retired as Director of Services with the Council since 2001, and as Deputy Chief Executive. A special mention goes to the Meetings Administrator, Ger Walsh, and his team in Corporate Services for their assistance to me in guiding the important work of our Council.

I wish to acknowledge the work of the local media who attend our meetings and report to the general public on what is happening in the county.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors in Tipperary County Council for their invaluable support during my term as Cathaoirleach. A special word of thanks to my Leas-Chathaoirleach, Seamus Hanafin, and former Councillor Mattie Ryan (Coole) who presided as the previous Cathaoirleach. As Elected Members, we are committed to representing the needs of the many communities that make Tipperary what it is while ensuring core services are, and will always be, a key focus.

*Ní neart go cur le chéile.
Is Mise le Meas,*

Cllr Michael Murphy
Cathaoirleach



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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

JOE MACGRATH

I am pleased to join with the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael Murphy in presenting our 2019 Annual Report, which is the Council's sixth report, since it amalgamated as one Council.



I would particularly like to congratulate all members on their election or re-election as a Member for the second term of Tipperary County Council and I look forward to working with them and the communities they represent over the next 5 years. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the former Council and thank in particular those who were not successful in the local elections held in June 2019 and those former Members who decided not to contest the election.

While 2019 represents the commencement of a term of the Council for Tipperary, a number of significant milestones were achieved during the first term:-

- The establishment of the Tipperary Tourism Company Ltd and the launch of the first all-county tourism website
- The County's first inward investment suite of marketing material under the tagline 'Tipperary, The Time, The Place'. Tipperary offers the perfect work-life balance for companies and people choosing to locate in the county.
- In 2017, Tipperary's Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) was formally adopted by the Council. This plan sets out 32 actions to reduce Tipperary's CO2 emissions by 30% by 2020.
- The Scheme of capital grants for community facilities and amenities 2016-2019 was developed by the Council to provide community based groups, clubs and voluntary organisation with a capital fund to support community infrastructure and amenities

The Municipal District structure was amended in 2019 following the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report 2018 which recommended that Tipperary should be divided into eight local electoral areas (LEA), around the towns of Nenagh, Newport, Thurles, Roscrea and Templemore,

Cashel and Tipperary, Cahir, Clonmel, and Carrick-on-Suir, and the reconfiguration of the County's municipal district structure resulting in the creation of an urban municipal district for the former Clonmel Borough.

The year also witnessed increased levels of investment opportunities in the county in areas such as housing, roads, urban and rural regeneration and tourism development, which is testament to the spirit of positive collaboration, drive, enthusiasm and respect amongst the elected members and staff. Throughout the year, the Council continued its focus on measures, programmes and projects which support local economic, social and cultural development.



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I am delighted to report on the many achievements across our 3 strategic themes, in particular:

STRONG ECONOMY

- Significant funding was secured through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) for the towns of Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Fethard and Templemore
- The official opening of the upgraded and redeveloped Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District offices;
- N24 Davitt Street/Church Street, Tipperary Town – Traffic calming and pavement strengthening scheme completed
- N24 Major Road Improvement Scheme: Design and Planning Phases 1 to 4 for the Cahir to Limerick Junction section.
- R498 Nenagh to Thurles Upgrade Knockalton-Kilconane – scheme completed in July 2019
- 700 Sox street light upgrades to LED were carried out in 2019
- N74 Golden Pavement Improvement Scheme completed
- N24 Bansha Pavement Improvement Scheme completed
- Safety Improvement Scheme at The Kiln, Cashel with the installation of a new Roundabout.
- New Pedestrian Bridge at the Inch Field, Cahir.
- Substantial completion of the Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme
- Launch of Thurles Branding and Signage Plan including a new website for Thurles Town, www.thurles.ie in association with Thurles Town Forum
- Signing of construction phase of contract for Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme
- Roscrea Enhancement Scheme – Improvements at Market Square – Request for Tenders for Construction Stage
- Funding secured through URDF for Phase 2 of the Templemore Town Hall Project – Enterprise and Cultural Centre with a Civic Plaza.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- The opening of a revamped Tipperary County Museum, which delivered the first element of the enhanced “Flights of Discovery” tourism proposition for Clonmel, which has improved the quality of interpretation, animation and storytelling at the Museum;
- The official launch of the Suir Blueway providing a 21km walking and cycling trail from Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir and the longer 53km kayaking and canoe trail from Cahir to Carrick-on-Suir.
- “Sign of the Times” – an awareness project around ensuring official recognition for and the promotion of Irish Sign Language – won the Eirgrid sponsored “Disability Provision” category in the annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.
- The Sologheadbeg Centenary Commemoration took place and the committee were runners up in Pride of Place 2019
- Terryglass completed their rejuvenation project including upgrade works and a disabled persons swing under the Town & Village Scheme
- Development of a wellness programme in partnership with Setanta College to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of all fire-fighters across Co. Tipperary.
- Completion of the East Gate Park in Fethard
- Completion and opening of Castle Garden, Nenagh
- Tipperary Local Community Development Company (LCDC) was in the Top 10 performing Local Action Groups in the country.
- Tipperary Jigsaw-Funding for Tipperary Jigsaw Programme was announced in 2019, which will provide an early intervention mental health service for 12-25 year olds in local communities.
- Tipperary County Council Age Friendly Programme hosted a series of open meetings to progress formation of Tipperary’s Older Peoples Council.
- Community Cultural Companion was developed to link older people interested in arts and culture through a network so that they can attend events together as a group. Events include Concerts, Films, Theatre, Plays, Musicals, Historical Talks and Exhibitions.



QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

- Preparation and adoption of the Climate Adaptation Strategy;
- Restoration of the Donohill landfill and upgrade of the Civic Amenity site;
- RSA Road Safety Leading Light Award For Tipperary Fire & Rescue Services Social Media Team;
- The award of 104 grants under the LAWPRO 'Community Water Development Fund';
- The delivery of 92 LAWPRO 'Community Information Meetings' across the 190 national 'Priority Areas for Action' in collaboration with the Agricultural Sustainability, Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP).
- Civil Defence continues to maintain a strong, dedicated and professional volunteer base of 120 volunteers. In 2019 Civil Defence took over operational control of the Old Fire Station in Thurles for use for Civil Defence training & activities.



My sincere appreciation to all the staff of Tipperary County Council who work on a daily basis in a variety of disciplines across the county for their continued commitment and dedication to the delivery of services to the communities of Tipperary.

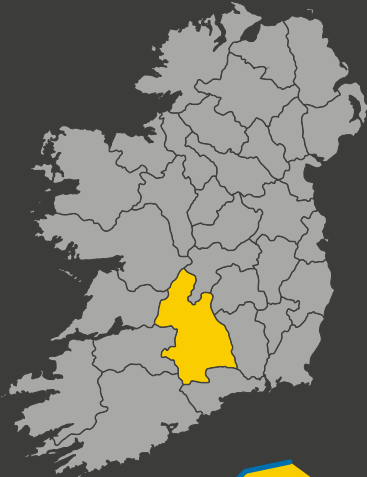
I would like to thank the Members of the Council, the Corporate Policy Group, the Strategic Policy Committees and, in particular, the work of our five Municipal Districts and all of the other committees for their continued contribution to the delivery of services to the public in 2019. My thanks to the team in Corporate Services for their work in compiling this Report.

My thanks also to the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael Murphy for his commitment, dedication and enthusiasm to the position during 2019, our Leas-Cathaoirleach Councillor Seamus Hanafin, the Municipal District Cathaoirligh, Councillors Imelda Goldsboro, Michael Fitzgerald, Garret Ahearn, Ger Darcy, and Michael Smith for their ongoing support and assistance during the year.

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Joe MacGrath
Chief Executive

Of the 32 counties Tipperary County is



6th
largest by
area

11th
largest by
population

4,282km²
(census April 2016)

159,553
(census April 2016)



Tributaries of the Shannon run through the northern part of the county and into Lough Derg.

LOUGH DERG

Arra Hills

M7

The region is part of the central plain of Ireland, but the diversified terrain contains several mountain ranges

Silvermine Mountains

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

Dublin: **M7, M8**
Waterford: **N24**

Train lines:
Dublin & Waterford

NEWPORT

is the fastest growing town. The population increased **10.5%** between 2011 & 2016.



The River Suir runs through the southern & central portion of the county.

M8

THE GOLDEN VALE

A rich pastoral stretch of land in the Suir basin which extends into counties Limerick and Cork. No part of the county touches the coast.

Galtees Mountains

N24

KEY ARTERIAL ROUTES

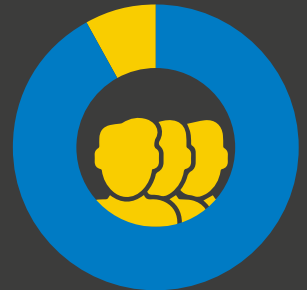
Limerick: **M7, N24**
Cork: **M8**

Train lines:
Cork & Limerick

Knockmealdown Mountains

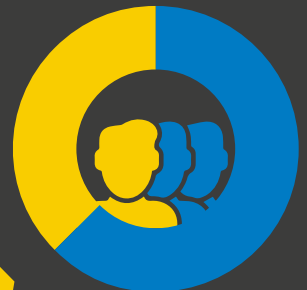
CLONMEL

is the largest town in the county, with a population of over 17,000 people.



14,000
Tipperary residents identified as a nationality other than Irish

Making the county representative of both rural Ireland and a modern multi-cultural society (2016 census)



TIPPERARY RESIDENTS

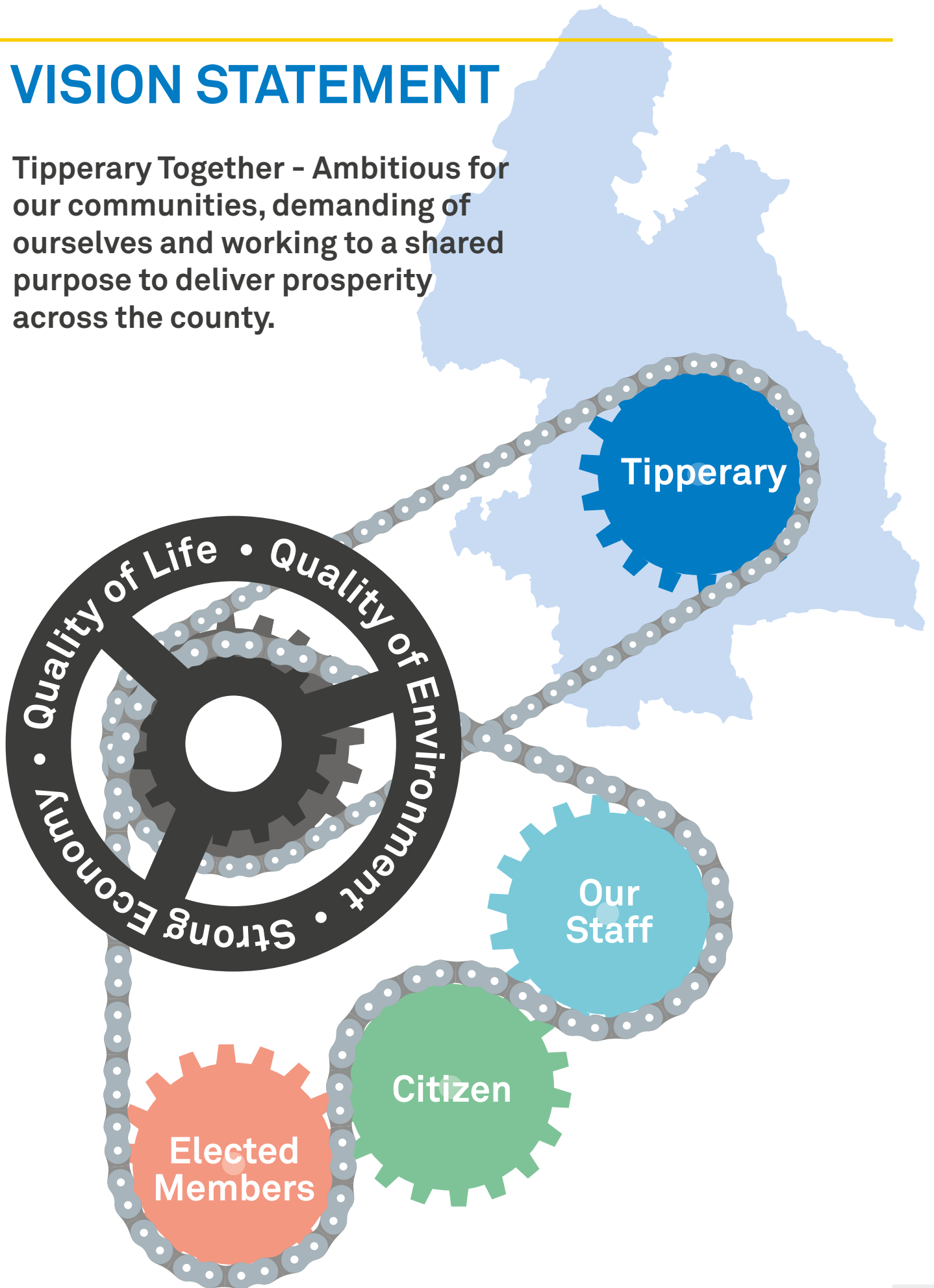
62.7%
live in rural areas

37.3%
live in urban area
(2016 census)



VISION STATEMENT

Tipperary Together - Ambitious for our communities, demanding of ourselves and working to a shared purpose to deliver prosperity across the county.





FIONA BONFIELD
LABOUR PARTY



GERARD DARCY
FINE GAEL



HUGHIE McGRATH
NON-PARTY



JOE HANNIGAN
NON-PARTY



JOHN CARROLL
FIANNA FÁIL



JOHN ROCKY McGRATH
NON-PARTY



MICHAEL O'MEARA
NON-PARTY



PHYLL BUGLER
FINE GAEL



SEAMUS MORRIS
NON-PARTY



ANDY MOLONEY
NON-PARTY



ANNEMARIE RYAN
NON-PARTY



DECLAN BURGESS
FINE GAEL



JOHN CROSSE
FINE GAEL



MÁIRÍN McGRATH
NON-PARTY



MARIE MURPHY
FINE GAEL



MARY HANNA HOURIGAN
FINE GAEL



MICHEÁL ANLÍM
FIANNA FÁIL



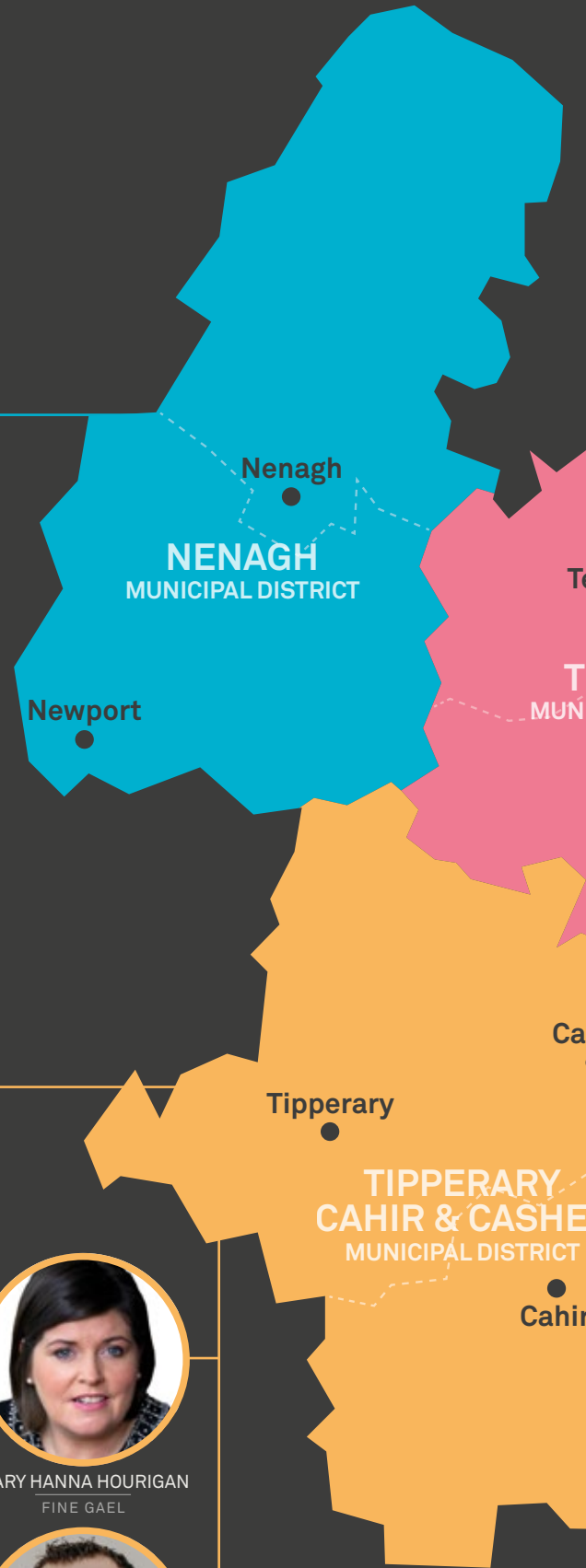
MICHAEL FITZGERALD
FINE GAEL



ROGER KENNEDY
FIANNA FÁIL



TONY BLACK
SINN FÉIN



MEMBER COUNCIL



District	Member Name	Party
Roscrea	Eddie Moran	NON-PARTY
	Jim Ryan	NON-PARTY
	Michael Smith	FIANNA FÁIL
	Micheál Lowry	NON PARTY
	Noel Coonan	FINE GAEL
	Peter Ryan	FINE GAEL
	Seamus Hanafin	FIANNA FÁIL
	Sean Ryan	FIANNA FÁIL
	Shane Lee	NON-PARTY
	Thurles	David Dunne
Imelda Goldsboro		FIANNA FÁIL
Carrick	Kevin O'Meara	NON-PARTY
	Kieran Bourke	FIANNA FÁIL
	Mark Fitzgerald	FINE GAEL
Clonmel	Garret Ahearn	FINE GAEL
	Michael Murphy	FINE GAEL
	Niall Dennehy	NON-PARTY
	Pat English	WUAG
	Richie Molloy	NON-PARTY
	Siobhán Ambrose	FIANNA FÁIL

MEMBERS OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL



COUNTY TIPPERARY LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS ORDER 2018 AND 2019

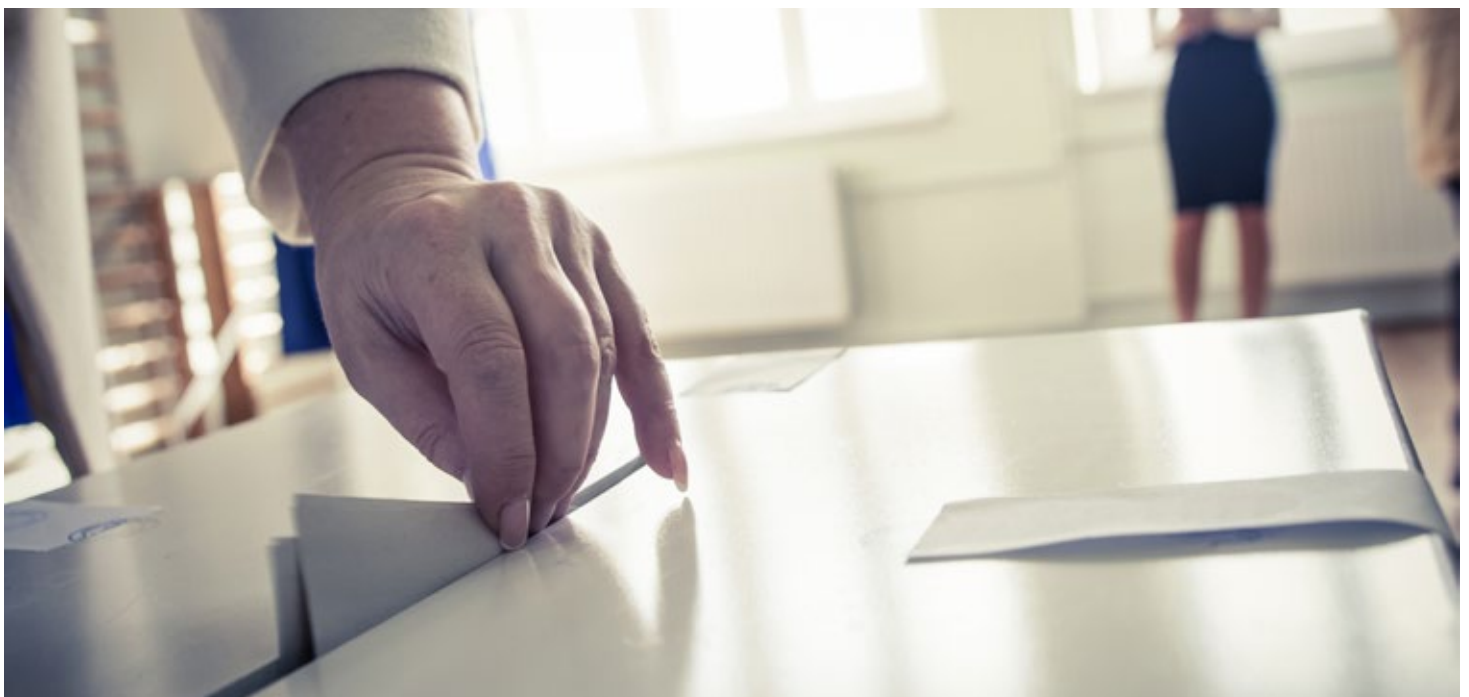
The County of Tipperary Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Order 2018 came into effect on 19th December 2018, the effect of which is to amend the division of County Tipperary into Local Electoral Areas, to fix the number of members of Tipperary County Council to be elected for each such area and to determine the Municipal Districts for County Tipperary.

This resulted in a significant change at Municipal District level with Cahir LEA moving from Clonmel Borough District to Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District. The largest Municipal District is Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel with a population of 42099, 11 Councillors and 2150Km of road. It covers an area of 1312KM². The smallest Municipal District by population is Carrick on Suir with a population of 194400, 5 Councillors and 790km of road.

Map (right) shows Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Boundaries

Table below shows population, area and road length for each Municipal District.

	Nenagh	Thurles	Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Carrick-on-Suir	Clonmel
2016 Pop	37728	35976	42099	19440	24310
Councillors	9	9	11	5	6
Area Km²	1200	945	1312	580	249
Motorway Km	39	38	39	6	0
NP Km	0	0	36.12	9.91	25.4
NS Km	52.38	52.37	20.39	11.08	9.07
Regional KM	276.69	154.9	272.18	135.55	58.87
LP Km	494.74	487.98	547	244	130
LS Km	453.66	398.86	537.27	258.3	67.03
LT Km	260.86	242.46	321.92	131.25	98.05





FINAL COUNCIL MEETING 2019 HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY, 2019 IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, REARCROSS, CO. TIPPERARY



Final Council Meeting 2019

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, CLONMEL ON FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2019



Elected members 07062019 AGM 2019




Comhairle Contae Thír na nÓg
Tipperary County Council

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM



MR. JOE MACGRATH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



MS. CLARE CURLEY
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Corporate, Human Resources
and Cashel - Tipperary MD
Delegated MD
Cashel/Tipperary
Directorate: Clonmel



MR. SEAN KEATING
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Environment and the
Local Authority Waters
Programme (LAWPRO)
Directorate: Clonmel



MR. MATT SHORTT
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Directorate Functions
Roads, Transportation,
Health & Safety and
Templemore - Thurles MD
Delegated MD
Templemore/Thurles
Directorate: Nenagh



MR. LIAM MCCARTHY
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Finance
Directorate: Nenagh



MS. SINEAD CARR
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Housing and Clonmel
Borough District
Delegated MD
Clonmel
Directorate: Clonmel



MR. MARCUS O'CONNOR
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Planning, Water Services and
Nenagh Municipal District
Delegated MD
Nenagh
Directorate: Nenagh/Clonmel



MR. KARL CASHEN
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Emergency Services and
Management/ Building
Control, Library/Cultural
Services and Shared Services
Directorate: Nenagh



MR. PAT SLATTERY
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
Directorate Functions
Economic Development
and Enterprise, Community
Development and
Carrick on Suir MD
Delegated MD
Carrick on Suir
Directorate: Clonmel



**MS. ROSEMARY JOYCE**

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
& SECRETARY TO THE
MANAGEMENT TEAM

Directorate Functions
Nenagh Municipal District

**MR. GER WALSH**

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Directorate Functions
Corporate Services &
Meetings Administrator

**MATT SHORTT**

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

In October 2019 retired and was replaced by

SHARON KENNEDY

A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES



The following revised delegation of functions to Directors of Services took effect on Friday 1st November, 2019

Sinead Carr	Director of Services	Housing Services and Clonmel Borough District.
Karl Cashen	Director of Services	Emergency Services, Health and Safety, Library/Cultural Services and Carrick on Suir Municipal District.
Clare Curley	Director of Services	Corporate, Human Resources, Climate Action and Environmental Services
Sean Keating	Director of Services	Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO) National Shared Services.
Sharon Kennedy	A/Director of Services	Planning, Water Services and Thurles Municipal District.
Liam McCarthy	Head of Finance	Finance, Information Technology, Motor Taxation and Shared Services.
Marcus O'Connor	Director of Services	Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure and Nenagh Municipal District.
Pat Slattery	Director of Services	Economic and Community Development and Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District.



**STRONG
ECONOMY**

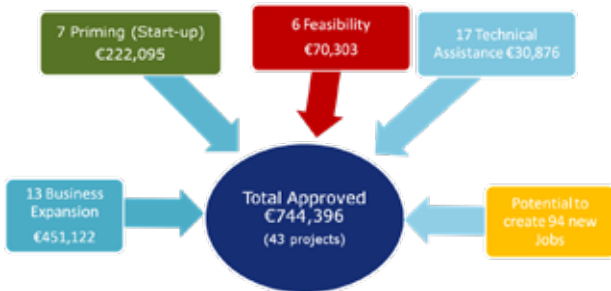


ECONOMIC & ENTERPRISE

To December 2019, the local Enterprise Office has committed €774,398 in grant assistance to 43 projects. This committed figure is distributed between the 4 types of grant assistance as follows:

Priming Grants (7- €222,095); Business Expansion Grants (13 - €451,122) Feasibility Grants (6 - €70,305) and Technical assistance grants (17 - €30,876)

The committed amount of €774,398 includes a refundable element of €135,338 repayable to LEO Tipperary. The grants approved will leverage a capital investment of over €2.8 million in Tipperary and will result in the creation of at least 94 new jobs.



Reflecting on five years of “Making it Happen”

Since the Local Enterprise Offices were established in 2014, Local Enterprise Office Tipperary has helped to create 681 jobs, approved €3.6 million in grants, trained over 7,000 people and approved more than 170 projects according to Heather Humphreys T.D. Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Innovation and Pat Breen T.D., Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection.

In 2019, Local Enterprise Office Tipperary assisted in the creation of 94 new jobs across a variety of sectors.

Entrepreneurial and Capability Training and Development


Once again, the Spring and Autumn 2019 “Train to Gain” schedules delivered a diverse range of business-related training and networking events to over 900 small business owners and employees. 84 events took place, ranging from traditional business practices, such as book-keeping, to highly sought-after social media training, with the trend from 2018 continuing as the LEAN Programme was offered to 15 companies and BREXIT advisory consultations ran throughout the year.

Additionally, 456 one-to-one mentoring assignments were approved throughout 2019.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

The Trading Online Voucher Scheme continued to prove valuable and popular with 40 vouchers issued to the value of €85,672. An informative seminar and corresponding mentoring clinic were both well attended, in addition to an e-Commerce workshop hosted by one of the world’s leading Click Funnel experts, Castlebar native, Seanie Walsh.



 The committed amount of €774,398 includes a refundable element of €135,338 repayable to LEO Tipperary.



IBYE - 2019



Run by the Local Enterprise Offices, IBYE, now in its fifth year, is a nationwide youth enterprise initiative to help 18-to-35 year olds with an innovative business idea, new start-up or established business.

In 2019, 1,644 young entrepreneurs entered IBYE, which is an initiative of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and supported by Enterprise Ireland and local authorities.

The IBYE programme saw 39 young Tipperary entrepreneurs engage with the scheme, with 14 ultimately proceeding through the competition phase, culminating in an awards ceremony in Horse & Jockey Hotel on May 2nd with all County finalists competing for a total investment fund of €50,000.

The awards ceremony was attended by young entrepreneurs and special guests including Cathaoirleach for Tipperary, Mattie Ryan, Patrick Ryan - MD of PRWS Ltd., Upperchurch – the 2018 winner of “Best Established Business”, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive Tipperary County Council, Pat Slattery, Director of Community & Economic Development, Tipperary County Council and Local Enterprise Office staff.



Cathal Bourke, Managing Director of Bourke Sports, Borrissoleigh, won the “Best Established Business” award, securing €15,000 towards investment. He was joined by Laura Moloney, of Clonmel’s Laurel The Salon, who took the runner-up title, receiving a €5,000 investment fund.

The “Best Start-Up” category was particularly competitive. Sharon Cunningham of Shorla Pharma Ltd., based in Clonmel, was named winner, receiving €15,000 investment fund, while Joanne O’Herlihy of JL Designs in Clonmel was named runner-up with an award of €5,000.

Many innovative new business concepts emerged in the “Best Business Idea” category. The winner was James O’Brien, co-founder of Reel Time Rivers Ltd., based in Tipperary Town. He was awarded €7,000 investment fund while Nenagh-based Lisa Reburn Design Studio scooped the runner-up title, receiving €3,000 investment fund.

At the request of the judging panel, there was a Special Merit Award which was awarded to Launa Conti, with her Clonmel-based business, Chill the Bean, receiving €1,500 investment fund.

Cathal Bourke was named the Overall Winner of IBYE 2019 in Tipperary.



All three winners from the County Final represented Tipperary at the Regional Final along with County winners from Clare, Kerry and Limerick. The Regional awards ceremony, hosted by Limerick Local Enterprise Office, took place on the 17th June at The Castletroy Park Hotel. The winners were chosen from 12 finalists. Tipperary secured two out of the three Regional awards which saw Cathal Bourke, Bourke Sports, Borrissoleigh in the “Established Business” category and Sharon Cunningham in the “New Start-up” category.





Cathal and Sharon represented Tipperary at the National IBYE Final which took place at Google HQ, Dublin on the 15th September. Both finalists were pitching to win some of the €100,000 prize fund available at the national event. Cathal Bourke was selected in the final three in his category to pitch to the judges and an audience of 360 guests. Sharon Cunningham was also selected in the final three in her category and won the “New Start-up” category.

Sharon Cunningham, Shorla Pharma won the top award and was announced as Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur of 2019, securing an investment fund of €40,000.



Competitive Fund

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphreys TD announced the results of the new €2.5 million Local Enterprise Office Competitive Fund. 16 projects received funding, including LEO Tipperary who successfully collaborated on 4 projects with the Local Enterprise Offices from Carlow, Kilkenny, Limerick, Waterford and Wexford. The successful projects were “Green for Micro”, “Initium South East”, “Incrementum South East” and a project to increase the existing network of Smart e-hubs.

Student Enterprise Project

Approximately 1800 students from 26 Tipperary schools took part in the County Final in LIT Thurles on March 28th. At the National Final in Croke Park on May 3rd, two groups of students from Presentation and Loreto Secondary Schools in Clonmel went on to win a Special Merit and Most Creative Use of Social Media awards with a wellbeing book for young people entitled “Me, Myself and I” and custom stickers for phone-chargers; “Plug Pics” respectively.

National Women’s Enterprise Day

Local Enterprise Office Tipperary joined forces with Clare and Limerick again this year and attended Dromoland Castle on October 17th where over 160 female entrepreneurs and businesswomen congregated to celebrate National Women’s Enterprise Day. 44 ladies from Tipperary travelled to enjoy a day of networking and speeches by influential women.



Local Enterprise Week

March 4th saw the beginning of the annual Local Enterprise Week with seminars addressing a host of pertinent topics, ranging from BREXIT to Idea Generation, and networking events. 60 one-to-one consultations with a range of experts, from HR to Social Media were held in Clonmel and Nenagh “Transform Your Business” mentoring events.

National Enterprise Awards

Clonmel Covers won a prize fund of €2,500 at the 2019 County Enterprise Awards on March 6th. They represented Tipperary at the 21st anniversary of the National Enterprise Awards in Dublin’s Mansion House on May 29th with their range of protective waterproof products, including the EasyFit Windbreaker®, which keeps bales and livestock clean and dry, while maintaining healthy air circulation.



County Tipperary Business Awards

The Co. Tipperary Business Awards black tie gala dinner took place on October 18th in Clonmel Park Hotel, where 270 guests, including Minister John Paul Phelan, Mayor of Clonmel, Gareth Ahearn, members of Tipperary County Council amongst other agencies and business people. Boston Scientific received Overall Business of the Year award for their significant contribution to enterprise, innovation and business life. The Local Enterprise Office sponsored “Best Start-Up” businesses, which was awarded to Borrisoleigh Bottling Ltd.

CATALYST


Funded under the Ireland Wales 2014-2020 European Territorial Co-operation (ETC) programme, CATALYST is a € 1.3m pilot business support programme aimed at the Food & Drink and Life Sciences sectors, aiming to help small businesses in developing new products, improving product design, accessing new markets, ensure packaging of products are sustainably sourced and minimise waste, as well as fostering cross-border productivity.

In 2019, participants took part in master-classes in packaging and marketing, embarked on market discovery trips to Anuga Food Fair in Germany and Food Matters Live in London, and received one-to-one mentoring from an expert panel throughout the duration of the programme. A total of 15 Tipperary businesses took part in the programme which is being run in collaboration with Carlow County Council and Local Enterprise Office, Carlow Institute of Technology and the University of Wales Trinity St. David.

The programme is due to conclude in May 2020 with events planned in both Ireland and Wales to mark the success of the programme.



Grangemockler based food business Rivesci received support under the CATALYST Ireland Wales Programme.

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Food Academy

Food Academy is a training programme aimed at supporting and nurturing start-up food businesses.

The Local Enterprise Offices have joined forces with Bord Bia and SuperValu on this initiative to provide a consistent level of food marketing knowledge to new and early-stage food business owners.

At the final workshop, participants will get the opportunity to present their product to a panel from SuperValu and if successful, can participate in a trial based in local shops, which, in the right circumstances, could progress over time to a national listing with SuperValu.

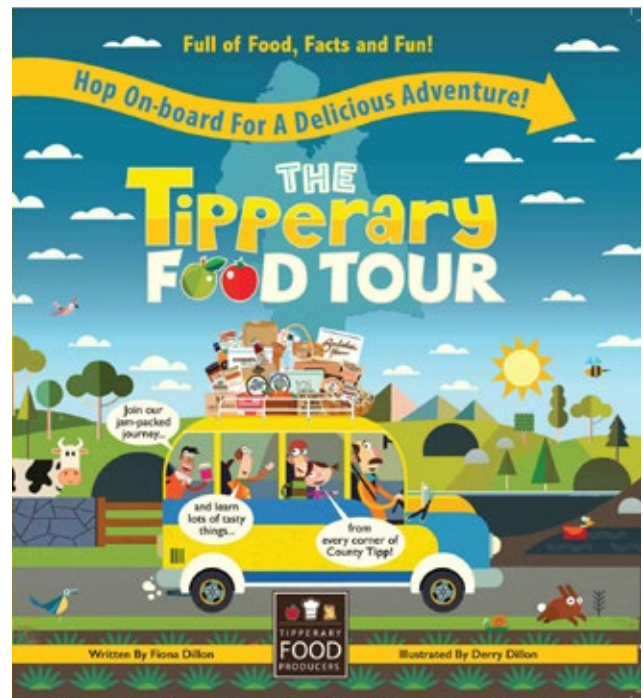
During 2019, five Tipperary businesses graduated the programme and had their products listed in SuperValu stores. A further three began the programme in November 2019 and are due to graduate in May 2020.



JJ Healy, Eamon Crowe and JK Walshe of Three Men in a Trailer Ltd. graduated Food Academy in 2019 and launched their range of Artisan Ketchups in SuperValu Stores



The Meat Crafter is a range of Artisan Beef Biltong products made in small batches in Cashel and now sold in SuperValu and other convenience outlets



Tipperary Food Producers Network

Tipperary Food Producers Network is a community of businesses working in the food and beverage sector in County Tipperary, supported by Tipperary County Council and the Local Enterprise Office.

The Network's objective is to represent, promote and showcase the best of Tipperary Food, while facilitating peer-to-peer support and knowledge transfer among member. Tipperary Food Producers Network hold regular networking opportunities including seminars and workshops and participate in regional, national and international food events under the Tipperary brand.

In 2019 the Network had 33 members and growing. A series of visitor experiences was launched in conjunction with Tipperary Tourism, in addition to a major food education programme with primary schools across the county entitled "The Tipperary Food Tour". The project was a huge success and received national media attention in late 2019, including a Nationwide feature. The tour is framed around a book for children that the Network published in 2018.

The Network also launched a Tipperary Breakfast initiative that seeks to encourage restaurants and other hotels in the county to incorporate more Tipperary products in their breakfast menus. 13 businesses are participating initially, with more to be added in the future.





Network members with local Hoteliers and Restaurateurs at the launch of the Tipperary Breakfast initiative, March 2019

Foreign Direct Investment

Tipperary secured two new projects during 2019 – DMS Governance in Cashel and a joint venture between AES (part of Bord Na Mona) and a Chinese company called Sabrina Integrated Services.

DMS Governance is a global governance, risk and compliance (GRC) company with operations in 11 countries around the world. DMS Governance acquired a local company, Aviation Corporate Services (AvCS) in June 2018 and has been in Ireland for 10 years with offices in Lower Baggot St., Dublin. The Cashel facility, located in the Tesco Shopping centre, has the capacity to accommodate up to 80 staff and recruitment ramped up during the September to December period, totalling 35 staff by the end of the year. The 50 newly-created roles are for highly skilled financial services professionals and qualified accountants. Graduates in business studies and commerce have also been recruited in the Cashel office.



ACS Bord na Mona / Sabrina Integrated Services

In July, Bord Na Mona / AQS opened a new farm plastics recycling plant in Littleton, Co. Tipperary at the former peat briquette factory.

The plant, which will generate 40 jobs locally, will be capable of recycling over 20,000t of farm plastics waste annually and will be the only plant in the country capable of producing a pellet, which is the building block for new plastic products. Total investment in the facility is in the region of €5m.

The equipment for the Littleton facility has been supplied by Sabrina.



The opening of a large farm plastics recycling plant in Ireland is considered critical to the continued success of farm plastics recycling in the country. The Irish Farm Film Producers Group (IFFPG) currently collects 30,000t of farm plastic waste each year and is regarded as one of the most successful recycling schemes in Europe.



TOURISM



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

During 2019 an interim review of the Tipperary Strategic Tourism Marketing Experience and Destination Development Plan 2016- 2021 was undertaken. The review concluded that tourism supports 3000 jobs and contributing 111 million to the Tipperary economy. The main recommendations from the review included a new growth target for tourism revenue in the county of 3% per annum, and the development of an ambitious Tourism Product Development Plan for Tipperary targeted at available funding aligned to the Fáilte Ireland regional brands Irelands Hidden Heartlands and Irelands Ancient East.



Tipperary Tourism in partnership with Tipperary County Council



- Secured Leader Funding For Tipperary Tourism Marketing Campaigns.
- Supported TippClassical19.
- Delivered a Tipperary themed photographic exhibition at Cork Airport during March & April 2019.
- Tipperary Tourism arranged for national media to visit 53 businesses on 9 familiarisation trips leveraging €140,000 worth of coverage.
- Significant digital marketing activity took place on Tipperary Tourism social media with high engagement rates and growth in followers (3,107 on Twitter, 4,264 on Instagram and 11,849 on Facebook)
- Tipperary Tourism's actively supported Tipperary Chamber Business Awards.
- Two Tipperary Tourism networking events took place at Fethard Horse Country Experience and Nenagh Castle providing opportunities for cross selling, networking and upskilling.
- Tipperary Tourism reprinted 72,000 brochures and promotional assets with top tourism tips and delivered them to key destinations around the county, regional tourist offices and Cork and Shannon airports spreading the word about all the things there are to see and do in the premier county.
- Tipperary Tourism actively supported the development of our very own Tipperary Breakfast and Tipperary Food Experiences in partnership with Tipperary Food Producers.

 *tourism supports 3000 jobs and contributing 111 million to the Tipperary economy*



Tourism Development – Funding

Platforms for Growth

Fáilte Ireland announced a new programme for tourism investment which will run from 2019 – 2022 called 'Platforms for Growth'. This is a new four year capital investment programme that specifically targets product themes and types known as 'platforms', which have the greatest potential to grow tourism in Ireland and support Fáilte Ireland's strategic imperative of Building Brilliant Visitor Experiences. In line with the specific criteria for this scheme two applications were prepared and submitted. The applications were as follows: 1. The Bishops Walk, A Wander Through Time and 2. Crime, Punishment and Repentance at Nenagh Gaol, Co. Tipperary.

Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme

Funding was secured under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for the delivery of three tourism projects as follows; Suir Blueway Tipperary, Lough Derg Blueway and to promote hiking and walking in Tipperary.

Fáilte Ireland Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme 2019

Fáilte Ireland published new Development Guidelines for Tourism Destination Towns in May and followed this with an announcement of funding for up to 2 towns per county to the value of €500,000 per county. Comprehensive applications were prepared and submitted in respect of Cashel in Irelands Ancient East and Nenagh in Irelands Hidden Heartlands for county. Cashel secured funding under this scheme.



Tourism Development – Experiences

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History



The redevelopment of Tipperary County Museum, as the first element of the Flights of Discovery tourism plan for Clonmel was completed. The launch of the new visitor experience took place on October 24th. Tipperary County Council appointed Plunkett PR to assist with promotion of the launch and new visitor experience. This promotion directs visitors to www.tipperary.com and promotes the museum as a new experience in Tipperary and Irelands Ancient East. To date we have welcomed the Irish Examiner and Irish Country Living Magazine on familiarisation trips, this is in addition to positive press in the Irish Times, Sunday Times, Irish Examiner, Irish Independent, Woman's Way magazine, local papers and Tipp FM.



Cashel Destination Town



Fáilte Ireland worked in partnership with Tipperary County Council during 2019 to develop a Cashel Destination Town Plan for the town that would improve visitor flow around the town and leverage the opportunity presented by the large volume of visitors to the Rock by encouraging visitors to visit the town centre and other attractions in the town. A major outcome of the report is a collaboration between Fáilte Ireland, the OPW and Tipperary County Council who are currently working together to select a suitable site for the development of a new visitor reception / hub for the Rock of Cashel and visitors to Cashel generally. This is a major development that will have many positive effects on the development of Cashel and Tipperary as visitor destinations.



The launch of the Suir Blueway took place on the weekend of May 17th and 18th. The official launch took place on May 17th with the community events taking place on May 18th. A full suite of marketing materials were developed including video, brochure, web page and interactive map. The creation of positive PR around the launch and the blueway product was very successful. Phil Cawley, Today FM broadcast from Kilsheelan on the Saturday and also promoted the blueway on his Sunday show. Journalists from the Irish Times, Sunday World, Irish Examiner,

Irish Farmers Journal, Agriland.ie, Munster Home Interiors and Munster Express completed familiarisation trips. Articles were included in the Irish Times, Irish Independent, RTE online and a number of regional channels. The launch was very well supported by the communities and festivals along the route including Clancy Festival, Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, Clonmel and Ardinnan Canoe Clubs and Kilsheelan Tidy Towns. A new bike hire company opened and received support; Blueway Bike Hire in Carrick on Suir. Users recorded on the blueway for the 12 months of 2019 totaled 300,000.



Munster Vales

A new Munster Vales brochure was launched during September.



The Irish Association for Adventure Tourism held its annual conference in Munster Vales on November 21st, Munster Vales is a key partner and as such received positive promotion through this collaboration which welcomed adventure tour operators from all over the country to experience the Munster Vales first hand.



A successful tour guiding training course was arranged by Munster Vales with support from the Heritage Office, over 20 attendees were trained to give walking tours of their local areas, it is hoped that this walking tour experience will now be more available to tourists in our towns and villages.



Lough Derg

A Taste of Lough Derg 2019 proved successful, leveraging significant profile from the new Taste the Island brand developed by Fáilte Ireland. Funding was also secured from FI for documentary and promotion.



Quest Lough Derg was supported by the Lough Derg Marketing Group and was a great success with full participation in the event. The event was supported in terms of the provision of familiarisation trips, support and advice from Tipperary County Council and resulted in significant tourism promotion for the region.



ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as planning and resources allow.



► ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Membership:

Councillors

- Cllr Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach,
- Cllr Roger Kennedy,
- Cllr Mattie Ryan,
- Cllr Fiona Bonfield,
- Cllr Hughie McGrath,
- Cllr David Doran,
- Cllr Eddie Moran &
- Cllr Kevin O'Meara.

Sectoral/Pillars

Public Participation Network Representatives:

- Mr. P.J. English
- Ms. Angela Hickey

Agriculture & Farming:

- Mr. Billy Collins

Business, Commercial and Tourism:

- David Shanahan

Development Construction:

- Mr. Martin Healy

One meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee was held in 2019 in advance of the Local Elections.

One policy was recommended by the SPC and adopted by Tipperary County Council in 2019.

- Policy on Traffic Calming measures in existing housing estates

The Infrastructure SPC (Roads, Transportation and Water Services) was established following the Local Elections 2019 and will hold four meetings in 2020.



► COUNTY TIPPERARY ROAD CLASSIFICATION LENGTHS IN MUNICIPAL AREAS (PER KM)

National

Municipal Area	Nenagh	Thurles	Clonmel	Tipperary Cahir Cashel	Carrick	Totals
Motorway	39.00	38.00	0	39.00	6.00	122.00
National Primary	0	0	25.40	36.12	9.91	71.43
National Secondary	52.38	52.37	9.07	20.39	11.08	145.29
Total	91.38	90.37	34.47	95.51	26.99	338.72

Regional, Local and Tertiary

Regional	276.69	154.90	58.87	272.18	135.55	898.19
Local Primary	494.74	487.98	130.00	547.00	244.00	1903.72
Local Secondary	453.66	398.86	67.03	537.27	258.30	1715.12
Local Tertiary	260.86	242.46	98.05	321.92	131.25	1054.54
Total	1485.95	1284.20	353.95	1678.37	769.10	5571.57

Totals

Overall Total including Motorways	1577.33	1374.57	388.42	1773.88	796.09	5910.29
Overall Total excluding Motorways	1538.33	1336.57	388.42	1734.88	790.09	5788.29



► SUMMARY OF ROADS ALLOCATIONS PAID 2019

National Roads

Improvement	€6,912,911*
Maintenance	€1,264,061
Total	€8,176,972

*Please note that an advance draw-down for one capital project was included in the Improvement Works grant payment, from TII, in 2019.

Details are as follows:

N24 Clonmel By-Pass Pavement Overlay - €3,000,000

Non-National Roads

This category caters for Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2019 was funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €25,935,103 in 2019, as follows:

Discretionary Maintenance	€4,637,805
Restoration Maintenance (incl. Supplementary RM)	€3,186,116
Restoration Improvement	€12,495,087
Bridge Rehabilitation	€631,465
Safety Improvement Works	€693,003
Drainage Works	€1,184,419
Severe Weather Commitment Grant	€253,243
Specific Improvement Scheme – Ardfinnan Bridge	€397,886
Specific Improvement Scheme – Clonbeg Bridge Aherlow	€5,667
Training Grant	€97,500
Latteragh Upgrade	€8,605
Former National Roads	€1,202,379
Community Involvement Schemes	€1,115,243
Speed Limits	€26,685
Total Regional and Local Road Allocations 2019:	€25,935,103
Own Resources Allocation 2019	€8,540,256

The Discretionary Grant of €4,637,805 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and Local Roads. The Council's own resources allocation was €8,540,256.



► MAJOR CAPITAL SCHEMES

Project Ireland 2040 – Our Plan (National Planning Framework and National Development Plan) set out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure. Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects:

Major Road Improvement Schemes

N24 Waterford to Limerick:

In January 2018, two schemes had been notified to TII by Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS).

- N24 Waterford to Cahir - Kilkenny County Council advised as Lead Authority
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction - Tipperary County Council advised as Lead Authority.

Project Appraisal Plans were submitted to and approved by SRAD for both sections. Tender Briefs for Consultants to undertake Design and Planning Phases 1 to 4 were prepared and advertised on e-Tenders. Arup and Partners Ireland Ltd., t/a Arup were appointed on 22 October 2019 for the Cahir to Limerick Junction section. An appointment on the Waterford to Cahir section is expected in Q1 2020.



Picture: (Back Row): Anthony Coleman, (District Administrator), Tim Fitzgerald (Mid West National Roads Design Office), Michèle Maher (Administrative Officer), John Nolan (Senior Engineer, Roads Capital Projects), Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cllr. John Crosse, Patricia Fogarty (Senior Staff Officer), Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cllr. Andy Moloney.

(Front Row): Marcus O'Connor, (Director of Services), Eileen McCarthy, (Arup Project Manager), Joe MacGrath (Chief Executive Tipperary County Council), Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, (Cathaoirleach, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District), Mary Hurley, (Arup Environmental Co-Ordinator), Martin Bourke, (Transport Infrastructure Ireland)



National Primary and National Secondary Routes

Works were planned and carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2019 as follows:

National Primary Road Improvements

- **N24 - Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Traffic Calming and Pavement Strengthening** - This scheme involved traffic calming and pavement strengthening works for approximately 1 km of road pavement from the Bohercrow roundabout to Church Street, at the lower end of Davitt Street. Other works included an upgrade to existing road drainage, full replacement of the existing footpaths along both sides of the carriageway and the provision of trees and planting areas within the footpath at key locations. The scheme also involved replacement of water main and old lead supplies and an advance works contract by Irish Water was completed in 2018. A contract was signed with Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd on 5th November 2018. Physical work commenced in early January 2019 and was substantially completed in December 2019.

See below photographs of archaeology found on Davitt Street, Tipperary Town on 27th August, 2019, and of the archaeologists excavating within the works.



These are the first items of medieval archaeology ever found in Tipperary Town and are from the 12th or 13th century. They are the remains of a handle of a glazed clay pot or jug.

Davitt Street Tipperary Town - Archaeologists at work August 2019



N24 Davitt Street/Church Street, Tipperary Town

New Pavement, November 2019



- **N24 - Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir** - This scheme has been extended and now involves the rehabilitation of a total of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Route in county Tipperary. Design work was completed in 2019. The scheme will go to planning and construction in 2020.
- **N24 - Main Street Tipperary Town and N74 Fr Matthew Street** - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1.8km of pavement, replacement of existing footpaths and provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas and build outs. The scheme commences at the junction between the N24 and R515 at O'Brien Street and terminates approximately 1.2km out the N74 Fr Matthew Street/Cashel Road. Consultants were appointed in 2019 to carry out design work. It is anticipated that the scheme will go to Part 8 Planning in Q2 2020.



National Secondary Road Improvements

- **N74 Ballyhusty Realignment** - Part 8 Planning was approved in 2017 and TII approval to proceed to CPO was received in December 2019. Documents are being finalised and it is anticipated that the CPO will be published in Q2 2020.
- **N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge** - This scheme involves 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 approximately 2km southeast of Portumna. Preliminary design work commenced in 2018 and is expected to be completed in Q1 2020. Detailed design work is expected to commence later in 2020 with construction taking place in 2021.
- **N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvement Scheme** - There is a need for road pavement improvement works on the N65 through Carrigahorig village and a number of road safety concerns to be addressed including the provision of a footpath extension from the village to the R493 Terryglass Road. Preliminary design work has been completed and funding is being sought from the TII to carry out the final design and the pavement improvement works, road safety elements and footpath extension works. It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence in 2020.
- **N62 Entrance to Templemore (Thurles Road)** - this Scheme will involve the rehabilitation of approximately 2km of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road on the southern approach to Templemore starting at the junction of the N62 and the R501 extending southwards for approximately 2km. The Mid West National Road Design Office was appointed in 2019 to carry out design work. It is anticipated that the design and some of the construction work will be completed in 2020.
- **N62 Entrance to Templemore (Roscrea Road)** - this Scheme will involve the rehabilitation of approximately 0.7km of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road on the northern approach to Templemore starting approximately 600m from the square in Templemore and extending northwards for approximately 700m. The Mid West National Road Design Office was appointed in 2019 to carry out design work. It is anticipated that the design will be completed in 2020 and construction will take place in 2021.
- **N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles Phase 2** - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles, Co. Tipperary. The works consist primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths and provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas and build outs. Consultants were appointed in 2019 to carry out design work. It is anticipated that the scheme will go to Part 8 Planning in Q2 2020.
- **N52 Riverstown** - This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 2.1km of pavement in the village of Riverstown. The scheme also involved some footpath replacement, drainage works and the provision of traffic lights and a footway on the bridge across the Little Brosna River. 1.6km of the scheme was in Tipperary, with the remaining 0.5km in Offaly. Offaly County Council was the lead authority and a Section 85 Agreement was in place between the two local authorities. Construction was completed in 2019.
- **N74 Golden Pavement Improvement Scheme** - This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approx 1.4km of pavement on the N74 national secondary route in Golden Village in County Tipperary. Construction was completed in 2019.
- **N24 Bansha Pavement Improvement Scheme** - This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approx 1.7km of pavement on the N24 national primary route at Bansha Village in County Tipperary. Design work was completed in Q1 2019 and the scheme was completed in Q3 2019.
- **N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works** - This scheme involves 3 main elements (i) N52 Main Street Improvements, 1.6km in length, which involves 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. The scheme started construction in late 2018 and continued throughout 2019. Remaining works include a section of the Birr Road and repairs to the bridge at the bottom of the Main Street.





Road surfacing works - N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works



Road surfacing works - N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works



Completed footpaths and pavement works near Borrisokane Primary School

Strategic Non-National Road Projects

Thurles Inner Relief Road	Preliminary design completed, awaiting funding to proceed. It is anticipated that the first section of the road will be constructed by Lidl in 2020/2021 to give access to a new store development
R498 Nenagh to Thurles Upgrade Knockalton-Kilconane	Works commenced in December 2018 and the scheme was completed in July 2019
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh bends	Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. It is anticipated that the CPO will be published in Q2 2020
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass – Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Planning procedures and Oral Hearing have been completed, CPO is confirmed and Notices to Treat have been served on the landowners. RPS Consultants progressed detailed design in 2019 which is currently being finalised. It is anticipated that the scheme will go to tender in Q2 2020 with construction commencing in Q1 2021 subject to the availability of funding - construction will take approximately 3 years to complete



R498 Nenagh to Thurles upgrade Knockalton-Kilconane



Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

A sum of €693,003 was spent on Safety Improvement Works at a number of locations on Regional and Local Roads throughout the county during 2019.

Works took place at the following locations:

- R660 Junction, Circular Road, Cashel
- R689 Killenaule Road, Fethard
- R665 Castlekeale, Ardfinnan
- R668-6 Scartana, Cahir
- L6050-0 Junction at Kilcoleman
- L2138/L6052 Junction at Glencrue
- R503/R497 Cooneen Cross, Kilcommon
- R498 Junction at Killinan, Thurles
- Ballytarsna Phase 1.



Completed works on the R445 Nenagh to Toomevara Road.

Community Involvement Schemes

These schemes refer to the upgrading and improvement of tertiary and minor roads where residents contribute 15% of the cost of the works. A total of 35 schemes were completed in 2019 across five Municipal Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €1,115,243 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, under this scheme.

Local Improvement Schemes

In accordance with the Local Improvement Scheme Memorandum of February 2002, improvement works can be carried out on private/non public roads. There must be more than one landowner on an LIS road and the road must be open to the public. A local contribution is an integral part of the LIS scheme and it varies from 10% to 15% depending on the number of residences on the road. A total of 21 schemes were completed in 2019 across five Municipal Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €599,186 was received from Department of Rural and Community Development. In 2019 the council also completed eight schemes that received funding under LIS Round 2 2018. The grant payment for this tranche of funding amounted to €168,818 over the two years.



Stabilisation works at Grange Nenagh R493 Nenagh to Puckane road



Works in progress on the R445 - Nenagh to Toomevara (former national road)



CLÁR Schemes Funding

Grant Funding in the sum of €236,655 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2018/2019 with works completed in 2019. Ten projects were undertaken under Measure 1 (CLÁR Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures).

Match funding, in accordance with the award criteria, was provided under the following headings:

Local Authority Contribution	Community Contribution	Other
€13,168	€17,148	€12,500

In July 2019, €95,000 was allocated for two roads related projects, under the same Measure 1 funding stream. Both projects are currently in progress with a completion date set down by the Department of Rural and Community Development of May 2020.

Project	Description of Works	Grant Funding	Community Contribution	Local Authority Contribution	Total Funding
Bishop Harty NS. Ballinree, Nenagh	Car-parking and set down area	€45,000	€2,500	€2,500	€50,000
Rossmore National School, Cashel	Footpaths and Safety Measures	€50,000	€2,778	€2,778	€55,556

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

A sum of €631,465 was spent in 2019 in respect of bridge rehabilitation works.

Works took place at the following locations:

- R697 Cregg Bridge,
- R676 Dillon Bridge,
- R706 East 21 (Kilsheelan),
- L3503 South 34 Melleray Road,
- L1079-9 Lorrha Bridge,
- R499 Kilmastulla Bridge,
- L3402 Glennacunna Bridge,
- L3503 South 35 Melleray Road,
- L3504 South 29.

A further sum of €397,886 was spent on the completion of Ardfinnan Bridge and €5,667 on Clonbeg Bridge, Aherlow, in respect of preparatory works.

Severe Weather Commitment Grant Allocation

Tipperary County Council made a submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport following a serious flood event in October 2019. This flooding event caused serious infrastructural damage to part of the local road network in the Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District in particular. Following our submission, the council was successful in obtaining grant funding from the Department in the sum of €253,243 to repair/reconstruct the damaged roads.



Road Damage Caused by Flooding Event October 2019



Machinery Yard

The Machinery Yard, which has two bases in Clonmel and Nenagh, provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council.

The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The machinery yard has approx 160 council owned vehicles and 23 leased vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa €4.2 million. In addition, it maintains approximately 40 District vehicles which would have an additional replacement value of circa €1.2 million.

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

- Fleet management in compliance with the Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012,
- The inspection, operation and maintenance of the Council fleet, including its requirements under Statutory Instrument S.I. 348 of 2013 Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Regulations 2013),
- The supply of plant and machinery as required to the Districts and sections of the County Council,
- The acquisition and disposal of plant and machinery,
- To have available the staffing levels and skills necessary to maintain and operate the council's plant and machinery fleet efficiently,
- Arranging the long-term and short-term hire of commercial machinery for the Districts.

The council operates a computerised and automated fuel storage and dispensing system at Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel and Nenagh depots to avail of the cost reduction achievable with bulk purchases.


The council operates its own machinery garages in Clonmel and Nenagh to meet the maintenance requirements for the various items of machinery. At present there are a Foreman fitter and five fitters in the Clonmel workshop and a Foreman and two fitters in the Nenagh workshop. The machinery workshop is responsible for regular inspection of all commercial vehicles in the fleet, the servicing of trucks, pickups, vans and tractors as required by the manufacturers' specification, and the repair of vehicles as required.

The process of upgrading the Machinery Yard and the attached civic amenity site in Nenagh is at design stage.



New sweepers acquired for Clonmel Town Sweeping in 2019



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Winter Maintenance

Winter Maintenance service consists of four distinct phases namely:-

- Pre-salting of National Primary and Secondary routes and major Regional roads and routes of strategic importance
- Salting and sanding of ice-bound National and Regional routes
- Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs from National and Regional routes
- Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs or mechanical loaders from county roads.

Phase 1 is termed precautionary treatment and is generally timed to be completed approximately two hours before the start of freezing conditions.

Winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:

- 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.

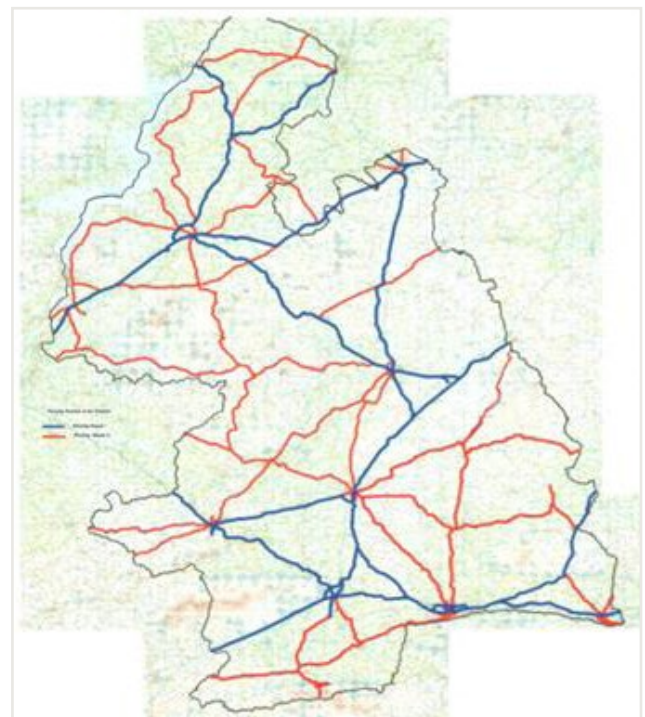
In extreme weather events Priority 1 routes will take precedence over Priority 2 routes in terms of allocation of available resources.

The winter maintenance period lasts from 1 October to 30 April each winter with the aim of keeping priority routes safe and as free as possible from wintry hazards. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provided a grant of €283,478 for National road winter maintenance in 2019. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) allocated €500,000 for the treatment of non-national routes through the discretionary grant. €854,567 was spent by the council on winter maintenance for the 2018/2019 period plus the cost of the salt which is purchased nationally by TII and distributed to County Councils.

The county has a roster of four ice-cast Duty Engineers who are responsible for use of the weather bureau service to examine the forecast and track the actual conditions for the area and for the issue of instructions for required winter maintenance based on specialist forecasts and local information.

The winter maintenance service is managed and operated by the Machinery Yard. Twelve crews are rostered on a weekly basis using seven No. 6 tonne and five No. 9 tonne salt spreaders, mounted on council trucks to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes (approx. 1,000 Km) in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice. The council has an agreement with Offaly, Waterford and Kilkenny County Councils on a quid pro quo basis for cross-boundary treatments of routes to increase the efficiency of the operation.

Snow ploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading vehicles when snow is forecast and the clearance of snow by ploughing will commence as soon as snow depths on all or part of the Priority 1 network exceeds 30mm. A complete schedule and map of pre-salting routes, and cross boundary agreements is published annually on the council's website www.tipperarycoco.ie.



Transport Infrastructure Ireland manages the national procurement of road salt for national and non-national. It provided an allocation of 5,300 tonnes of salt for national and non-national roads to the council in 2018/2019, of which 2,500 tonnes were used. TII maintains a national reserve of salt for distribution to local authorities in the event of forecast of a severe weather event, i.e. a prolonged cold snap, or blizzard conditions. The council's covered salt storage capacity is now in excess of 2,700 tonnes and salt storage barns are located in Cahir (600 tonnes), Clonmel (600 tonnes) and Nenagh (1,500 tonnes).



Rainwater Harvesting Unit for Washing Salting Trucks

Severe Weather/Storm Damage

Tipperary County Council has established a Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) to deal with emergencies as they arise. The team comprises of the Senior Engineers (SE) Roads, Senior Engineer (SE) Water Services, and District Engineers (5) under the chairmanship of the SE (Roads Central). It was decided that the SWAT Chair should convene a teleconference meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team on receipt of all Orange and Red severe storm alerts from Met Eireann. This meeting should take place within one hour of the receipt of the alert to enable the team to assess the alert and its implications for council services. The SWAT Team should then determine the appropriate level of response. Every warning should be considered in the context of other relevant information available to the SWAT, i.e. information from the Ice Cast System, local knowledge of roads, infrastructure, vulnerable communities etc. Depending on the nature of the weather impact assessment, a warning and/or a Severe Weather activation plan instruction should be issued to all appropriate sections of the council as well as to relevant principal response agencies.

The Council responded to a number of weather events in 2019 - the most significant being the severe flood event on 14 October 2019 which caused serious damage to part of the local road network, particularly across the western portion of the county. The torrential rainfall and flooding also resulted in the closure of a section of the M8 motorway from Mitchelstown to Cahir.

Public Lighting

The Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the county. Public lighting maintenance is carried out under contract with Airtricity Utility Solutions. Energia supplies the electrical power to the lighting network. The total number of public lights in the network is circa 17,200.

Public Lighting is the single biggest user of energy in the overall Council's energy usage. Over the past number of years the Council has introduced LED lighting in a number of new and replacement public lighting projects. Globally, Sox lights are being phased out in favour of LED lights. This Council has and will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI and TII for energy efficiency projects. 700 Sox street light upgrades to LED were carried out in 2019 with 1,500 upgrades planned for 2020.

The Council is obliged to meet the National Public Service Efficiency Targets. This means that energy consumption must be reduced by 33% by 2020 and by 50% by 2030. Tipperary County Council has signed the Covenant of Mayors to give effect to this commitment.



Smart-Space Project

Tipperary County Council has approval for ERDF funding for a project to develop Smart Sustainable Public Spaces across the North West Europe region with the project being called Interreg North West Europe 'Smart-Space Project'.

The council, along with three European municipalities will receive 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. Advances in intelligent lighting systems offer the opportunity to significantly increase energy efficiency, thereby reducing the carbon footprint. The primary location for the 'Smart-Space' project in Tipperary will be Thurles and in particular Liberty Square. The council will include the villages of Clonoulty and Drangan in addition to Thurles to trial this technology in a rural context. This project will advance to tender stage in 2020.



Photos above of key Stakeholders attending the Use Case workshop July 2019 at Thurles Municipal District Office



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RMO Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project

24 of Ireland's local Authorities and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) propose to retrofit approximately 280,000 street lights to LED. For Tipperary this will involve upgrading 14,000 street lights to LED within the next two years.

In replacing 14,000 of our older lights to new LED lights the maintenance costs to Tipperary County Council will reduce to an estimated 42% of the current maintenance costs.

The power consumption is estimated to fall to 52% of the current power usage for these 14,000 lights, resulting in a significant cost saving on power usage for the Council. The upgrading to LED lights will improve the quality of street lighting throughout the county for the general public.



Do Chomhairle:
ag lasadh ár bpobal –
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid

Your Council:
lighting our community
protecting our climate

eParking

eParking has been rolled out to 9 towns throughout Tipperary. This service is an additional, more convenient way of paying for parking. Methods of payment for parking by members of the public include a smartphone 'app', website or phone call. Promotion of eParking is on-going and two very successful promotions were held in 2019. One held during April incorporated a two week advertising campaign on local radio 'TippFM' and over 100 entries per day were received. A Christmas promotion took place in November 2019, again, with Tipp FM during their Drive Time radio show, and again feedback from this promotion was very positive. New 'app' downloads for 2019 averaged at 360 per month.

It is intended to continue to promote eParking in 2020 targeting specific areas of the county.

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Taking in Charge of Estates

A total of 25 estates were taken in charge during 2019.

Municipal District	Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Carrick-on-Suir	Abbey Court, Burke Street, Fethard	17/05/2019
Carrick-on-Suir	Cregg Lawns, Carrick on Suir	17/05/2019
Carrick-on-Suir	Ravenswood, Carrick on Suir	17/05/2019
Carrick-on-Suir	Sweet Auburn, Carrick Beg, Carrick on Suir	26/07/2019
Clonmel	Cúirt Ná Rí, King Street, Clonmel	16/10/2019
Clonmel	Oakwood, Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	17/07/2019
Nenagh	Ardán, The Terrace, Borrisokane	19/12/2019
Nenagh	Ormond Keep, Nenagh	16/05/2019
Nenagh	Riverview, Ballina	18/05/2019
Nenagh	Rosehill(part of), Newport, Nenagh	19/12/2019
Thurles	Ayrhill, Parkmore, Roscrea	21/10/2019
Thurles	Cluain Bán, Fancroft Road, Roscrea	23/01/2019
Thurles	Kiltillane Court, St. Mary's Road, Templemore	27/02/2019
Thurles	Oakdale Park, Templemore	21/10/2019
Thurles	Patrick's Gate, Gortnahoe	24/07/2019
Thurles	Tullaskeagh Drive, Parkmore, Roscrea	21/10/2019
Thurles	Tullaskeagh Square, Parkmore, Roscrea	21/10/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Abbey Court, Bohermore, Cashel	28/01/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	An Duiche, Scallaheen, Tipperary Town	25/02/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Dún Chormaic, Dualla Road, Cashel	21/10/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Galvoher, Ballylooby, Cahir	29/07/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Mill Hollow, Windmill, Cashel	28/01/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Roselawn, Rossana Road, Tipperary Town	21/10/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Rosemount Gardens, Cahir	21/10/2019
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	Summer Cove Meadows, Old Road, Cashel	28/01/2019



Launch of Virtual Reality Headsets in County Tipperary

A new Road Safety Initiative involving the use of Virtual Reality (VR) technology was rolled out in County Tipperary in 2019. Fifteen headsets were made available to Tipperary County Council by Aviva Driving School as part of the “Your Life Your Choice” initiative. The initiative aims to promote road safety particularly among younger drivers and those who are about to start driving in the next year or two.



Standing: Superintendent Pat Murphy, Thurles Division; Superintendent Pat O'Connor Tipperary District; Eamon Lonergan, Acting Director, Roads, Transportation and Health & Safety, Tipperary County Council; Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Roads, Tipperary County Council; Dave Carroll, Chief Fire Officer, Tipperary Fire & Rescue Services

Seated: Michèle Maher, Road Safety Officer, Tipperary County Council, Fiona Kavanagh Road Safety Promotion Officer, RSA; Fiona Bohane TII Regional Road Safety Officer; Mary Murphy Roads Department, Tipperary County Council. Photograph by Seamus Bourke

The VR headsets have been pre-loaded with an eight minute video which simulates a serious road collision from the perspective of a front seat passenger. The 360 degree footage was recorded in the UK and features full-time emergency responders and some professional actors.

Viewers witness some of the dangerous behaviours and factors associated with young drivers involved in serious collisions including mobile phone use, speed, stopping distance and driver distraction. They also witness, from the front passenger seat, the immediate aftermath of being involved in a serious collision, from when the first responders arrive on the scene.

The first school in Tipperary to avail of the new technology was Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré. The feedback from the students in the Roscrea school was that the footage was “scary” and “very realistic” and it is hoped that it will influence them to be safer when they start driving.



Students from Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré experiencing the aftermath of a collision, via VR. Photograph by Odhran Ducie.



Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG)

It is a requirement under the government Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 that each local authority establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG).

This group consists 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. This group met three times in 2019 to review the implementation of the actions in the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2018-2020 and to discuss further actions which might be taken to improve road safety in county Tipperary.

Two local Road Safety Teams for Tipperary have been established, one covering the northern part of the county, the other covering the southern part of the county, in line with Municipal and Garda Districts. Both teams met three times in 2019 and discussed operational issues and, among other things, the Collision Prevention Programme (CPP).

Road Safety Actions 2019

- Provided free bicycle safety checks in Thurles to promote National Bike Week
- Organised a number of media campaigns to promote road safety in Tipperary throughout the year
- Organised a media campaign to promote roadside hedge cutting during the hedge cutting season
- Communicated Road Safety Information bulletins in co-operation with the Road Safety Authority
- Supported Irish Road Safety Week in October 2019
- Publicised the “Check it Fits” service for child car seats in Nenagh and Clonmel
- Organised a Road Safety poster competition for 6th class pupils
- Cycle Safely training courses in primary schools were supported with funding in conjunction with Sports Partnership

Road Safety Matters

Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service in collaboration with the Roads Section of the Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE and the RSA ran a “Road Safety Matters” event in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh on 19 November 2019.

The event was geared towards students from Transition Year through to 6th year that are likely to be obtaining a driving licence in the near future. The event was opened by Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, followed by presentations from Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, John Shinnors and Superintendent Edmund Golden from the Garda Roads Policing Unit. A compelling presentation was given by a family member affected by a fatal road traffic collision. Students attending were later given a demonstration on the work of the emergency services in the aftermath of a road traffic collision.

Students were invited to try the Virtual Reality Headsets to experience the events leading up to a collision and the immediate aftermath from the point of view of the front seat passenger.

Throughout the day the RSA’s road shuttle and Roll Over Simulator were on site where students and teachers alike could experience the latest simulations and immersive technologies. Students were able to witness firsthand the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt in the roll over simulator. They could practice their driving skills in the realistic car simulator or practice the Driver Theory Test on one of the interactive touch screens. The RSA and council staff were on hand throughout the day taking questions and offering advice.



‘NO SEATBELT - NO EXCUSE’

The RSA Rollover Shuttle pictured at the ‘Road Safety Matters’ event in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh.



Road Opening Licences

The 'MapRoad' Roadworks Licencing system (MRL) administered by the Road Management Office (RMO) is the national system for the management and processing of road works licence applications. Once a utility or civil contractor is registered on the MRL system, this registration enables them to apply to any of the Local Authorities in the country.

The procedure used on the MRL system is based on the "T" model. "T" model licences contain limits such as total excavation area, advance notification periods, licence validity periods, number of days allowed for works to take place and distances between excavations.

- **T1 Notification:** A T1 Notification is required when it is intended to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity of the proposed works. A T1 Notification is not a licence. The notification process allows adequate time for consultation and joint planning between the applicant and the authority.
- **T21 Licence:** Following determination of the T1 notification by the roads authority, the applicant subsequently submits T21 licence(s) for the project.
- **T2 Licence:** Works of moderate to significant impact
- **T3 Licence:** Works of low impact
- **T4 Notification:** A notification of emergency works as defined under legislation. A T2 or T3 licence may be subsequently required to complete the works that are not of an emergency nature.
- **T5 Notification:** A notification by the applicant to the local authority of completion of works carried out under T21, T2, T3 or T4.

As part of improving efficiency in Local Authorities' management of Road Opening Licences, two agreements were implemented in 2019.

Tipperary County Council entered into a Service Level Agreement in respect of the Road Opening Deposit Management Scheme for Certain Utilities, also known as the National Deposit Scheme. This scheme provides for deposits as security against the unsatisfactory reinstatement of the road. The RMO manage the deposits on behalf of all the local authorities at national level. The National Deposit Scheme does not apply to private contractors.

Monthly billing of 7 N^o utilities is in operation since September 2019. The RMO and local authorities implemented the process whereby the RMO generate a billing file per authority for each relevant utility with the Road Authority then invoicing the utility directly.

In addition to the implementation of these agreements, the Council's Road Opening Licence Conditioners are undertaking Road Opening and Reinstatement Training Courses (Basic and Advanced). This will ensure that the Roads Authority has suitably trained personnel to carrying out conditioning, monitoring, on-site inspection of works in progress, and inspection of completed works.

In 2019 the Roads Section received 1,442 N^o Road Opening Licence online applications, an increase of 65%. In conjunction with the Districts the Council favourably determined 32 N^o T1 notifications in respect of various utility and energy projects throughout the county and granted 957 N^o T21, T2, T3, T4 licences during the year, an increase of 56%. This was inclusive of applications received in 2018 and granted in 2019. The remainder of the applications received in 2019 are at various stages of Processing/Conditioning/Approval.



Clonmel to Carrick-On-Suir Blueway

Funding of €765,000 to complete enhancement work on the Suir Blueway was received in 2019 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

The branding and signage of the Blueway was completed in 2019. Funding of €156,000 was received to create a new access point to the Blueway from Newcastle and this was also delivered in 2019.

A marketing plan was prepared by the Council's Tourism Officer and the official launch took place in May 2019.

Roads Abutting Certificates

A total of 776 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2019 (an increase of 13.54%) and 732 Certificates were issued (an increase of 22.27%).

Abnormal Load Permits

A total of 214 applications for Abnormal Load Permits were received during 2019 and 207 permits were issued.

Health and Safety

Tipperary County Council Roads Section continues to pro-actively implement a comprehensive Health and Safety management system in accordance with our Parent Safety Statement and legal obligations.

The Roads Ancillary Safety Statement was adopted in 2018 and focus on health and safety is maintained through regular meetings and committees where issues such as policy and procedures are discussed. Regular site inspections were undertaken during 2019 along with recording of accidents and incidents and investigation of root causes. Significant improvements were implemented following both internal and external audits as the Roads Section aims to achieve OHSAS 18001 accreditation.

Tipperary County Council Community Employment Projects

Tipperary County Council has supported Community Employment Projects since their introduction in 1985.

The Council, in partnership with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection continues to promote and encourage the development of Community Employment projects and the Roads Directorate currently sponsors two Community Employment Schemes. The schemes operate over various locations including the Town and Environs of Cahir, Cashel, Clonmel, Thurles and Tipperary Town and the communities of Boherlahan, Clonoulty/Clogher, Holycross, Kilsheelan and Rosegreen.

The Community Employment projects involve a range of activities including:

- Horticultural, landscaping and environmental improvement projects
- Maintenance works in parks, towns, and cemeteries
- General Operative/Driver/Traffic Management Duties/Road Crossing Wardens

Emphasis is placed on providing valuable employment experience and training for participants. All participants benefit from mandatory Health and Safety training which is a transferable skill, required in similar work places. After achieving mandatory training, participants then follow on with job related or skill specific courses.

The Tipperary community benefits by having cleaner towns, improvement of amenities and the landscaping of areas. Participants gain in skills, confidence and self esteem that enable them to work as part of a team within their own community. Many of the participants on the projects have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement.



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Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies

During 2019, Tipperary County Council had 4 N^o schemes with funding approvals under the Office of Public Works (OPW) Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies.

In April 2019, the Council received approval to carry out a Cost/Benefit Analysis (CBA) for Marfield Lake and Catchment Area within Clonmel Borough District. The CBA was completed by September 2019 and the Borough District is currently liaising with landowners, consultants and the OPW in relation to items raised in the CBA.

3 N^o schemes in Thurles Municipal District at L8009 Drish, Thurles; R498 Nenagh Road, Borrisoleigh and Holly Cottage Road, Barnane secured funding approval in October 2019 totalling €59,400. Works are due to be carried out at these locations in 2020.

The Council acknowledges the support of the OPW and will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding, and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2020 where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to “at risk” properties.

Flood Relief Minor Projects (FRMP)

Flood Relief Minor Projects (FRMP) involves projects of greater than €400,000 and up to €1 million in estimated value.

5 N^o locations in the county of Tipperary are amongst the first tranche of 50 N^o flood relief projects identified by the OPW countrywide for priority implementation. Schemes at Golden, Holycross, Knocklofty, Nenagh and Ballina/Killaloe have been approved by the OPW. In order to implement and manage the FRMP, the Council has received sanction for the post of Flood Relief Scheme Manager who will commence implementation of the initial schemes outlined above to detailed design and construction.

Pavement Management System

A Pavement Management System is in operation in Tipperary as part of a national electronic database of all Local and Regional roads.

The maps displayed on this system provide colour coded information on the road surface condition on a scale of 1 to 10 for each road category.

This information allows Tipperary County Council to quantify in a scientific fashion the different treatments required for the different road categories. This is a dynamic system which is updated automatically when a section of roadway is surveyed.

Hedge Cutting



Under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act the owner or occupier of land is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of public road, a road authority may serve a notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land.

Between 1 March and 31 August each year it is an offence under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Heritage Act 2018 to cut, curb, burn or otherwise destroy any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated or growing in any hedge or ditch.

During the Hedge Cutting Season in 2019 Tipperary County Council placed notices in the local newspapers in January, September and December and also issued press releases to the local media. A total of 151 Hedge Cutting notices were issued to landowners/occupiers during the Hedge Cutting Season.



National Construction Schemes (NCS)

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 assessments that are delivered nationally and the office corresponds with over 55 Approved Training Centres nationwide. In 2019 over 9,500 candidates who undertook one or more of the 36 programmes available under the CSCS and QSCS schemes were processed and approved by the NCS Office.

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 Telescopic Handler Operations, Site Dumper Operations, Mobile Crane etc. Previously this process was delivered by ten 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. After piloting the service for seven months, in May 2019 the NCS Office became responsible for providing verification and accreditation services nationally in the Republic of Ireland for CSCS and QSCS programmes.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Planning Section of the Council administers the Planning legislation as contained in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the various Regulations made there-under.

Development Management

Development Management involves processing planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie. Set out below are figures for 2019 planning applications.

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number granted	Number refused	No. of Decisions appealed to An Bord Pleanala	Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanala
Individual House	201	193	8	7	1
Housing Development	21	19	2	4	3
NIA/EIA	6	4	18	1	0
Other Applications	718	700	2	17	3
Total	946	916	30	29	7

e-Planning

We continue to utilise the I-Plan system, Enforcement system, idocs and digitising of the Planning Register Map resulting in greater efficiency within the Section and to the public. All valid planning applications received in 2019 were made available through planning enquiry system on www.tipperarycoco.ie. The Council's Website was used where appropriate, e.g. details of application forms, weekly lists, variations to plans etc. Additionally a facility was made available to arrange online a preplanning meeting. It is government policy under rebuilding Ireland/Broadband plan to progress ePlanning. An e-Planning project board was established and Tipperary County Council is a member. Its purpose is to progress the delivery of e-Planning functionality in order to increase and provide enhanced customer service. Tipperary County Council as the pilot Council commenced testing of phase one of eplanning in December 2019.



► PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Development Plans/Local Area Plans

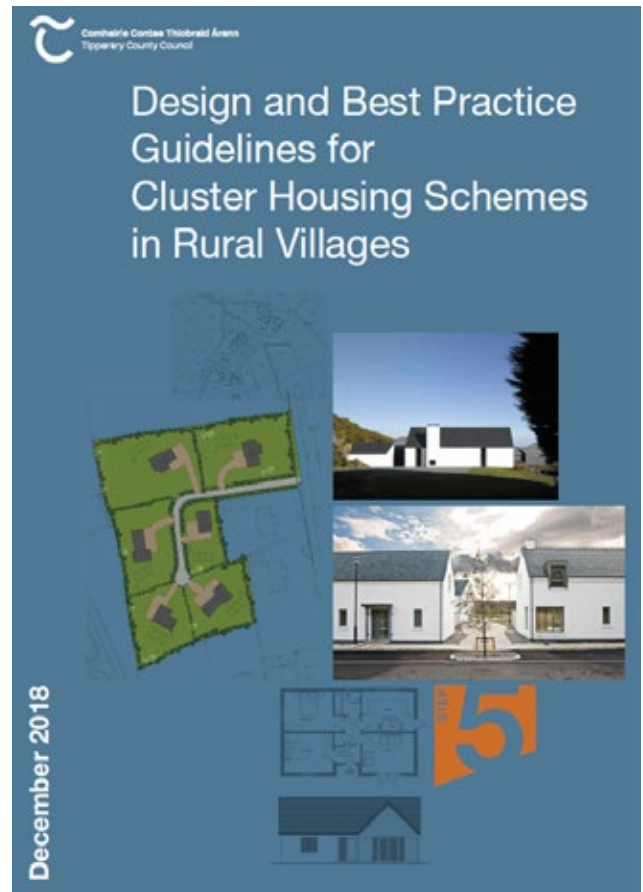
RSES & County Development Plan

The Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031 was adopted in November, following two periods of public consultation over the course of 2019. The RSES provides a long-term, strategic development framework for the future physical, economic and social development of the Southern Region and will guide the preparation of the Tipperary County Development Plan, which will formally commence in June, 2020.

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 align with the Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and will be underpinned by Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment.



Design and Best Practice for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages



The preparation of Cluster and Serviced Site Guidelines was an objective of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied), in order to facilitate and promote the growth and viability of the rural villages in the county. The guidelines will provide best practice options for small housing schemes to encourage the development of high quality homes to meet the needs of the rural population.

Tipperary County Council was delighted to welcome Damien English TD, Minister for Housing and Urban Development to Tipperary to officially launch the guidelines on the 24th April, 2019. The Guidelines were also shortlisted for an Irish Planning Institute Award in 2 Categories – Planning Making and Design.



Cahir Local Area Plan



The Council commenced the preparation of a new local area plan for Cahir, which will replace the Cahir Local Area Plan 2011-17 (as extended). The new local area plan will be prepared in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and will set out the land use strategy for the town to ensure the town can grow, support employment and homes, and can do so sustainably. Public Consultation took place, with submissions invited up until 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th December 2019. A public consultation event took place in Cahir on the 13th November, 2019 and was well attended.

Development Contribution Scheme

A new County Development Contribution Scheme was prepared and adopted by the Elected Members in November, 2019 to take effect from 1st January 2020. The Development Contribution Scheme sets out financial contributions for development which are granted planning permission, to facilitate the development of public and community infrastructure in the area.

Project Ireland 2040: Regeneration and Development Funds

Project Ireland 2040 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework).

These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The Planning Department leads the preparation and development of the strategic projects for consideration of the Government Departments and with the Municipal District co-ordinates their delivery.

The following projects have been successful in being awarded funding and are currently being delivered under these Scheme.

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. Funding of €2.89m was approved for the project which 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 under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Consultants have been appointed for the Sport Hub and Kickham Barracks public realm works. Kickham Barracks Car Park has gone to tender. The final design for the Plaza is almost complete. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

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. Funding of €4.39m was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the cost of the project. David Walsh Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded the contract for the construction phase in October, 2019 and works commenced on phase one-construction of the new car park in November, 2019.

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, a 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. Funding of €600,000 was approved under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. A Project Management Plan and team is in place to deliver the project, which will continue in 2020.



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 Health Ireland. Funding of €2.6m was approved to for the preoject under the Rural Regeneration Fund. A Project Management Plan and team is in place to deliver the project, which will continue in 2020.

Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza



The project proposal is flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding of €2.1m was approved under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. A Project Management Plan and team is in place to deliver the project.



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.

Built Heritage Scheme 2019

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme is aimed at the repair and conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act (2000) as amended and in certain cases, for the conservation of structures within Architectural Conservation areas and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professional, craft workers and trades people. It seeks to encourage the leveraging of private capital to invest in small-scale, labour-intensive projects.

For 2019, Tipperary County Council was allocated €79,000 under the Scheme. A total of 19 applications were received. Following assessment 14 no. projects were approved for funding and from this 11 no. projects completed successfully. The balance of monies for the 3 projects that did not go ahead was distributed between the remaining projects.

Historic Structures Fund 2019

The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund is on caring for and restoring historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public. The Council recommended 5 no. projects to the Department for consideration. A total of 16 no. applications were received for this scheme.

Two of these projects were approved by the Department for funding of €67,000 in total, as follows:

- 6 Castle Street, Cahir: €25,000
- 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel: €42,000

Both projects proceeded in accordance with the conditions of the grants and both were completed successfully.




Medieval Walled Towns



Funding was sought from the Irish Walled Towns Network in 2019 for conservation work to the Carrick on Suir and Cashel Town Walls. The sum of €15,000 was granted and received to enable vegetation clearance, survey and preparation of a methodology for conservation for the Carrick on Suir Town walls.

Funding was also sought from the Irish Walled Towns Network in 2019 for conservation work to the Fethard and Clonmel Town Walls. The sum of €25,000 was received to enable vegetation clearance and conservation of a section of Town Walls in Fethard that adjoined the town park at Burke Street.

An allocation of €3,000 was also received for Town Wall interpretative works in the planned Gordon Street car park extension in Clonmel. The extension to the car park did not commence in 2019 and the funding was not drawn down. The works will however be undertaken in 2020 and funding will again be sought for Town Wall interpretative work.

 *Funding was sought from the Irish Walled Towns Network in 2019 for conservation work to the Carrick on Suir and Cashel Town Walls.*

Energy in Agriculture Conference

Tipperary County Council in partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency and Gurteen College, participated in running the 'Energy in Agriculture Event' on the 20th August, 2019. The event was a great success with over 2,500 attendees.

Taking-in-Charge of Estates

Twenty five estates were taken in charge in 2019 - a total of 1008 housing units. Commencing 2020 there are 54 housing developments with valid taking in charge applications being processed by the planning department.

Developments TIC by Municipal District in 2019

Municipal District	No of Developments TIC	No of Housing Units
Nenagh	4	163
Clonmel	2	54
Carrick On Suir	4	137
Thurles	7	236
Tipp / Cahir / Cashel	8	418



Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Meetings of the Strategic Policy Committee for Planning & Emergency Services were held on 22nd January 2019 and 3rd December 2019. The meeting held on 22nd January was a joint meeting/workshop with the members of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC and the elected members of the Council to discuss the Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES). Following the Local Elections held in May 2019 a new Strategic Policy Committee Scheme was introduced and new members were appointed. At the first meeting of the newly approved SPC which was held on 3rd December 2019 presentations were made on the role of the SPC, Project Ireland 2040 Urban & Rural Regeneration Funds, The County Development Plan and the Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service.

The membership of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC is as follows:

10 Councillors

- Phyll Bugler (Chair)
- Hughie McGrath
- Micheál Lowry
- Michael O'Meara
- Joe Hannigan
- John Carroll
- Roger Kennedy
- Michael Fitzgerald
- Ger Darcy
- Marie Murphy

1 Agriculture & Farming

- Tim Harty

1 Business Commercial & Tourism

- To be nominated

1 Development Construction

- John O'Shaughnessy

3 PPN

- Mike Edwards
- Patti O'Neill
- To be nominated

Number of Planning Applications received in 2019

A total of 1478 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2019 compared to 1553 for 2018, a decrease of 4.8%. 425 applications were deemed invalid and 44 were withdrawn. During the year 968 applications were decided with 936 being granted planning permission (97%) and 32 being refused (3%). Further information was requested in 417 cases.

Enforcement

The enforcement part of the Section deals with compliance with the conditions of permissions granted, collection of development contributions and follow up of reports received from the public and/or council officials of possible unauthorised development.

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2019 are as follows:-

Complaints investigated	185
Warning Letters issued	174
Enforcement Notices issued	22
Prosecutions initiated	5
Cases closed	168



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY / LEADER

There continues to be a high level of cooperation between staff of both IP's, LAG members and TCC staff in ensuring that individuals and communities maximise the various funding for their projects.

Note all Approvals sighted below are at Stage 15 Full Approvals.

Rural Towns


Under the Tourism theme, the LDS aimed to support activity and heritage tourism, together with strategic marketing. The IPs supported 11 Projects with an approximate value €519,500 Including innovative social tourism projects for example Loughmore tearooms, Cloughjordan community cafe. The LAG supported three integrated marketing campaigns via the Tipperary Tourism Company and Munster Vales, as well as Lough Derg collective marketing in cooperation between the LDC's and County Councils around the Lake. The LAG also supported the development of a new visitor experience designed for families in New Inn.

Enterprise development

8 Enterprise Development projects with a value of €174,000 across the County were supported under this sub-theme including the rebranding and promotion of a traditional woolen mill that is a family owned and run Industry.

Rural Towns

6 projects with a value of €209,500 were supported under the Rural Towns sub-theme in 2019 including the Holy Cross Walk lights(see Case Study)

 *Under the Tourism theme, the LDS aimed to support activity and heritage tourism, together with strategic marketing.*

Broadband

The LAG has approved 2 projects in this area under the targeted call, one is at final approval with a value of €12,000 another is at provisional approval stage(approximately €24,000) One of the projects is to support the provision of equipment to 9 community Broadband Connection points, thus ensuring the maximum effectiveness of that early output of the National Broadband Plan. Both projects are County Wide.

Basic Services for hard to Reach Communities

In 2019 a total of 9 projects with a value of €838,000 were approved during 2019. Including Roscrea Community Hall redevelopment/ refurbishment.

Rural Youth

A total under this sub theme a total of 7 projects with a value of €236,000 received final approval in 2019. Two innovative promote health and well being and digital creativity.

Rural Environment

Under the Rural Environment there were 2 Biodiversity projects with a value of €27,000, 2 Water projects with a value of €36,5000 and 4 Energy projects with a value of €293,500 most notably the retrofitting of an 18th century listed building (The Clonmel Scout Hall).

Finally the LAG was one of the top 10 LAGS in the country and was awarded a further €500k in budget. This will be allocated to projects in 2020





► COUNCIL CO-ORDINATED COMMUNITY FUNDING SCHEMES

Town & Village 2018 Scheme

Location	Description	Project Cost	Grant Amount	Comment
Puckane Village	Village enhancements	€146,130.00	€116,904.00	50% Completed
Thurles	Production of 10 year integrated renewal strategy for town centre	€87,500.00	€70,000.00	Will progress in 2020
Aglish	Install a footpath with street lighting, linking village, the park and village hall.	€98,000.00	€78,400.00	Completed
Cloughjordan	Extension of local woodland walking trail	€27,000.00	€21,600.00	Somewhat Progressed
Cashel	Public realm improvements	€250,000.00	€200,000.00	Progressing Well
Carrick	Upgrade existing heritage centre	€217,953.00	€174,362.00	50% Completed
Nenagh	Public Realm Improvements	€125,000.00	€100,000.00	Somewhat Progressed
Terry glass	Public Realm Improvements	€190,000.00	€152,000.00	Completed
Total		€1,141,583.00	€913,266.00	

In 2019 the following applications were approved and will progress in 2020.

Location	Description	Project Cost	Grant Amount
Lorrha	Extension to Community Hall	€186,943.50	€149,555.00
Newcastle	Extension to Community Hall	€173,825.00	€139,060.00
Clogheen	Public realm Works to Village	€120,000.00	€96,000.00
Nenagh	Ball Alley Lane, Nenagh	€120,000.00	€96,000.00
Cashel	Cashel Town Centre	€250,000.00	€200,000.00
Total		€850,768.50	€680,615.00

Bold denotes Community led Projects



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2018 Scheme (Measure 2) Approvals works completed in 2019

Promoter	Description	Grant Amount	Status
Gortnahoe Playground Group	Construction of new Community Playground in Gortnahoe	€50,000.00	Complete
Drangan & Cloneen Community Playground Committee	Refurbishment of Drangan & Cloneen Community Playground	€25,200.00	Complete
Cloughjordan NS	Refurbishment of Multi-Use Games Area & Construction of New Community Play Area in Cloughjordan No. 1 National School	€49,500.00	Complete

2019 Approvals

- Measure 2 Playground
- Replacement of a playground in Ballingarry €50,000
- Measure 3C (Mugga's and Sensory Gardens)
- Ballyporeen €51,000 for a sensory garden adjacent to the community hall.
- Ballysloe €51,000 for a sensory garden.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

ORIS Measure 2 approved in 2018
but progressed in 2019

Suir Blueway

Total Grant €156,000 now completed

The development of a viewing area at the Community Sports Hub on the River Suir in Clonmel

Also an access/egress point for canoe's and kayak's at Newcastle.

River Ara Walkway

Total Grant €200,000 still in progress must be completed by 2020 to avail of the funding.

This project is progressing and much of the heavy lifting around consultation etc occurred in 2019 however given interaction with Inland Fisheries Ireland and a requirement to seek planning consent with An Bord Pleanala the project has proven complex.

Circular Walk from Hoare Abbey to the Golden Road

Grant €200,000 in progress but must be completed by the end of 2020.

This project provides a circulatory pedestrian walkway to Hoare Abbey, Cashel from Camas Road and continuing on to the Golden Road. This is initially providing a safe pedestrian linkage from Cashel Town Centre and the Rock of Cashel to Hoare Abbey, along with a new linked circulatory walking route around Cashel town. It will link with the existing walkway on the Circular Road at the base on the Rock of Cashel. The will also link into and enhance the final section of the Tipperary Heritage Way trail.

This is now progressing well and in the final stages, there had been some challenges regarding access etc but these have now been addressed and work is progressing but somewhat hampered by weather conditions.



In 2019 under ORIS the following were approved and will progress through 2020.

Oris Measure 3 Suir Blueway Enhancement Project cost approximately €630,000 and a grant funding amount of €500,000. This provides for work in Clonmel, Carrick and Swiss Cottage to Cahir to create a walkway also in Newcastle a short walk and picnic area.

Oris measure 2 recently approved works to improve amenities at Garrykennedy to improve access and also to refurbish/replace a wooden footbridge.

Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities

The Scheme of Capital Grants has an overall value of approximately €2.1million and it progressed well during the year, although one item of note that did cause some delays was the Sports Capital grant was much later in the year and one of the proviso's of this scheme is that works cannot start until after approval so groups were not in a position to drawdown. We are currently at in excess of 85% Expenditure. This €2.1 million grant scheme allowed groups to deliver almost €6 million worth of projects over the lifetime of the scheme.

In 2019 under ORIS the following were approved

- Oris Measure 3 Suir Blueway Enhancement Project cost approximately €630,000 and a grant funding amount of €500,000.

Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019

Tipperary received funding of €149,690 from the Department of Community and Rural development.

- The CEP is targeted towards enhancing facilities in disadvantaged communities.
- The funding provided to each Local Authority area has been allocated by providing a baseline amount to each area and allocating the remainder based on the relative population and disadvantage level in each area. This methodology uses census figures and the Pobal Hasse deprivation index.

Additional funding of €19,634 has been allocated to Tipperary for the Community Enhancement Programme. **This is ring-fenced for small capital grants for Men's and Women's Sheds.**



Extension to a men's sheds funded under the CEP.





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MS. SINEAD CARR
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES



► HOUSING, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Role

The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Housing and Community and Cultural policy.

The membership is comprised of members of the County Council, representatives from the PPN, Trade Union and Business sectors.

The following Housing related items were considered during 2019:

- Policy on naming of Local Authority Estates
- Review of Tenant Handbook.
- Review of Homeless Services in the County.

Membership

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL:

- **Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan**, Chair,
- **Cllr Shane Lee**,
- **Cllr David Dunne**,
- **Cllr John McGrath**,
- **Cllr Pat English**,
- **Cllr Michael Smith**,
- **Cllr Kieran Bourke**,
- **Cllr Roger Kennedy**,
- **Cllr Noel Coonan**,
- **Cllr Marie Murphy**.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:

- **Ms Moira Merrigan** - Public Participation Network,
- **Ms Helen Butler** - Public Participation Network ,
- **Mr James Byrne** - Public Participation Network,
- **Mr Tom Gallahue**, Development & Construction,
- **Jonathan Gleeson**, Business, Commercial & Tourism.



Housing Need

The social housing need in the county at the end of 2019 was 3473. Of this figure approximately 60% were in receipt of social housing support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment.



Housing Allocations 2019

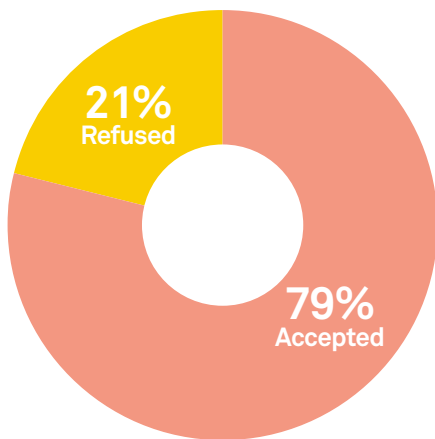
A total of 319 applicants were offered tenancies of Local Authority dwellings in 2019.



In addition, the Council nominated a further 125 applicants to AHB housing during the year.



65 persons refused offers of Local Authority dwellings in 2019 which represents a 21% refusal rate.



Voids Programme

A total of 134 vacant houses had works completed which enabled them to be returned to use in 2019.



The total cost for these works totaled €2,051,119. Housing Section works closely with all Districts to ensure the efficient turnaround of vacant houses to ensure that they are allocated and tenanted in a timely fashion.



Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SLI) / Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Under the above Schemes, the Department of the Housing Planning and Local Government has allocated funding for local authorities to lease residential properties from private landlords. The schemes allow the Council to lease good standard accommodation in the private rental sector on medium to long term contracts. These properties are used to provide accommodation for social housing applicants who are currently unable to provide suitable accommodation from their own resources.

Progress 2019:

	Contracts Procured
RAS including Voluntary RAS units	98
Long Term Leasing including ABH units	112

Housing Assistance Payment

The Housing Assistance Payment scheme (HAP) is a form of social housing support, providing rental assistance for approved housing applicants to secure accommodation in the private rented sector.

Some 410 housing applicants were assisted under the Scheme in the county in 2019. On average 13 housing applicants were assisted per week. There were 1782 active HAP tenancies at the end of 2019.



Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Repair and Leasing Scheme is an action under the Government's Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.

Tipperary County Council commenced operation of the Scheme during 2017. The basis of the Repair and Leasing Scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation, the properties are then leased to the Council/Approved Housing Body and the cost of the works is deducted from lease payments over the agreed lease term.

Tipperary County Council received 82 applications since 2017, the breakdown of which is as follows:-

Position at 31/03/2020	Applications Received
Application Finalised and Lease Agreement Signed	1
Application Finalised and Lease Agreement to be Signed	1
Applications Deemed Unsuited (8 following desktop evaluation & 14 following inspection)	22
Applications Withdrawn	37
Applications Awaiting Inspection	2
Awaiting Documents to Validate Application	5
Inspected, cost estimate to be issued	0
Applications at Quotation Stage	2
Cost estimate issued – no response for over a year	10
Total Applications	82

Buy and Renew

The buy and renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) in the purchase and renewal of vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing.

It is a companion strategy for the Repair & Lease scheme, providing additional social housing options. Buy and Renew can target the purchase of older vacant homes and assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

In 2019 10 properties were purchased as follows:

Purchase Location	No	Current Status
Tipperary Town	3	1 No. - On Site (see photo below)
		2 No. - Contract documents prepared
Templemore	5	5 No. - Pending Contract Award
Cashel	1	1 No. - Docs Prepared Ready for Tender
Nenagh	1	1 No. - Docs Prepared Ready for Tender



14 St Michaels Avenue, Tipperary Town. - Currently undergoing renovation. As part of the works the house will get new Windows and external insulation.

The owners of vacant properties considered suitable for social housing are identified where possible through advertising campaigns, local knowledge and through Land Registry and are contacted by letter and advised of the schemes available. i.e. Buy & Renew and Repair and Lease. Financial Institutions who have an interest in a vacant property would also be contacted. The owners are requested to contact the vacant homes officer to discuss their properties and the benefits of the schemes. Under legislation Local Authorities have powers to Issue Compulsory Purchase Orders and this will be considered where appropriate by Tipperary County Council. An interdepartmental team consisting of members from Planning, Fire and Building Control, Environment and Housing are available to discuss properties with owners. The 9 largest Urban centres as well as the second tier of larger towns where the largest need exists are the focus. A national website maintained by Mayo County Council is available to members of the public to identify vacant properties of concern. This is monitored by Tipperary County Council with properties listed being investigated.



Homelessness 2019

A total of 228 persons presented as Homeless in 2019, with many of these being repeat presentations.

As a result of the numbers presenting as homeless and increased media attention on the issue, a review of the council's service provision was carried out at the beginning of 2019. As a result of this review, the service provision was reconfigured with a key focus on homeless prevention.

Funding for additional resources was secured from the Department which led to the introduction of the following new services:

- HAP Placefinder Service
- 2 number Homeless prevention Officers
- Housing First Model

The aim of the service is to reduce the need for the use of emergency accommodation to meet the needs of those presenting as homeless by using the above services in addition to normal services such as tenancy sustainment services and mediation services.

Central to the provision of homeless services are the Homeless Action Teams (HAT). The Homeless Action Teams are established in each local authority area in the region and have helped to achieve a standardised approach to care and case management in respect of those clients presenting as homeless. Given the geographical size of Tipperary, there are two HAT teams, one situated in Clonmel and the other in Nenagh. The HAT is a multi-disciplined team, which meets fortnightly consisting of representatives from the various relevant service providers for the homeless. The aim of the team is to ensure a holistic solution to the housing needs of the most vulnerable of our clients by providing the required wrap around services.



As a result of the reconfiguration of the service, dependency on emergency accommodation has lessened. The HAP placefinder service has been very successful and has provided accommodation for 54 homeless clients in the private rented sector in 2019. The Housing First Model provided permanent supported accommodation for 4 of our most complex cases who normally would have been street homeless. Homeless clients were also provided with standard council accommodation and many were nominated to and housed by Approved Housing Bodies. In addition the mediation service provided by the Prevention Officers resulted in many clients returning to their family homes.

While much has been achieved in this area there is still work to be done and the overall aim is to end street homelessness and the use of emergency accommodation as a social housing support.



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Housing Rents



5,093

Rent Accounts at 31/12/2019



€52.42

Average Rent for 2019



95%

Collection rate

Tipperary County Council had a total of 5093 Local Authority houses as at 31st December 2019. Rents are calculated in accordance with the Tipperary County Council's Differential Rent Scheme. The average rent in 2019 was €52.42 and the collection rate was 95%

Social Housing Investment Programme - (Ship)

Tipperary County Council has a target of 625 units for delivery in the period 2018-2021. This is comprised of units delivered through Build, Acquisition and Long Term Leasing.

With two years of the four year programme complete we are on target with 459 units delivered to date.(73%) This has been achieved working in conjunction with the Approved Housing Bodies.

There was 342 units of accommodation in the Housing Construction Programme at the end of 2019 and this comprised of sites/developments at 28 different locations between the Local Authority and the Voluntary Housing Bodies. A number of key developments were tendered in the latter part of 2019 allowing for construction works to commence in 2020.

End of Year Position 2019

Delivery Method	Department of Housing Target	Tipperary County Council Delivery
Construction	90	122
Acquisition	37	80
Buy & Renew	-	9
Long Term Leasing	46	34
Total	173	245



Glencoonor Housing Scheme Clonmel Under Construction – 26 units



Ardán, Borrisokane – Turnkey Development of 13 units



Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes

The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability is available to assist in the carrying out of works that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who is a member of the household.

The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme covers three types of grants operated by the Council.

The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability provides for the provision/adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of people with a disability, works include access ramps, stair lifts, level access showers and extensions.

The Mobility Aids Grant is a scheme to address mobility problems and works include level access showers, ramps, grab rails and stair lifts.

The Housing Aid for Older People assists older people in carrying out necessary repair and improvements to their home.

The combined capital allocation, which was notified to this Council in 2019, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings, was €3,632,444 of which €726,488 was to be provided from this Council's own revenue resources. The Council has drawn down its allocation in 2019. A total of 334 projects were completed. Additional funding of €441,900 was sought and received from the Department in 2019. This is included in the above figures.

The Council received a total allocation of €555,556 for Local Authority DPG's in 2019 but got final approval for €567,880. A further 42 projects were completed under this funding.

The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme was reviewed at national level by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government at the end of 2019 which streamlined the application process from three separate application forms to one form for all three housing adaptation grants making the application process more accessible to people. Revised guidelines were also published by the Department to assist with the administration of the changes which come into effect from the 31st January, 2020. The income thresholds and grant amounts remain unchanged.

Energy Efficiency Works Phase 1 (Allocation €3.1m)

Phase 1 energy efficiency works are complete with work to approximately 2000 dwellings complete in the southern districts in the past two years. Phase two tender documentation is being prepared in advance of an anticipated 2020 budget allocation.

The typical works which were carried out included attic and cavity wall insulation, lagging jackets and insulating pipework, wall and roof ventilation with mechanical ventilation to the bathroom and kitchen, together with the fitting of a carbon monoxide detector.



Traveller Accommodation

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024 was approved by Members of Tipperary County Council on the 8th July 2019.

The Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014 – 2018 was extended to June 2019 by Department circular.

The following accommodation has been provided over the life of the previous Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 -2018.

	Standard Housing	Group Housing	Halting Bays	Single Housing	AHB	Leased	Total
2014	11	1	1	2			15
2015	9	1	0	2			12
2016	10	7	0	2			19
2017	10	0	1	2			13
2018	14	1	1	3	1	2	22
2019	9	6	0	0	1	0	16

General

With the reduction in funding for Traveller Specific Accommodation, Tipperary County Council is using the various Social Housing Options available to provide accommodation, including Council owned Housing, Rental Accommodation Scheme and Social Leasing.

Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, occurred on the 29th November 2019. The total number of families was 355.

Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

The Traveller Consultative Committee meets quarterly or as deemed necessary by the members. Membership consists of representatives from the Travelling community, elected members, Council officials and representatives from voluntary and statutory agencies.



Voluntary Housing

Capital Assistance Scheme.

Tipperary County Council acknowledges the progress being made by Approved Housing Associations in the delivery of social housing units at various locations across the County. Thurles Lions Trust has received Stage 3 Approval for the delivery of 19 No. Units at Stanwix Village, Thurles which includes the refurbishment of a protected structure known as Stanwix House at Kickham Street, Thurles. Cluid Housing Association received Stage 3 Approval for the construction of 9 Units at Glenconnor Road, Clonmel and are now in the process of seeking tenders for the construction of the project. Thurles Lions Trust purchased 34 No. turnkey units under the Capital Assistance Scheme for €3 million and these properties are now all tenanted by social housing tenants. The Approved Housing Associations also purchase properties that become available under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme and lease the properties back to the owners over a 30 year period. This prevents the owners of the properties from becoming homeless and allows them to remain living in their own home and their status changes from Borrowers/Owners to Tenants.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility

The Calf Scheme allows the approved Voluntary Housing Associations to purchase existing properties or construct new properties and lease them back to this Council for social Housing. Tuath Housing Association are presently constructing 22 No. units at John Street Carrick-on-Suir which is being funded with an accelerated capital advance loan facility of €1,365,000 which represents 30% of the overall cost of the project. Co-Operative Housing Ireland Society Ltd are purchasing 17 Houses at Ashgrove, Monadreen, Thurles with the aid of a loan of €1,008,150 and these properties are also leased back to this Council for a period of a 26 years. Respond have also purchased 43 turnkey properties at "An Duiche", Tipperary Town with the aid of a loan of €1,722,500 and these properties are again leased back to this Council for social housing tenants.



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Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government announced a new Incremental Purchase Scheme providing for the sale of existing local authority houses to tenants in 2015. All tenants were notified of the Scheme in March 2016.

Tipperary County Council received 39 applications from tenants to purchase their house in 2019.

Formal applications to purchase received during 12 months ended 31 December 2019	39
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued) during 12 months ended 31 December 2019 but sales not completed at that date	23
Sales completed during 12 months ended 31 December 2019	21
Total proceeds of sales received during 12 months ended 31 December 2019	€932,155

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers. It is available nationwide from all local authorities from 1st February 2018. A first time buyer can apply for a Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan to purchase a new or second-hand property, or to build your own home. You can borrow up to 90% of the market value of the property.

Maximum market values of the property that can be purchased or self-built in Tipperary is €250,000. In 2019 a total of 168 applications were received by Tipperary County Council.

Number of Applications Received	168
Valid	66
Approved	40
Number of loans issued	32
Total value of loans issued	€3,183,331



Estate Management

Tipperary County Council continues to promote estate management initiatives and awarded amenity grants to Resident Associations under this Council's 2019 Estate Management Budget.

This funding aims to enhance and develop the physical appearance of our Local Authority estates.

Training in the form of educational excursions and up skilling workshops are provided and help encourage ongoing participation from residents.

The Council's seven Community Liaison Officers work to address anti-social behaviour, providing pre tenant training, also developing further training initiatives and continuing the second chance programme, involving inter-agency support and community and youth projects.

They work closely with a number of organisations such as An Garda Siobhan, HSE, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, local Community and Family Resource Centres and others to improve the quality of life for all residents and tenants in Tipperary



Members of Tipperary Resident's Network (TRN) attend a Christmas Wreath workshop in Joe's Garden Centre.



Tipperary Resident's Network enjoying Christmas cookery at Carrowclough Community House. Thanks to Veronica Crowe & Carmel Philips from ETB for facilitating this workshop.



Resident Committees enjoying the Annual Excursion to Lough Derg on the 12th June 2019.

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

The Housing Authority is continuing to implement and effect enforcement of standards within the private rented sector.

During the year a total of 1049 inspections were carried out.

Where necessary, letters issued to owners of property identifying items to be addressed and further follow up action is being taken to ensure compliance with the standards.

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

► TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2019

In accordance with Local Government Act 2001 (128B) (1) (i)

Introduction

Over the last 5 years the Co Tipperary LCDC has been established as an effective committee, providing good opportunities for oversight and targeting resources.

The relationships with the PPN and the Local Development Companies are very strong and networking opportunities provided through the LCDC are valued immensely.

The LCDC continues to draw on the expertise and experience of public and private stakeholders within the local authority area to provide effective and efficient services to citizens and communities, and particularly those most in need of those services.

Tipperary LCDC held 11 meetings during 2019 - The LCDC does not meet in August. An LCDC workshop was also held in November.

There was significant change in the membership of the LCDC during 2019; five new members joined the Tipperary LCDC.

- Following the Local Election in May 2019, Cllr Declan Burgess replace Mary Hanna Hourigan on the LCDC, Cllr John Carroll and Joe Hannigan were re-nominated to the LCDC
- Bernadette Cullen replaced Eileen Condon as the ETB representative
- Anthony Fitzgerald replaced Rita Guinan as the Local Enterprise Officer Representative
- Cora Horgan was nominated to the LCDC to replace Clare Cashman
- Ann Ryan replaced Maria Bridgeman as the HSE representative

All the members of the Tipperary LCDC have been ratified by Tipperary County Council.

There are four subgroups of the LCDC including the Social Inclusion subgroup, the Sustainable Communities subgroup, Finance and Audit subgroup and the Age, Health and Wellbeing subgroup

Presentations

A number of presentations and inputs were provided to the LCDC in 2019 including presentations from

- The SICAP programme Managers on 2019 Focus of the programme (Deirdre Cahir and Phil Shanahan)
- Sustainable Tipperary - Energy & Climate Change - Marion O'Neill, SEO., Environment and Climate Action Section, TCC)
- Healthy Ireland - Conclusion of Round 2 and summary of outcomes
- Healthy Ireland Round 3 Funding (Dan Downey Tipperary County Council)

 *Tipperary LCDC held 11 meetings during 2019*



Submissions

A submission was made to the to the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy consultation process

Tipperary LCDC Membership 2019

Name	Organisation Represented	Sector
Cllr. John Carroll	Tipperary County Council	Public
Martin Quinn	Tipperary PPN	Private
Pat Slattery (Chief Officer)	Tipperary County Council	Public
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	Tipperary County Council	Public
Cllr. Declan Burgess	Tipperary County Council	Public
Karl Cashen	Tipperary County Council	Public
Adrian Cuneen	Department Of Social Protection	Public
Donal Mullane	Teagasc	Public
Anne Ryan	HSE	Public
Bernadette Cullen	Tipperary ETB	Public
Michael Murray	North Tipperary Development Company	Private
Isabel Cambie	South Tipperary Development Company	Private
Anthony Fitzgerald	Tipperary LEO	Public
Imelda Walsh	IFA	Private
Cora Horgan	Tipperary PPN	Private
John Lupton	Tipperary PPN	Private
Sean O'Farrell	Tipperary PPN	Private
Eoin Wolohan	Tipperary PPN	Private
John O'Shaughnessy	Tipperary PPN	Private
Charles Stanley Smith	Tipperary PPN	Private

LCDC Workshop -November 2019

During 2019, the LCDC members agreed to undertake a review of the LCDCs vision and operations.

A facilitated workshop was organised and took place on 18th November. The workshop which was facilitated by Dr Harrier Emersion provided members with the space to give their opinions on how the LCDC had progressed, to highlight areas that could be improved and to suggest new ways of operating during 2020.

Key recommendations from the workshop included.

- Proposed sites visits a year across the programme areas (RDP/SICAP & Healthy Ireland)
- More space for SICAP at the meeting- qualitative report on work carried out by CEO/Project workers and testimonials by local Community Groups and Individuals (Social Inclusion subgroup)
- Expanding on strategic themes and issues-Identify other avenues or potential work to bring to the county –It was agreed that this task be given to the Sustainable Communities Subgroup to progress
- Increased role for LCDC in Town & Village Renewal Scheme, to progress community plans
- Induction process to be introduced for new members
- “toolbox talk” for new members (one to one) by experienced members
- IEC process/procedures to be provided for LCDC members
- Incorporation of PPN Community wellbeing process
- Increase Public awareness of the LCDC process-through contract signings/social media/publicity
- Need for animators; complex issues require expertise to help communities – build into next RDP process – (especially in relation to supporting projects relating to Climate change Biodiversity loss and the local economy. In order to have these project brought to the table, they need an enabler to work with groups)
- LCDC to establish national policy influence and proactively input into development of new programme guidelines



Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The LECP 2019 Community and Economic Annual Plans were implemented during the year.

The plans were reviewed by Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan advisory group at both mid-year and year-end, with lead agencies being asked to submit progress on actions. The LECP is the strategy which provides a framework for all activities under the Community and Economic Development Directorate.

Key Economic actions from the LECP for 2019 were:

- Masterplan and prospectus for Ballingarrane (now completed)
- Lisheen AgriChemWhey project - final grant of planning received June 2019
- Tipperary Food Producers - new website launched www.tipperaryfoodproducers.ie and 2019 actions implemented.
- Supporting economic development throughout the county - Town & Village Renewal Scheme, LEADER etc.
- Tipperary Town Revitalisation Process / REDF funding received for an Enterprise Hub at Tipperary Town Technology Park.
- Continued work with Thurles Town Centre Forum. Town brand and website www.thurles.ie is complete.

Sectoral & Enterprise Support -

- Continuation of Promotional Plan to market the county (www.tipperary.ie) now managed in-house through our IT department)
- TETB held an Employers event in June 2019 in Archerstown
- Online Commercial Property Portal developed for the County highlighting all available commercial property space.
- Implementation of S.E.A.P. Actions
- Tipperary Tourism – Website re-development completed and launched January 2020. Destination town development, marketing, product development, and trade networking
- Munster Vales – Marketing Officer recruited, marketing actions ongoing
- Lough Derg – Strategy completed. Taste of Lough Derg aligned with Failte Ireland, Taste the Island.
- Suir Blueway Tipperary launched and marketed across national platforms



Local Economic and Community Plan

- The LECP Advisory board oversees and coordinates the Community Action Plan of the Local Economic and Community Plan and the Economic SPC and provides a monitoring role in relation to the Economic Actions.
- The LECP continues to be implemented by the LCDC and lead agencies. Economic and Community Action Plans for 2019 were agreed by the LECP Advisory group, the LCDC, and the Economic SPC. The plan and annual review for 2018 was presented to Tipperary County Council in February 2019. A mid-year and end of year progress report was presented to the LECP Advisory Group in June 2019 and January 2020.



Key Achievements from the LECP Community Action Plan 2019

Family Support Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Arch FRC Nenagh had its official launch on 2nd May 2019. • The PP&FS programme continues to take child welfare cases in which agencies work together with families to address issues. • An extra family support worker post has been allocated by Túsla to Three Drives Family Resource Centre in Tipperary town.
Support initiatives for young people in relation to Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of March 2019, there was an announcement that a Jigsaw Youth Mental Health project would be established in Co. Tipperary in early 2020. • The Commissioning Strategies have been developed • NTDC- Roscrea Youth Service in collaboration with TCC – Delivery of general counseling service in Roscrea for teens within the Eisteacht Project – supporting general wellness in the community through step up and step down programmes with a wellness worker.
Age Friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2020 was adopted at the Tipperary December 2018 Plenary council meeting. The strategy is based on the 8 World Health Organisation themes • 25 Actions within the strategy and 8 actions have commenced to date • Launch of cultural companions in May 2019. Cultural Companions is an Age and Opportunity Initiative designed to link older people interested in arts and culture through a network so that they can attend events together as a group.
Community & Civic Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the development and expansion of the PPN to facilitate greater engagement by civic society as a nominating body and a consultative forum. • 869 PPN Members groups • 12 Consultations sent to PPN members via newsletter • PPN representation on 19 Boards/committees and the PPN secretariat • 3 wellbeing workshops in 2019
Tackling Youth Unemployment,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWI Tipperary Ability Programme commenced – providing supports to 20 young people with additional needs to link into employment • Tipperary Youth Employment Initiative has been successful for Tipperary Town – commenced May 2019 and has provided support for 14 young people with high needs in Tipperary Town. • YWI Tipperary TAR Diversion Project- Work to Learn programme commenced – targeting 4 young people in Tipperary town
Effective management of play and recreation play infrastructure in the county.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two playgrounds signed up to the playground agreement and 7 playgrounds have approached C&E regarding this agreement.
Farm opportunities in the energy sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy in Agriculture -August 2019, will be held again in July 2020. Two ICOSA workshops were held, covering renewable energy opportunities for cattle farmers.
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new JPC was formed and an induction took place in June 2019. • A property marking machine was launched for the Carrick-on-Suir MD and a grant was provided for another to cover Nenagh Municipal District. • Commissioner met with the JPC in November 2019 in relation to the operational restructuring of An Gardaí • The Garda National Drugs Unit and the National Family Support Network, have developed ‘the Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme’ to respond to the needs of drug users and family members experiencing drug related intimidation. <hr/>



Local Development Strategy/LEADER Programme:

2019 was the third full year of the RDP rollout in Co Tipperary. Under the Tourism theme, the LDS aimed to support activity and heritage tourism, together with strategic marketing.

The IPs supported 11 Projects with an approximate value €519,500 Including innovative social tourism projects for example Loughmore tearooms, Cloughjordan community cafe .The LAG supported three integrated marketing campaigns via the Tipperary Tourism Company and Munster Vales, as well as Lough Derg collective marketing in cooperation between the LDC's and County Councils around the Lake. The LAG also supported the development of a new visitor experience designed for families in New Inn.

Broadband

The LAG has approved 2 projects in this area under the targeted call, one is at final approval with a value of €12,000 another is at provisional approval stage(approximately €24,000) One of the projects is to support the provision of equipment to 9 community Broadband Connection points, thus ensuring the maximum effectiveness of that early output of the National Broadband Plan. Both projects are County Wide.

Basic Services for hard to Reach Communities in 2019 a total of 9 projects with a value of €838,000 were approved during 2019. Including Roscrea Community Hall redevelopment/ refurbishment.

Rural Youth had a total of 7 projects with a value of €236,000 received final approval in 2019.

Under the Rural Environment there were 2 Biodiversity projects with a value of €27,000, 2 Water projects with a value of €36,5000 and 4 Energy projects with a value of €293,500 most notably the retrofitting of an 18th century listed building (The Clonmel Scout Hall).

Finally the LAG was one of the top 10 LAGS in the country and was awarded a further €500k in budget. This will be allocated to projects in 2020.

Enterprise development

8 Enterprise Development projects with a value of €174,000 across the County were supported under this sub-theme including the rebranding and promotion of a traditional woollen mill that is a family owned and run Industry

Rural Towns

6 projects with a value of €209,500 were supported under the Rural Towns sub-theme in 2019 including the Holy Cross Walk lights(see Case Study)

Cooperation Projects

The development of the Nore Vision Project co-operation project with Kilkenny & Laois Leader partnerships is aimed at improving biodiversity, water quality and other parameters reached its final stages in 2019. We look forward to implementation in 2020.

Kilaloe Sailing Club Limited has stage 10 approval this is a cooperation project between Clare Local Development Company and North Tipperary Development Company.

The initial project is planned to fund a rafted based, raised platform (to take account of site flooding) on which will be sited the new male/female changing block with shower and toilet areas, raised walkways with both steps and ramps (for disabled access). Subsequent phases of development would see changing rooms fit out, build a common room and create a covered training area and completion of services Installation.

The Regional Community Shops project with Kilkenny and Laois culminated in the launch of a toolkit for current and prospective community shop managers in 2019.

Our independent evaluation committees met 11 times during 2019 for rolling calls and once for a targeted call. Their recommendations are brought forward to the LAG for final decision.



Cashel Playground that opened in September 2019 received LEADER Funding of 150,000



Healthy Ireland Tipperary 2019

Healthy Ireland Round 2 funding which was a joint application by Tipperary LCDC and CYPSC was completed on June 2019 with 11 actions supported at a cost of €119,200.

Both organisations have submitted a joint application for Round 3 proposal to have 12 actions over two years with a particular emphasis on Community Mental Health. Funding of €374,100 has been applied for. Within this there is an opportunity for local, community and voluntary groups to apply for funding up to €5,000 with €30,000 being available to administer in this fund. Applications will be available in 2020.



Supporting Community Garden at Carrick on Suir Library, collaboration also with Municipal District and CBS in Carrick.

Key Priorities for the LCDC for 2020

- Implementation of the LECP 2020
- Review of the LCDC Subgroups and reporting structures
- Focus on increased synergies and collaboration across the LCDC programmes
- Onsite visits to LCDC approved projects across the programme groups
- Increase awareness and engagement with the SICAP 2018-22 Programme
- Focus on Climate Change and Environmental awareness
- Under the LEADER Programme particular emphasis to be placed on increased take-up of support under Broadband provision to include a targeted call.
- Rollout of the Age Friendly Programme
- Implementation of Healthy Ireland Plan which will inform the project selection for the 2020 Healthy Ireland Scheme.
- Commencement of new LECP subject to Departmental Guidance



Sign of the Times

Sign of the times is an awareness project around ensuring official recognition for and the promotion of Irish Sign Language and encouraging the broader community to Give it a Go, Help it Grow and learn a little sign language every day.

The primary partners are HSE Disability Gold Star, Tipperary County Council, members of the Deaf community and Gold Star volunteers. Supporting partners include Chime, Trinity Centre for Deaf Studies, Tipperary ETB, Abbey Secondary School, St Anne's Secondary School and St Ailbe's Secondary School Tipperary Town

An integral component of the project to date has been the development of a series of videos produced by transition year students of Abbey CBS in Tipperary. These videos encourage viewers to learn the basics of how to communicate with members of the Deaf community. A link to the training videos is available on www.tipperarycoco.ie. These videos will form the basis for a training tool which will be available for front line staff across organisations.

In November the project won the Eirgrid Sponsored Disability provision category in the Annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.



Other elements of the project in 2019 included a deputation from Abbey CBS, HSE & Tipperary County Council meeting with Minister of State Finian McGrath in relation to mainstreaming ISL within the junior cycle in secondary schools.

The 3 secondary schools and a group of older adults participated in an intergenerational choir where the participants learnt ISL and performed at a christmas event in Tipperary.

An intergenerational project is ongoing in Tankerstown Primary School where grand parents and primary school children and learning ISL through the medium of art.

Plans to promote ISL and knoweldge of Sign of the Times will continue in 2020 with intergenerational projects, signed story telling opportunities in the library and funding submissions to develop an ISL app which would be freely availalbe as an educational tool across all sectors of society.

Playground policy

Funding was received under the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) Capital Grant Scheme for Play and Recreation 2019

The funding is used for the upgrade at Three Drives MUGA in Tipperary Town.

Municipal Districts are carrying out weekly inspections of playgrounds.

There are now three playgrounds that are part of maintenance agreement, it is covered by our insurance and is ready to be inspected by the relevant MD. One more has liaised and will be added shortly.

The current policy will be reviewed in 2020.

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Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

Following the Local Authority Elections in May 2019, a new Joint Policing Committee was formed with Councillors being nominated from the Tipperary County Council at their June meeting. On the 28th of June 2019, an induction to JPC regulations for new council members took place.

The Chief Superintendent Catherine Keogh retired from the force in April 2019, she was replaced by Chief Superintendent Derek Smart who attended the meeting of the newly formed Joint Policing Committee in September.



Final meeting of the 2014-2020 JPC (March 2019)



Key achievements for 2019 include:

- At the September meeting a new committee was formed, Cllr Noel Coonan elected Chair and Cllr Mark Fitzgerald Vice Chair.
- Clarity was sought in relation to the role of the Local Authority as Data Controllers in relation to CCTV systems this has now been provided.
- Tipperary County Council purchased a property marking machine for use by community within the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District as a pilot and have supported Newport Community Text Alert Committee to purchase a property market machine for use within Nenagh Municipal District.
- Municipal District Safety Committees meetings took place in each of the MD areas. These allowed for discussion in relation to operational safety issues in camera while general feedback/progress from the meetings fed into the JPC on a quarterly basis.
- Presentations in relation to the review of levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Co Tipperary were provided at all the JPC meetings and clarity in relation to key Garda Operations and policies were provided across a range of areas.
- Local Link provides a nationwide bus service in rural areas around Ireland it was established to address rural social exclusion. Anthony Moroney presented on Local Link Tipperary. He gave some background to the local retendering process and national structures.
- Tipperary County Council staff updated the JPC on Halloween initiatives.
- The Edge Garda Youth Diversion Project in Carrick-on-Suir presented to the JPC on the “Be Sober Be Safe” pilot being rolled out to Junior Certificate students. It aims to reduce the consumption of alcohol on the night of the Junior Certificate Results. The programme has been drawn up with the help of a focus group of older teenagers. These teenagers visit schools in the town and speak with the students about the risks of drinking on results night.
- In November Garda Commissioner Drew Harris presented the Garda Restructuring Model and New Divisional Boundary to the JPC. JPC members asked the Commissioner to justify the relocation of the Division Headquarters to Ennis
- Pat Walsh the CEO of Komeer, a private company providing a community alert system, gave a presentation to the Committee on the benefits of their system.



Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme



Clár Gníomhachtúcháin Pobail agus Cuimsiú Sóisialta.

2019 was the second year of Implementation for the SICAP Programme 2018 -2022. The Programme Implementation costs were €1,173,386.00 over the year (between North Tipperary Development Company and South Tipperary Development Company).

The key objectives of the Programme are to support marginalised individuals and target groups back to work and employment as well as support to community groups.

The targets of 538 per programme implementers were met as were the targets to support to Local Community groups. The emerging need areas in 2019 were Mullinahone and areas of Cashel areas as well as the Newport area.

The Local Development Companies carried out case studies in 2019 with North Tipperary Developing company focusing on the First Step Car Mechanics Programme in Newport which is a FETAC 4 level certified model.

South Tipperary Development Company showcased their Time for Change Programme which was a programme delivered through Nutshell Training and Education Service to) to 12 SICAP beneficiaries.

The purpose of the programme was to work with individuals over a period of 6 weeks in a group setting to support them to develop their capacity to manage their personal wellbeing and development.

Mental Health

The Connecting for Life Committees of the Mid West and South Tipperary continue to meet and progress actions as identified in their workplans. The committees are led by the Regional Suicide Resource Office and Tipperary County Council are members of the partnership.

The announcement of the Jigsaw National Centre for Youth Mental Health service for youth mental health was widely welcomed by all of the communities across the county in 2019. Jigsaw's mission is to advance the mental health of young people in Ireland by influencing change, strengthening communities and delivering services through an evidence-informed, early intervention approach. The Headquarters will be based in Thurles with services delivered across the county using a hub and spoke model.

A successful Mental Health Festival was organised by South Tipperary Area Network and held in October to mark World Mental Health day. The festival was supported by the HSE and Tipperary County Council.



Pride of Place



ipb pride of place 2019

Tipperary County Council had two entrants for the Pride of Place awards in 2019, Soloheadbeg Parish Centenary Committee of Soloheadbeg 1919 in the Creative Place Category and Fethard Horse County Experience in the Community Tourism Category.

The Soloheadbeg Committee were runner's up in their Category. The awards were held in Lyrath Hotel in Kilkenny. Both groups were delighted to be nominated and enjoyed the experience.



Fethard Horse County Experience Committee at Pride of Place Awards 2019



Soloheadbeg Parish Centenary Committee of Soloheadbeg 1919 (runners up in Pride of Place Creative Place Category)

Disability Awareness

With regard to the Disability Action Plan consultation workshops were held in the 5 Municipal Districts in 2019 whilst submissions were also received separately for inclusion in the plan. The plan is currently being written up and will be available early 2020.

Play Day and Recreation Week 2019

Tipperary County Council received increased funding of €3,000 for Play Day and Recreation Week which has been combined into one event; National Play and Recreation Event.

11 groups received funding to host events. Events were held during the week of June 17th – June 23rd. The theme for this year is Back to Basics. Nenagh Kairali was funded under this scheme for a fun day including cricket coaching.

Tipperary Town Heritage Group created an Old Pastimes and New event which provided outdoor games such as Skittles, donkey, handball, stuck in the mud, British Bulldog, tennis, badminton, football, ring toss, skipping and indoor games for example Card games, chess, draughts, play dough and clay, art, painting and collage, story time (Terrible tales). 50 children and young adults attended the event in Dalton Heritage House.



Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg is the child and youth council which gives young people a voice on the development of local policies and services in Tipperary.



Members of Comhairle na nÓg elected for 2020.

They are the recognised national structure for participation by children and young people in decision-making in all 31 local authorities.

Comhairle na nÓg carries out its functions in two ways: working on key topics of importance to young people and acting as a consultative forum for adult decision-makers in the local authority area. The members of Comhairle na nÓg are elected at the AGM and are responsible for carrying out the work plan for the year.

Nenagh CNN designed a poster designed a poster on positive relationship habits for Teens which was launched at AGM2019, they linked with Women's Aid and Ascend in Nenagh.

Clonmel CNN held a awareness raising event on Friday 25th of October promoting information of LGBTQ support groups and research done for Tipperary.

The Tipp/ Cashel/Cahir produced a Booklet on Gender Equality with facts and support numbers – personal reflections on careers.

The Templemore / Thurles / Roscrea CNN in early November held an event to promote positive mental health and self care.

The new members met in December to decide on the project themes for 2020 including Alcohol and Drug use and Climate Change.

The members of Comhairle na nÓg are elected at the AGM and are responsible for carrying out the work plan for the year. The AGM was held in November and was a huge success, with participant numbers reaching up to 115 from secondary schools and youth groups throughout Tipperary. There was a varied programme for all participants at the AGM ranging from workshops, a talk from Jigsaw Mental Health Service. A input from the Teach me as I am campaign.

A highlight was presentations by former CNN members that are current Councillors for Tipperary.

On November 23rd delegates travelled to Dáil Éireann for Dail na nÓg 2019 to commemorate the 100 years of Dáil Éireann.



Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly held public meetings across the county in June 2019 building awareness of Age Friendly ethos and objectives.

Tipperary also participated in a Regional Positive Ageing initiative in November 2019 where projects across the 5 counties in the south east where showcased as best practice.



Las Muchas represented Tipperary at the National Age Friendly awards on 14th November 2019 in the Age Friendly Active and Healthy Ageing Award.

On 5th of December 2019 Tipperary Age Friendly held its first Age Friendly EXPO in Sarsfield Center in Thurles. The event provided the opportunity to learn more about Tipperary Age Friendly and the formation of Tipperary Older Peoples Council (OPC). Over 50 exhibitors participated providing information relating to positive ageing within the county. The first OPC meeting was held in February 2020.

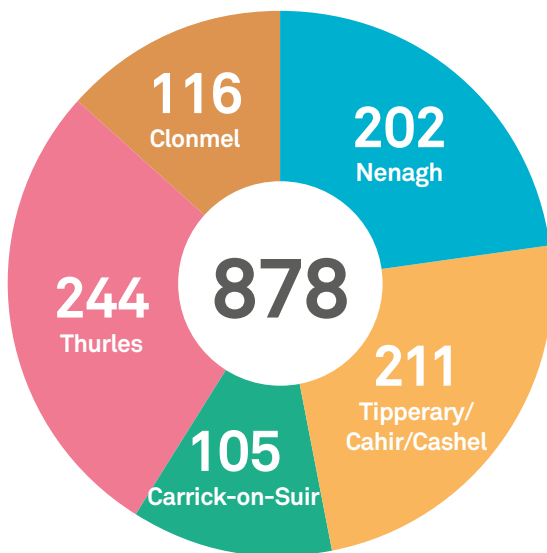


► TIPPERARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (TPPN)



Tipperary PPN asked all members to re-register (based on PPN guidelines) in 2019. This process was to ensure groups were still active. At the 31st December 2019 there were 878 members 747 community and voluntary, 107 Social Inclusion and 24 Environmental groups across the county.

Registered groups by MD grouping 2019



Record Count

Information sharing:

Tipperary PPN provides monthly newsletters to each of its members outlining opportunities for grants/funding, training and capacity building opportunities, representation calls and public consultations notices. In 2019 we sent 13 newsletters and 8 consultations.

Tipperary PPN held 2 Plenary (full member events/AGM) in 2019. The April Plenary was held in Loughmore with a theme and focus on Representation and Strategic Policy Committees. The December was run in conjunction with an all-County Age friendly event in Thurles Sarsfield centre. The plenary conducts the formal business of Tipperary PPN in terms of reporting on financial affairs, ratifications of nominees, adoption of work plan and an opportunity for members to attend and engage with the staff and secretariat.

Representation:

Tipperary PPN have 61 Rep positions at present with 47 Reps seats currently filled, on 19 Boards and committees across the County representing the Community and Voluntary sector, Social Inclusion and Environmental colleges. The reps provide a two-way link between the Boards/Committee and the community groups/PPN members on the ground. The reps provide information back to the members on the activity of that committee and can feed up information to the Boards/committees from the ground/community groups.

Training:

Tipperary PPN arranged training in the following:

- Charities Governance Code training in South Tipp 19 in attendance and north 21 in attendance 18 attendee's
- Mindfulness training in South Tipp 2 block sessions 25 attendees in total (10 weeks prog for each)
- Mindfulness training in 2 block sessions North Tipp 45 attendees. (10 weeks prog for each)
- Interface training in collaboration with the LA 75 attendee's
- Committee skills, Thurles, 17 attendees
- 13 Participants (commenced in May 2019) BA Business, Enterprise and Community Development part funded by TVC & PPN
- NALA training 6 attendee's
- Communication and advocacy skills 8 in attendee's
- Secretariat teambuilding in August and December.
- Rep training held in Nov 2019



Wellbeing Statement/County Vision:

3 MD public consultation community meetings took place in 2019 and 2 remaining for 2020.

Draft visions for the 3 MD's have been drawn up and disseminated to PPN members in each MD for review.

Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD (held in Kilfeacle) on the 29th May, 38 in attendance

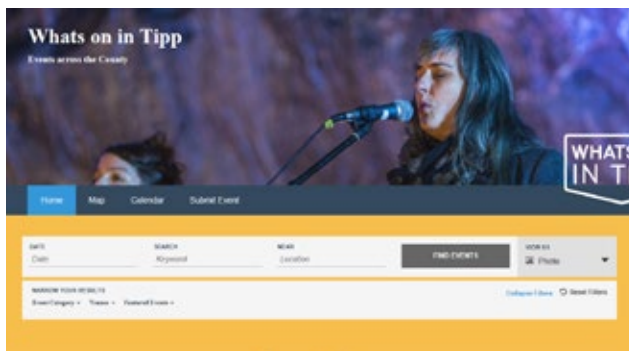
Thurles MD (held in Borrisoleigh) September the 25th, 33 in attendance

Carrick MD (held in Mullinahone) October 22nd, 39 in attendance

LA, TVC, NTDC & STDC provided staff to support the facilitation process at each MD meeting.

Details of wellbeing statements can be seen on www.tipperaryppn.com the wellbeing vision to date has been incorporated into the Tipperary Corporate Plan 2019-2024. The full County vision and each MD vision will be launched on the 4th June 2020.

What's on in Tipp



<http://events.whatsonintipp.ie> is a website provided by Tipperary County Council to promote activities, events across the county. Community Groups, Local Business can promote activities and events across the county and this will become a tool for all across the county to increase awareness of the fantastic amenities and activities across the county.

Tipperary Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC)



The membership of the Children and Young People Services Committee (CYPSC) is composed of representatives of major statutory service providers, from childcare, family support, school & youth services sectors, as well from Local Development Companies.

The Children and Young People's Plan is the blueprint for Tipperary CYPSC in implementing a range of actions for Youth Mental Wellbeing, Parental Support, Healthy Eating and Physical Activity and this was launched in 2019.



The Needs analysis of LGBT* Youth report was launched by Lisa McGrath, Youthwork Ireland Tipperary. It represents the views of young people in County Tipperary who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or other sexual identity. The report highlights the importance of the existing supports for the young people and for the adults working in their support services.

The CYPSC Plan reflect how the integrated service provision for children within the county will work in line with the key National outcomes : active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing; achieving full potential in learning and development; safe and protected from harm; economic security and opportunity; and connected, respected and contributing to their world. The key principle of the plan is inter-agency collaboration and the support of common objectives, such as the Healthy Tipperary Strategy.



Strategic Projects Unit (SPU)

The Unit is involved with maximising access to European and other funding streams to assist the Council to deliver on its objectives and plans. The unit

- Project manages the implementation of 5 EU co-funded projects in which TCC is a partner (see below table)
- Sources and identifies Calls for Proposals of relevance to TCC;
- Liaises with sections of TCC to identify areas suitable for inclusion in Calls for Proposals;
- Works on behalf of TCC to develop and pursue project applications in collaboration with relevant external agencies, e.g. TEA, I.T.'s, YWI Tipperary, LEOs, Fáilte Ireland, Chambers, etc;
- Co-ordinates the preparation & submission of project bids for EU & Exchequer funding;
- Acts as an information source for TCC members and staff on EU project-related matters.

Project Name	Funding Programme	Objective of Project
Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions (SWARE)	INTERREG EUROPE	Aims to achieve a better balance between protection and sustainable exploitation of natural and cultural waterway resources through improving development programmes/policies of partner regions
Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets (SUPER)	INTERREG EUROPE	Aims to improve SME uptake of environmentally sustainable innovations into their business through improving the development programmes and policies of partner regions
RURAL SMEs	INTERREG EUROPE	Improve policies of partner regions to develop entrepreneurship and the creation & internationalization of innovative SMEs in rural areas
Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Fragile Communities in Europe (INTERFACE)	ERASMUS+	Aims to develop & pilot test a training programme, through community workshops and training of community coaches, for fragile communities which face ongoing demographic, economic and social challenges
Catalyst	Ireland Wales	capitalise on applied R&D expertise amongst project partners in areas of product & service design, communications technology and materials development; targeting the sectors of Food & Drink and Life Sciences.





SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



In 2019, the Sports Partnership has delivered over 80 individual programmes or initiatives with over 11,400 participants. In addition the Sports Partnership has been successful in sourcing in excess of €560,000 in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2019 include:

- The implementation of TSP Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for Tipperary continued in delivering on the key objectives and action to develop sport for all in our Community at all stages of life.
- TSP further expanded its marketing tools with the development of an Instagram site for social media and the purchase of branding items such as hash tag signs. The Sports Partnership continued to actively promote and market all its programmes and events, via Facebook, Twitter and on www.tipperarysports.ie along with relevant Press Releases sent to the local media. TSP continued to promote TCC through its activities and programmes throughout the year.
- Walking was to the fore with 5 Operation Transformation Walks in January, with 877 participants in Clonmel, Cahir, Templemore, Nenagh & Tipperary Town. In addition, TSP hired Suil Eile to deliver four 8 week walking programmes which included walks in Littleton, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary Town and Garry Kennedy/Portroe. These programmes were a huge success within the communities with 86 walkers participating in total, following the programmes each community set up their own walking group, attended leadership training and continue to walk on a weekly basis.



Final walk of the MBL Transformation Walking Programme in Littleton

- The promotion of women in sport was highlighted through the #20x20 national campaign. In Tipperary, the tenth Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held in Clonmel on 29th September with 800 females. 3 'Swimmin Women' programmes were delivered in Clonmel, Thurles and Roscrea with 44 females improving their swimming technique. In conjunction with the Tipperary Knights, 220 teenage girls took part in the Hoops for Girls programme. TSP also supported the FAI's second annual Female Recreation Futsal league for females aged 16+ over 5 weeks, 35 girls participating.



- A number of programmes targeting young people were facilitated and supported - Sports Hall Athletics Programme was delivered to 10 schools in North Tipperary; Primary School Athletics Events were supported which saw over 1,400 pupils participate. Sports Leader programmes were facilitated 4 Secondary Schools in Borrisokane, Newport, Killenaule and Nenagh with 102 students. 4 'Get Going Get Rowing' programmes were facilitated with 61 primary school pupils and 101 Secondary School pupils taking part in the programme.



Participants at the Get Going Get Rowing programme in Clonmel

- In conjunction with Tipperary Childcare, TSP delivered the Buntús Start programme to 10 childcare services. The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme continued with 650 toddlers from 24 Pre-School services taking part supported by Healthy Ireland & HSE. In addition to the programme, during Bikeweek, 2 Balance Bike Blitz Events were held with 157 preschool pupils enjoying bike activities.



Preschool children in action on the Wibbly Wobbly Programme

- TSP and Tipperary County Council supported the Cycling Ireland Cycle Right programme in 26 schools with 842 primary school children benefitting from the programme. 15 Schools were provided with information to support their active school flag initiatives.

- In 2019, through TSP Urban Adventure programme, a 'Ready to Go' orienteering training was held with the Irish Orienteering Association for school teachers. A Schools Orienteering event in Templemore was also supported. TSP and Irish Orienteering Association mapped 8 locations across the County for Orienteering (Cahir, Clonmel x 2, Carrick on Suir, Fethard, Templemore & Thurles x 2)
- A new 10 week urban beginner's hill walking programme 'Headin' for the Hills' was delivered in Clonmel and this culminated with a walk up Slievenamon. 16 participants took part in the programme.
- A new outdoor learning programme 'Sli Nadur' was developed by TSP and Wild Places and piloted with the Sisters of Charity Primary School over 6 weeks with 40 pupils taking part. A taster day was also facilitated with St.Olivers N.S with 36 participants. There has been a hugely positive expression of interest from more schools. Teachers have commented how the programme links in many ways to the Irish primary school curriculum.



Primary School Children participating in the Sli Nadur Programme

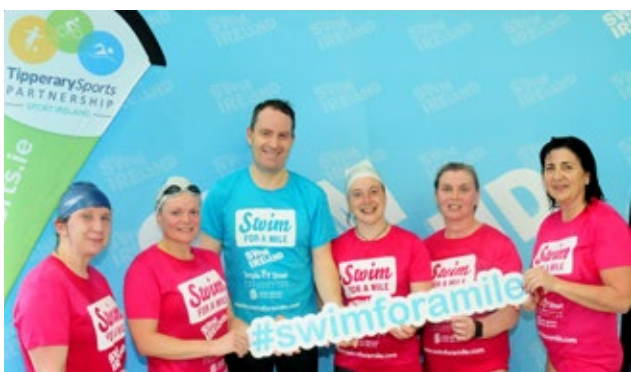
- Numerous activities were facilitated for older adults, which included the annual Go for Life Festival, 5 Go for Life Workshops, Go for Life Games, CarePALs Workshops and Walking Football. A new activity 'Activator Walking' also introduced to groups from across the County.



Participants taking part in Balloon Tennis at the GFL Festival



- Bike Week took place the week of the 22nd to 30th June with a total of 34 events supported across the County which included Family Cycles, Information evenings, Bike Maintenance & Sport Activities with support from communities in the County. Over 1,000 participants took to the roads in Cashel, Carrick-on-Suir, Clogheen, Cloughjordan, Clonmel, Fethard, Kilsheelan, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore and Tipperary Town as part of these events. Also as part of Bike Week a Street Velodrome came to Clonmel. This pop up event which turned Suir Island Car Park into a heart-pounding theatre of cycling action, brought all the excitement and drama of Olympic style track pursuit racing right into the heart of the community.
- A Kids' Cycle League was held in Clonmel in conjunction with Clonmel Cycling Club in April for young people between 6 to 14 years of age. 42 children took part over a four week period. 2 Cyclocross Events were supported in Clonmel & Upperchurch with a total of 264 participants taking part.
- One of the highlights for the Sports Partnership was the delivery of 5 Swim for A Mile training programmes in Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Nenagh, Thurles and Tipperary Town with 73 participants. Following on from the programmes 2 Swim for a Mile events were held in Thurles Leisure Centre and Clonmel Swimming Pool on 13th April with 78 participants swimming a mile (64 lengths). Funded by Healthy Ireland & Sport Ireland.



Swim for a mile participants at the event in Thurles Leisure Centre in April

- Child Welfare, Club Children Officers and Designated Officer workshops continued with 256 volunteers receiving training.
- 29 sports grants totaling €11,954 was distributed to sports clubs in the form of Coaching and Club Development grants.

- TSP in partnership with LIT developed a new Level 6 Certificate in Sports Administration 'Running Sport' with 10 ECTS. The course content includes club finances, club management, club marketing and club development. The course is currently been piloted with 12 participants over 20 weeks and adopts a flexible learning approach.
- In December, the tenth annual Volunteer in Sport Awards was held as part of the Canon Hayes Awards night. 7 sporting volunteers were honored from across County Tipperary from different sporting disciplines.



Volunteer in Sport Awards

- TSP continues to support the development of the Suir Blueway which was officially opened by John Treacy, CEO Sport Ireland on the 17th May. Work continues with funding applications, promotion, accreditation and TSP is working closely with Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism.
- As part of the Community Sports Hub, education and training programmes aimed at developing and supporting Canoeing & Kayaking were delivered through the provision of a School 'Paddles Up' programme, Summer Camps, Teen Adventure Camps, Sit on Top sessions, Adult Taster Sessions, Adults Skills Programmes and Skills programmes with targeted groups. In addition, 4 Freestyle Clinics were facilitated in Clonmel and a Canoe Slalom Clinic and Event which attracted the largest numbers in Ireland were held. A Blueway 10km Challenge Event for club members and new kayakers paddled from Clonmel to Kilsheelan and the Suir Descent Event between Cahir and Clonmel was also supported. Also, instructors received REC3 and River Safety & Rescue Training. 2 leaders qualified as L2 Kayaking Instructors. In 2019, 478 people participated in Paddle Sports on the Suir Blueway through the Outdoor Hub and 286 certifications issued.





National Learning Network Sit on Top Programme, River Suir, Clonmel. Co. Tipperary.

- Through the year a variety of programmes were delivered targeting 'People with a Disability': which included 'Enjoy Tennis', Multi Sport Adapted Schools Programme, Inclusive Swim and Boccia programmes. TSP also supported the Tipperary Warriors Junior multisport club and Borrisokane Sports Ability Club.
- On 6th March CARA's Disability Awareness Training workshop was delivered to the staff of Carrig N.S. with 10 participants. On the 9th November Tipperary Sports Partnership facilitated CARA's Disability Inclusion Training in Moycarkey-Borris Community Sports Centre. 20 participants completed the training from a range of backgrounds including physical activity tutors, sports coaches, teachers, SNA's, early years educators, community youth workers and development officers.



Participants taking part in activities during Disability Inclusion Training

- 5 'Youth at Risk' programmes were delivered in 2019 in partnership with Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, and Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service. 82 youths from disadvantaged communities engaged with our 'Youth at Risk' programme. Activities included Soccer, Horse Riding, Swimming, Fishing, Gym Programmes, Pitch and Putt, Water based activities, Ju Jitsu and Surfing. These programmes included: Activ8 programme in Fethard/Killenaule; Activ8 programme in Thurles; Clonmel Community Youth project; Teens Night Soccer League with TAR(Teens at Risk) programme in Tipperary Town and Clonmel Youth Diversion Programme.

- Traveller Participation in sport programmes were implemented in partnership with Tipperary Rural Traveller Programme and YWIT. 10 traveller youths took part in a multi activity programme in Littleton which included horse riding, swimming and gym instruction.
- In conjunction with the FAI a travellers men's group took part in an 8 week fitness through football soccer programme in Clonmel town in October/November with 12 participants



Horse riding activity as part of the activ8 programme

- Marginalised communities were supported during 2019 through the Roscrea Community Soccer League and the Clonmel Community Soccer League in partnership with the FAI and resident associations in Roscrea and Clonmel. A multi activity programme was delivered to asylum seekers in the Direct Provision Centre in Carrick on Suir, Bridgewater House which included walking, pilates, running and swimming with 32 participants. An after school multi activity sports programme for disadvantaged children was set up with TUSLA and the Silverarch Family Resource centre in Nenagh with the first element of the programme completed in November 2019 with the delivery of a 6 week Mixed Martial Arts programme with 10 participants. Further activities will be completed in 2020.
- A SafeTalk workshop took place in Nenagh during World Positive Mental Health Week in October. TSP also supported Mental Health Ireland for Positive Mental Health Week North Tipp 10th-12th Oct.



► FAI

Social Inclusion

Youth Group Soccer Sessions in association with Youth Work Tipperary & TSP in Tipperary Town, Fethard & Killenaule (30+ (boys/girls) participants)

Late Night League Blitz held in Canon Hayes Centre with Youth Work teams from Tipperary Town, Killenaule & Thurles.

Kick Start 2 Recovery Program completed over two blocks of 8 weeks in the Canon Hayes Sports Complex with an average 8/10 participants each week.

Football for All coaching sessions with Knocklofty Rehab Care, Bridge Water Rehab Care (Clonmel), Moorehaven Centre (Tipperary Town), The Journeyman Program (Carrick on Suir) & St Annes, Roscrea, Scoil Chormaic Cashel

Moorehaven Centre & Dean Celtic FC attended a Football for All blitz which took place in Clonmel Town FC with local groups Knocklofty & Bridgewater with over 40 participants enjoying the day of football.



National Leaning Network Coaching sessions in Clonmel Town FC.

Direct Provision Centre Carrick on Suir Camp took place for a day over the Easter holidays, two sessions with both boys & girls living in the centre. (20 participants)

AMIF School program completed over 6 weeks in Cahir, Cahir Park AFC & local primary school linked in with the FAI to deliver coaching sessions for junior & senior infant classes both boys & girls. (100+ boys/girls)

Clonmel Youth Diversion Elm Park sessions weekly in Clonmel Celtic/Clonmel Town FC (16-18 participants weekly)

Traveller Men "Football Fitness" 6-week Program (12 Participants)

Walking Football - 2 x 8-week Program held in Cashel with local Men's Shed group (10-12 participants) Members also attended Ireland v New Zealand in Dublin.

Female Futsal Recreational League – 6-week program held in Canon Hayes Recreational Centre which finished with a final's night. (35 Participants)



Over 35 "Back to the Pitch" Summer League – held over 6 weeks in Cahir Park AFC (40 participants)



Back to the Pitch in Cahir Park FC





Women's/Girls Football

Girls Football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county having girl's football within their club structures.

FAI Aviva Soccer Sister Easter Festival of Football took place over the two week Easter break. 871 Girls participated in camps, courses and blitzes with 14 clubs taking part.

Soccer Sisters Programme over 6 weeks in Arra Rovers FC (29 Girls took part), Tipperary Town Ladies (20 participants), Killenaule/Moyglass (35 participants), Cahir Park AFC (30 participants) Peake Villa FC (30 participants)

School/Club Link Soccer Sisters Programme completed in St Marys Nenagh in association with Ballymackey FC over 150 Girls participated

School/Club Link completed in Cashel Girls NS in association with Cashel Town FC with over 150 girls participating.



Soccer Sisters camp – Ballymackey FC - 130 Girls - Biggest camp in the country

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Summer Camps

Summer camps took place in 19 location in Tipperary with 1714 participants and over 40 coaches working on the camps.



FAI Summer Camp – Clodiagh Rangers FC

Player Development

Player Development (Boys and Girls) The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both South and North of the county providing additional coaching and contact time with over 600 elite underage players from the ages of U9 - U16.

Player Development Plan workshops delivered in 10 clubs in 2019, over 220 coaches participating



PDP Workshop – Cashel Town FC

Club Development

Ballymackey FC, Cahir Park AFC & Two Mile Borris/St Kevins FC were awarded FAI club Mark

A number of clubs in Tipperary currently in the process of achieving the FAI Club Mark award



► COACH EDUCATION

PDP1

- St Michaels AFC (10 Participants)
- Cahir Park AFC Female Only (25 participants)
- BT Harps (21 participants)
- LIT Thurles (28 participants) – February
- LIT Thurles (27 participants) – October
- Ballymackey FC (17 participants)
- Borrisokane CC (9 participants)

PDP 2

- Two Mile Borris/St Kevins FC (16 participants)
- Newport Town AFC (16 participants)

7v7 Workshop

- Ballymackey FC (16 participants)
- Peake Villa FC (19 participants)

9v9 Workshop

- Ballymackey FC (22 participants)
- Peake Villa FC (17 participants)

PDP3

- Lough Derg FC (21 participants)

National D Licence

- Nenagh AFC (14 participants)

National C Licence

- Nenagh AFC (18 participants)

Goalkeeping Intro

- Nenagh AFC (13 Participants)

Safeguarding 1

- Templemore – 29 Participants
- Newport Town AFC – 21 Participants
- Nenagh AFC – 20 Participants
- Clonmel Town – 16 Participants
- Lough Derg FC – 18 Participants
- Roscrea – 16 Participants
- Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC (10 participants)
- Lough Derg FC (21 Participants)
- Nenagh AFC (19 participants)
- Clodiagh Rangers (17 Participants)
- Ballymackey FC, Moneygall FC and Borrisokane FC will all take place in December 2019

Safeguarding 2

- Nenagh AFC (9 Participants)



Goalkeeping Intro – Nenagh AFC



Schools

4th/5th & 6th Class Primary 5's Competition with 129 schools in Tipperary.



Presentation Thurles, 1st Year Schools Futsal Munster Champions

Schools coaching programme in 12 schools over 10 weeks completed in association with Healthy Ireland and Tipperary Sports Partnership

Schools coaching sessions in numerous Primary and Post Primary schools in the county over the year

1st Year Schools Futsal with 17 Schools entered

3rd/4th Class Futsal with 58 Schools entered



Lackamore NS – 3rd/4th Class Futsal Blitz – Newport



ARTS SERVICE

The key objective of The Arts Service is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county in partnership with a range of stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council.

Our work is guided by the Tipperary Arts Strategy 2017-2021 across six strategic priorities:

- 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

Initiatives to support the development of the Arts in Education are a key element of the Tipperary Arts Programme. The Artist in Primary School Scheme placed 11 artists in Tipperary schools during 2019, working with students and staff across a range of artistic disciplines from theatre to the visual arts and music to storytelling. The scheme supports direct access to the arts for children throughout the county and provides direct employment for artists, engaging 1,028 pupils in a creative arts programme of high quality led by a professional artist in partnership with teachers.



"Let's Animate" with artist Michael Byrne- St. Mary's Central NS, Killenaule



"The Big Green Music Machine" with artist Andy Spearpoint in CloughJordan No. 1 NS using instruments made by the artist including tuned instruments.

The prints for schools exhibition toured to three venues in Tipperary during 2019. This initiative enables second level schools/community venues to host an exhibition of 32 contemporary prints by Irish Artists and to avail of educational printmaking workshops and educational support materials. This initiative offers teachers a contemporary, practical resource while also introducing artists, materials and processes to students and participants.



Printmaking workshop in Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel with artist Suzannah O'Reilly



Tipperary Youth Theatre

Tipperary Youth Theatre continued to provide a youth led space for teenagers to access the arts during 2019 and members participated in post show discussions and attended selected performances in their local arts centres in Nenagh and Thurles in addition to their weekly rehearsals.

Both groups performed 'DNA' written by Dennis Kelly, in their respective arts centres in May. As the approach is youth led and developmental, two very different approaches to the production of the same play was evident in both towns, demonstrating the unique voice of individual youth theatres. These young actors were involved in all aspects of the production, working and performing in a professional venue providing opportunities for young people to participate in and engage with the arts infrastructure in the county and to achieve a greater spread of arts provision for young people across the county. In addition, members of Nenagh Youth Theatre were selected to participate in the National Festival of Youth Theatres in Kilkenny in July.




Tipperary Dance Residency

Tipperary Dance Residency was established in 2008 with Iseli-Chiodi Dance Company in partnership with The Tipperary Excel Arts Centre in Tipperary Town.

In the intervening years it has successfully developed contemporary dance both as an artform and practice in Tipperary Town and it's hinterland. Key programme areas include new choreographed work, an internationally recognised curated dance festival (Tipperary Dance Platform), professional development opportunities for dance artists, together with a public engagement programme. In recent years the festival has extended it's reach to collaborate with new partners e.g the County Library Network, Nenagh Arts Centre, The Source Arts Centre, Thurles and The South Tipperary Arts Centre in Clonmel. The 2019 Dance in Schools programme took place in St. Michael's girls school in Tipperary Town and culminated in a performance in the Tipperary Excel Arts Centre in May. The 2019 Tipperary Dance Platform presented work by artists from Ireland, Spain, Belgium, Greece, France and Portugal and included a series of dance works for children presented in partnership with Tipperary Libraries.



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Tipperary Bealtaine Festival

Organised in partnership with Tipperary Libraries, The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival presented a programme of 100 events to 2,831 participants throughout the County in May with events taking place in Day Care Centres, Libraries, Arts Centres and community halls across the county in the areas of film, visual arts, music, literature, theatre and dance.

Highlights of the 2019 festival included LAST WORDS by Alice Hanratty & Michael Kane. An exhibition and curated conversation with two master printmakers who have represented Ireland on the International stage since the 1970's at Damer Gallery, Roscrea; 3 touring theatre productions, two of which had strong Tipperary connections; Aging in Movement a one-day event celebrating and exploring the benefits of keeping movement as part of our daily lives no matter what our age! which included workshops, a dance film premiere and a symposium about maintaining creativity as an accessible option for our senior communities; the centrepiece of our Bealtaine programme for many years is the touring music programme to day-care centres and hospitals throughout the county featuring musicians from Tipperary and environs.



Music Generation

In May 2019, Music Generation announced that Tipperary was among five new counties in Ireland to participate in its most recent phase of development. Over the coming years, 'Music Generation Tipperary' will offer new opportunities for hundreds of children and young people ages 0 to 18 to access high-quality, subsidised vocal and instrumental tuition in their local communities.

Tipperary County Council is working in partnership with Tipperary ETB (lead partner) to roll out this programme in the county. Initiated by Music Network in 2010, Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme, co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships (LMEPs).

Planning for the roll-out of Music Generation Tipperary began during 2019, which involved the recruitment of a Music Generation Development Officer to oversee programme development.

Music Generation Tipperary's goal will be to develop a range of affordable and accessible ways for children and young people to engage in performance music education. This will include the coordination of music tuition services within the county, working in partnership with schools, community music groups and tuition centres in the formation of choirs, ensembles, access programmes, composition projects, songwriting initiatives and more, across a broad range of musical genres and styles.

To achieve these aims, Music Generation Tipperary will receive up to €200,000 annually from the Department of Education and Skills. This funding will be matched on a 50/50 basis by income generated locally. This is a very welcome initiative for Tipperary and will transform music education provision and opportunities for participation in the coming years.



Caption: L-R: Melanie Scott, Arts Officer, Tipperary Co. Co.; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary Co. Co.; Cllr Mattie Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary Co. Co.; Cllr. John Hogan, Chair, Tipperary ETB; Bernadette Cullen, Chief Executive, Tipperary ETB; Lisa Kavanagh, Youth Officer, Tipperary ETB. Location: The Rock of Cashel. Photo: Andy Jay



Culture Night

Culture Night 2019 took place on 20th September with 40 events taking place across 13 towns and villages in Tipperary. Culture Night is co-ordinated by the arts office with funding support from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and 3,938 people participated in Tipperary in 2019.


Building on two key strands within our County Arts Strategy of “Creative Communities” and “Creative Practitioners”, we worked in partnership with key cultural providers in the county to develop links with Tipperary based artists to present locally distinctive, engaging programmes across the county. In addition, a broad range of Community groups and organisations throughout the County hosted events, showcasing local talent in the arts, encouraging increased participation and providing a platform for introducing new audiences to the arts.



During 2019, 26 local community and voluntary groups were allocated funding under the **Arts Act Grant** Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county. 97 festivals received funding under the **Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme** with an investment of €241,000 across the county.

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 to artists supported development initiatives to 26 artists in 2019 across artforms and throughout the County. Professional development events, in addition to supporting artists development, also provide important networking opportunities for artists in Tipperary. This was an area of arts office support identified by artists as of value in recent arts strategy consultations. The Arts Office hosted a Visual Artists Café in partnership with the national resource organisation for visual artists (Visual Artists Ireland) for Tipperary artists on 26th September 2019. This event concentrated on looking at the needs of visual artists who are based in County Tipperary with presentations by The Arts Council, Visual Artists Ireland, Tipperary Local Enterprise Office, Gallery Curators and the Arts Office.

Support, advice and/or funding was also provided to a range of artists, arts festivals and organisations throughout the County during 2019.

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HERITAGE SERVICE



The role of the Heritage Office is to work with local communities and the local authority to

- Promoting Awareness and appreciation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Promoting active Conservation of the Heritage of Tipperary
- Support the gathering and dissemination of information on the Heritage of Tipperary

In addition to this the Heritage Office also delivers the Creative Ireland Programme for Tipperary in conjunction with Creative Ireland and the Commemorations Programme for Tipperary in conjunction with Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Heritage Plan Funding with Heritage Council:

A Geological Audit of County Tipperary was carried out in 2019 in conjunction with Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI). The audit comprised of a desk study and fieldwork and covered sites on the GSI master list for the county. The final report contains recommendations as to the management and/interpretation of the proposed 67 geological sites in the county. A geological audit was also an action of our last County Development Plan.



► OTHER INITIATIVES:

Biodiversity Action Plan funding:

We were delighted to collaborate with our colleagues in Offaly County Council on a project removing Himalayan Balsam from the Little Brosna river and tributaries around Roscrea. This fed in to a project carried out by Offaly Heritage Office over the last number of years in targeting this invasive species on the Little Brosna river system.

We also supported the cleaning of some of the ponds in the Cabragh Wetlands Centre outside Thurles and purchased a number of swift nesting boxes for the Town Hall in Templemore as a follow on from our Swift Survey in 2018 and to mitigate for roof works carried out in 2019.



Heritage 2030:

We were delighted to work with the Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Heritage Council to help with the consultation process for the new national Heritage Plan, Heritage 2030. A submission was made on behalf of our Heritage Forum and public drop in clinics were held in Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel as part of the consultation process. The Heritage Officer also took part in the National Update Event for Heritage 2030 at the Printworks in Dublin Castle in June.



Information session Dublin Castle photo L-R Deirdre Burns Heritage Officer Wicklow, Siobhan Ryan Heritage Officer Sligo, Michael MacDonagh Chief Archaeologist Dept. Culture Heritage & Gaeltacht, Virginia Teehan CE Heritage Council, Katherine Licken, Secretary General Dept Culture Heritage & Gaeltacht, Joe Gallagher Donegal County Council, Róisín O Grady Tipperary County Council, Connor Nelligan Heritage Officer Cork County Council.

Heritage Officer Programme:

The Heritage Officer Programme celebrated its 20th year in 2019. In September President Michael D. Higgins hosted a reception at Áras an Uachtaráin to mark the occasion.

Tipperary Heritage Office also hosted the Heritage Council Heritage Officers training meeting in September over 2 days in Thurles on the topic of 'Heritage and Farming'



Róisín O Grady and President Michael D Higgins



Heritage Week:

Heritage Week took place 17th -25th August with approx 70 events happening across the county highlighting areas of our Built, Cultural and Natural heritage. We piloted an 'Explore our Heritage Day' at the Cabragh Wetlands Centre incorporating a wildlife discovery day, archaeology and coin striking collaborating with Birdwatch Ireland, Irish School of Archaeology and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.



Historic Towns Initiative:

We were delighted to secure funding under this initiative for conservation of Nenagh Gaol. The project was managed by the Nenagh Municipal District and the works have secured this significant heritage building in the town and have it in a condition where it can be accessed by the public again.

Creative Ireland:



Tipperary Dance Platform shortlisted for Age Friendly Awards, Croke Park, Las Mochas project supported by Creative Ireland and Arts Office, picture includes Roisin O Grady Heritage Officer, Alexandre Iseli and Jazmin Chiodi Tipperary Dance Platform and Melanie Scott Arts Officer



Planting for a River God Project- Kilsheelan

Continuing to roll out this programme promoting opportunities for our communities to engage in creative activities through Arts and Heritage. Through our Creative Communities Grant scheme we funded 30 projects across the county in 2019, and 8 projects were funded through an Open Call programme. We also hosted Cruinniú na nÓg on June 23rd with Thurles Library, Cashel Library, Nenagh Arts Centre, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Ormond Castle and Tipperary Excel Centre which provided a day of free creative engagement and play for children across the county. 'Las Mochas' a project part funded through our Creative Ireland programme was shortlisted for an Age Friendly Award in November



Council Staff getting Creative Carrick on Suir



Commemorations:



We were delighted to support Solohead Parish Commemoration Committee with their Commemoration of the Soloheadbeg Ambush and start of the War of Independence in January 2019. This local lead commemorative event was a huge success and has been seen as a template for best practice in the area of community lead commemorations in what is accepted as a very sensitive period of our history.

The Heritage Officer presented on this topic in the Local Authority Commemoration Forum organised by the Department in March at Collins Barracks. We supported a total of 8 commemorative projects across the county as part of our commemorations programme.



Minister Josepha Madigan, Cllr Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach Cllr Mattir Ryan Coole and CE Joe MacGrath at Sologhead Parish Centenary January 2019

We were successful at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Authority Awards in November in the Commemoration and Centenaries Category, and delighted that the Chair of the Solohead Parish Committee Mr. Oliver Coffey was with us on the night to accept the award. In December the Heritage Officer was invited to present on Community Lead commemoration to the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht on the topic of the Governments Commemoration Programme to 2022.



Chambers Ireland Awards- winners Commemorations & Centenaries



TIPPERARY MUSEUM OF HIDDEN HISTORY



The main objective for Tipperary Museum in 2019, was to complete the capital works for the first phase of the ‘Clonmel: Flights of Discovery Project’.

This significant project funded by Tipperary County Council and Fáilte Ireland, was designed to develop a tourism product of significant scale and traction that will attract visitors and increase revenue in the town of Clonmel. Two of the key goals of Tipperary Museum’s Strategic Development Plan were the refurbishment of the Permanent Gallery and the interpretation of themes around its significant collection. Acquiring the loan from the National Museum of Ireland of the Carrick on Suir Gold Coin Hoard was also a considerable accomplishment.

During the renovation works, Museum staff researched, digitized, selected artifacts for display in the re-imagined Museum and those requiring conservation were sent to professional conservators across Ireland.



► KEY ACTIVITIES:

Redevelopment of the Museum

Conservation: During the redevelopment process 30+ artefacts were conserved - a process which includes examination of objects, examining methods and treatments to stop further disintegration of an object: textile/rubber/plastic/iron/paper/precious metal.

Displays: In addition to the conservation, each item was carefully analyzed and appropriate display solutions were overseen for artefacts such as: family collections, flags, fashions, shoes, footballs, jerseys, manuscripts, tabernacle, posters, photographs, glass plate negatives and autograph books to name but a few.



A significant family donation was received from Petronelle Clifton Brown

Research: Each item chosen for display was carefully researched this amounts to approx 300 items.



Launch Night: Over 250 people attended the launch. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Murphy officially opened the Museum and guest speakers included Mayor Cllr Garret Ahearn, Joe MacGrath Chief Executive, Lynn Scarrf Director National Museum of Ireland and Sarah O' Dwyer Fáilte Irelands Ancient East Coordinator.



Mayor Cllr. Garret Ahearn with students from Presentation secondary School and with Cork's Community Artlink creating a festival feel for the launch of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Oct 2019.



Project team includes L-R: Tourism Dev. Officer Marie Phelan, Joe MacGrath CE, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Murphy, Kenneth Hennessy Architect, Sarah O' Dwyer Fáilte Ireland, Damien Dullaghan County Librarian, Ronan O'Flaherty Cranebag Consultancy, Marc Roosli Director Mirador Media, Marie McMahon Curator Tipperary Museum, Mook Vignes Mirador, Wayne Scholtz Mirador, Niall Cotter Props making, Michael and Aoife Vision Safety, Sinead Carr Director of Service and Mayor Cllr. Garret Ahearn.





Launch of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and official cutting of the ribbon in Oct 2019



Carrick on Suir Gold Coin Hoard on loan from the National Museum of Ireland with Damien Dullaghan County Librarian, Sinead Carr Director of Service, Julia Walsh Education Officer, Marie McMahon Managing Curator, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Murphy and Joe MacGrath Chief Executive, at the launch of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History October 2019.



Joey Tobin and Bethany Phelan dialing into their past at the launch of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Oct 2019.



Museum staff past and present at the launch of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History in Oct 2019.



▶ OTHER ACTIVITIES

Education Programming


- The conservation and installation of the Robert Ballagh 'People and a Frank Stella'. Not seen in over 50 years + the 40 ft long print on MDF was rehoused on a temporary basis in the Clonmel Showgrounds Shopping Centre. Robert Ballagh launched the installation and participated in an Open Mic with Tipp FMs Fran Curry in July 2019 part of Clonmel Junction Festival.



- Between January and April the Museum Education Officer facilitated over 1000 school students from 26 schools for guided tours and workshops.
- May 2019, the Documentation & Collections Officer presented 'Passing on the Past' a project which was undertaken with the transition year students at a National Junior Cycle for Teachers event for teachers in Collins Barracks, Dublin. A major aim was to showcase that history is in your locality, your family and not just in the books you read.



- Jayne Sutcliffe presenting to JCT teachers at an information day at National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin.
- The Museum's Education Department visited schools and facilitated archaeology and history workshops all over the county in 2019. New schools visited included a number of North Tipperary secondary schools – Borrisokane Community College, Newport College and Colaiste Pobail Roscrea.

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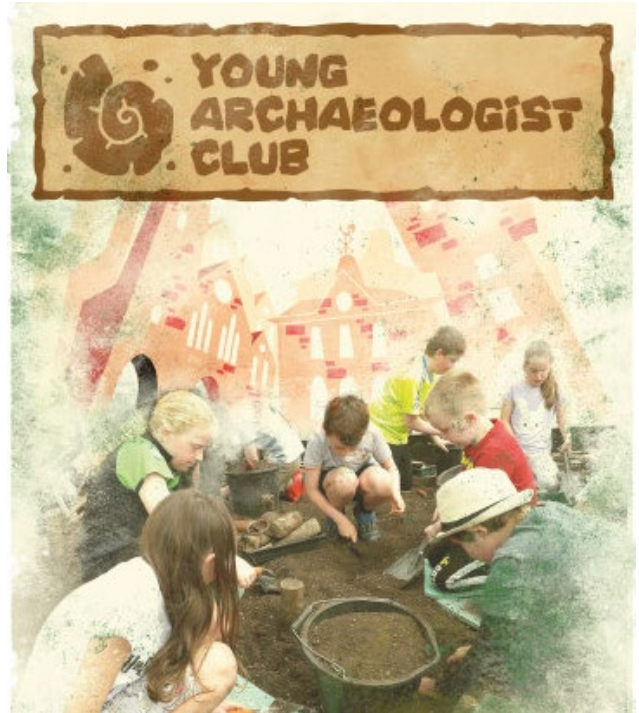




- ARTiculation is a debating based initiative and Tipperary Museum is the lead Irish partner, Regional final saw 25 students from Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh compete for a place in the National final which was held in Kilkenny Castle in March with an audience of 90 people both students and supporters.
- The 2018/2019 lecture series 'Death and Disease' culminated in April 2019. The series attracted approx 600 people.
- The 2019/2020 Lecture series 'Morals and Misconduct' has attracted audiences of 50 to 60 per month equaling 500 in the period.
- In March 2019 the Education Officer teamed up with a number of interested individuals to organise an event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 'Soloheadbeg Ambush' in January. Over 220 people attend a one day seminar in Ballykisteen Hotel.



- Culture Night with Tipperary Arts office – Over 185 people attended two events which featured local group Up roar Rock Chorus performing songs from their vast repertoire. The second event featured a monologue performance by local playwright and actress Eve O' Mahony, entitled Are you a witch or are you a fairy? Her portrayal of the story of Fethard native Bridget Cleary and her murder by her husband in 1895, for his belief that she was a changeling



- Tipperary County Museum ran its 2nd Annual series of Young Archaeologists Club with a brochure detailing its quarterly events. Summer camp was held in the hall of the ETB on the Mall during our development works and included a trip to Waterford to meet the Vikings. 22 children attended the week long activities.
- To round off the year the Museum held its first 'Friends of the Museum' event, where we invited locals, those who donated collections and who have helped the museum in any small way over the past number of years.



Danny Carroll, Michael Grace and Donal Wylde

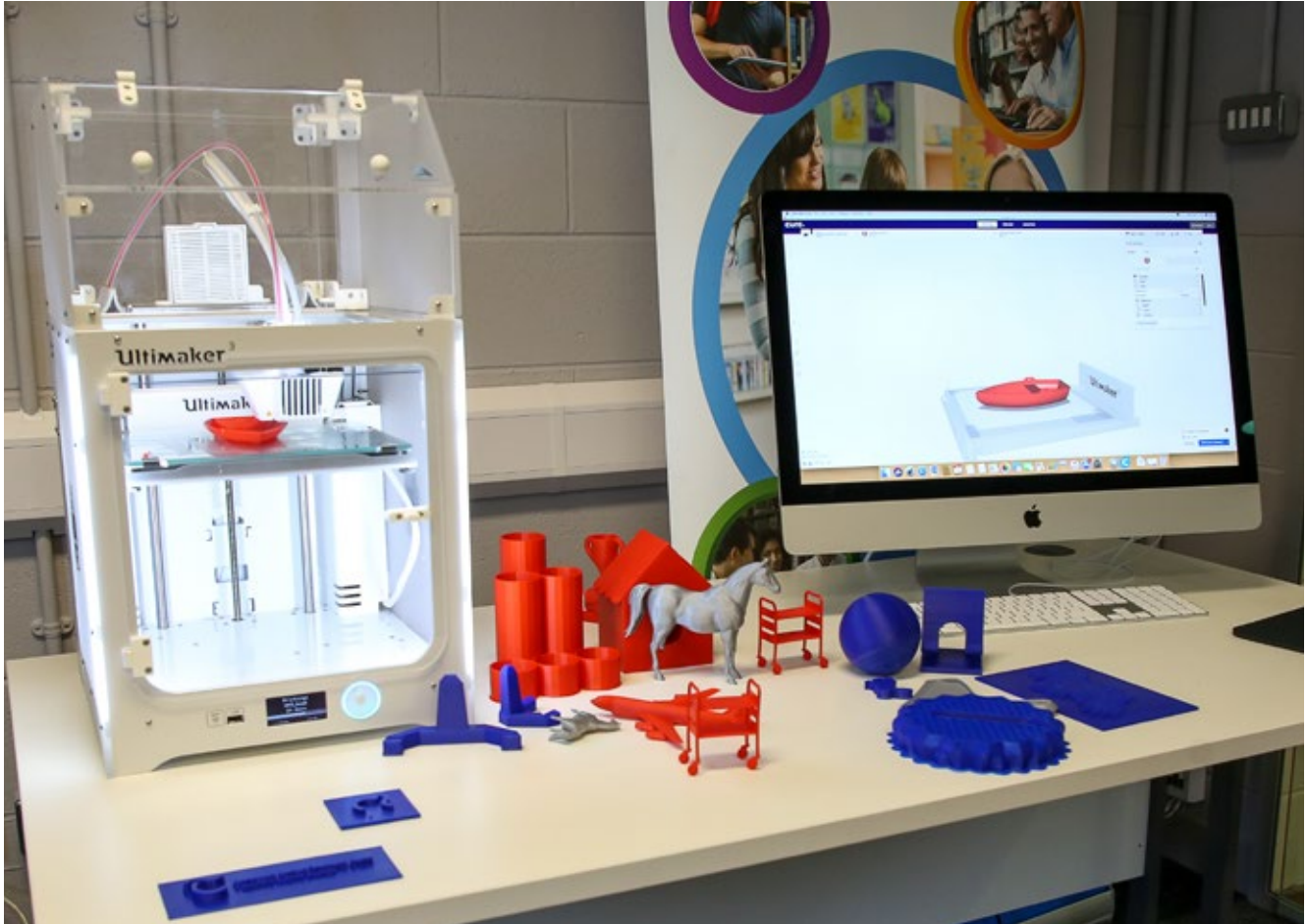


Tom Kiely Grandson of the infamous T.F. Kiely who won gold at the St. Louis Olympics in 1904





LIBRARY SERVICE



Tipperary County Council Library Service offers a welcoming democratic space which is a cornerstone of family, cultural, and civic life. The Library Service has essential role in the community as a trusted resource preserving the values of the past and enriching the quality of life for all.

The library service aims to foster a culture of reading, literacy and lifelong learning in Tipperary by providing a range of services to schools, families and community groups, and promote the library as a place of culture and knowledge.

The service is responsible for the collection development, preservation and accessibility of all records of historic interest for County Tipperary. The library service develops and promotes access for all citizens to online and digital information resources, including broadband internet PCs, Wi-Fi, online resources and free access to e-government/local authority information and services.

The service operates a network of twelve libraries throughout the county at:

- Thurles;
- Nenagh;
- Roscrea;
- Templemore;
- Borrisokane;
- Cloughjordan;
- Clonmel;
- Carrick-on-Suir;
- Tipperary;
- Cashel;
- Cahir and
- Killenaule.



► MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2019:

In 2019, there were over 440,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary, 467,000 books were issued and 60,000 Internet sessions were booked. In addition, new services such as 3D printing and robotic technologies were introduced to our Branch Libraries.

New Digital Services



The Library service invested over €390,000 in new Digital Services in 2019 as a result of funding received under the Government grant to establish public libraries as digital learning centres. New services included the opening of digital hubs in Nenagh and Clonmel Libraries. In addition, new services such as 3D printing have been introduced to several Branch Libraries. New 65 inch touchscreens PCs are also available for use. These PC can be used as a digital display for learning. They can also be used for presentations with interactive touchscreen software and have full video conferencing software. This video conferencing facility is available for the public and local businesses to use. The Library Service has also introduced new Robotics Technology as part of this initiative. LEGO Mindstorm Robotics kits are now be available for the LEGO Club at the Library and VEX Robotics kits are be available for second level students.

Tipperary Young Readers Awards (TYRAs)



The inaugural Tipperary Young Readers Awards Day (TYRAs) was held in Thurles Library in February and the event was celebrated with a number of literacy, STEAM and wildlife themed workshops for visitors of all ages. The TYRAs is an initiative created by Tipperary County Council Library Service and is aimed at 6th Class students. The programme is part of Tipperary Co. Co. Library Service's commitment to the Right to Read programme, devised to promote literacy amongst pre-teens.

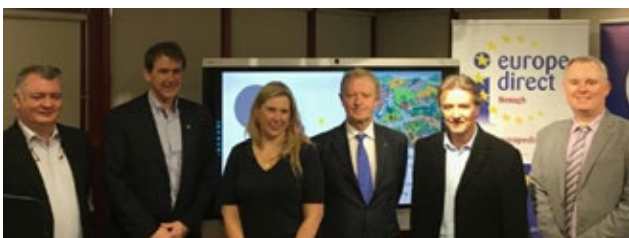


Nenagh Europe Direct Information Centre


Nenagh Library is designated the Europe Direct Information Centre, (EDIC), for the Mid-West region for the period 2018- 2021. EDICs give information, advice, assistance and answers to questions about the EU and the rights of EU citizens, the EU's priorities, legislations, policies, programmes and funding opportunities. During 2019, two Citizen's Dialogues took place in Nenagh.



The first dialogue took place in April and the theme was 'EU and Me...what has the EU ever done for me? Speakers on the night were the late Noel Whelan, SC and columnist with the Irish Times and Stephen Kinsella, Associate Professor Economics UL and columnist with the Sunday Business Post. The moderator was local journalist, Iva Pocock.



The second event entitled 'The Climate is Changing – How Can We?' took place in September. Keynote speakers were environmental scientist Paul Kenny, Chief Executive Officer of Tipperary Energy Agency Dr Cara Augustenborg, Gerry Kiely, Head of the European Commission Representation in Ireland, and Gregg Allen, Co-founder and manager of Sustainable Projects Ireland. Fran Curry of Tipp FM's Tipp Today was MC on the night moderated the panel discussion afterwards.

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Visit by Vicky Phelan to Cashel Library



Vicky Phelan visited Cashel Library in November where she interviewed by Tipp FM's Fran Curry in front with a live audience in attendance. The event ended with a standing ovation from a packed crowd.

Tapestry Project by Carrick-on-Suir Library and Bridgewater House

A twelve foot tapestry modelled on France's famous Bayeux tapestry was made by the members of Carrick-on-Suir Knitting Club, which is based at the Library, and women residents of Bridgewater House Direct Provision Centre for asylum seekers and refugees. This Library initiative was organised by Carrick-on-Suir Library and funded under the Dormant Accounts Scheme.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Public libraries are currently delivering the nationwide Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme that will establish libraries as a valuable source within the community for health information. Funding granted by Healthy Ireland has enhanced health and wellbeing book collections (digital and hardcopy), and provided for staff training, events, and promotion. The Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme will continue to build on this and contribute to improving the health, wellbeing, and overall quality of life of communities and individuals at all life stages.



Healthy Ireland Talk by Colette Reynolds, The Source Library, Thurles

In 2019, the Library Service ran ten events and programmes, with about 500 people in attendance. Highlights were the men-only Pilates class in Carrick-on-Suir that was so successful it ran for twenty weeks, and the very popular talk by Stella O'Malley on raising happy children, held in Borrisokane.



Children's Book Festival

October is national Children's Book Festival month, the biggest celebration of books and reading for children in Ireland.

The festival gives children of all ages the chance to meet their favourite Irish writers and talk to them about their books and the characters in their stories. The Library Service provides a programme of free, fun events and activities.



Launch of Children's Book Festival by Cathaoirleach Michael Murphy

In 2019 we held thirty-six events across the month of October, and for the first time, an event took place in each of our twelve libraries.

We continued our support of Irish authors and illustrators with a week-long visit from author Brian Gallagher, and visits from Gillian Perdue, Áine Ní Ghlinn, Dave Rudden and Cat Doyle, and Alan Nolan. We were excited to work with Tipperary Dance Platform again, bringing dance to the library and a younger audience. Attendance figures were up on 2018, with 1,677 children attending author events, from Borrisokane to Carrick-on-Suir.




Children's Book Festival Event 2019, Clonmel Library



Author Dave Rudden visits the Source Library Thurles during the Children's Book Festival 2019



Puzzling it out event at Nenagh library in conjunction with Mary Immaculate College as part of our Science Week 2019

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Science Week Event, Clonmel Library



Science Week Event, The Source Library, Thurles



Launch of Digital Hub and 3D Printer, Nenagh Library



Science Week Event, Nenagh Library



Children's Book Festival event, Clonmel Library





QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT





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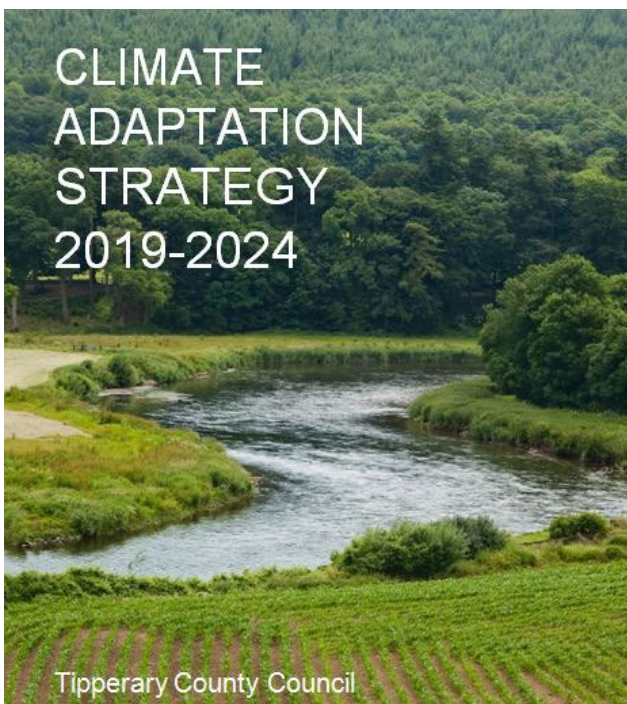
The Environment & Climate Action Section is responsible for protecting and enhancing Tipperary's environment, and in the delivery of quality environmental services in the county. The section is also responsible for waste management and enforcement, Energy and Climate Action environmental awareness and community services supports.



► CLIMATE CHANGE

The National Climate action plan published in June 2019 identified local authorities as key stakeholders in tackling climate change. To meet the local challenges and impacts of climate change, a Climate Adaptation Strategy was prepared and adopted at the September Council meeting.

The section was tasked with leading the co-ordination of the development of this strategy and engaged with a wide range of agencies, communities and organisations both internally and externally.




This Climate Adaptation Strategy sets out the delivery of a suite of actions under the following themes.

- Local Adaptation Governance
- Business operations/continuity
- Infrastructure & Built Environment
- Land Use and Development
- Water, Drainage and Flood Management
- Natural Resources and Cultural Infrastructure
- Sustaining our Communities

Adaptation requires a joint approach amongst agencies, organisations and communities and citizens coming together under the guidance of the local authority to prepare for the future impacts of climate change. This will require adapting our services, surroundings and lifestyle to meet these challenges.

Sections have already embarked on initiatives to help alleviate some of the challenges of climate change, by building resilience into infrastructure and services. These include the installation of EV infrastructure for electric cars, working with schools and communities on biodiversity initiatives, and supporting awareness events such as the NZEB workshop for planners and designers.

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► ENERGY

Energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reduction measures contribute significantly to Climate mitigation. The initiatives outlined in the Sustainable Energy Action Plan and the Energy Action Management plan demonstrates how Tipperary is addressing 2020 targets for energy improvement measures and greenhouse emissions reductions.

Tipperary Co. Co. recorded the third highest savings amongst local authorities with a performance result of 37% energy efficiency savings according to the 2018 – SEAI Annual report on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance Report.

The following table summarises the annual cost and consumption of electricity and fuel by Tipperary County Council in 2018:

2018 Electricity - Total Annual Spend	€1,983,868
2018 Electricity - Annual Spend on Public Lighting	€1,289,514
2018 Transport Fuels (diesel / petrol / bio fuel) - Total Annual Spend	€963,323
2018 Heating Fuels (Gas / oil / biomass etc) - Total Annual Spend	€413,179
2018 Electricity - Total Annual kWh	21,452 MWh
2018 Electricity - Annual kWh used by Public Lighting	8,460 MWh
2018 Renewable Electricity Generation (33% 2018)	7,079 MWh
2018 Onsite Generation by Non Fuel Renewables	0.138 MWh
2018 Renewable Thermal Energy (39% Thermal Energy 2018)	3,928 MWh

Sustainable Energy Week

Sustainable Tipp organised a series of events around the county in June to inform the people about the different grants and funding options available to carry out energy efficient upgrades.

The programme of events was a joint initiative between Tipperary Co. Co. Environment & Climate Action Section and Tipperary Energy Agency.



Sustainable Energy Week Display in Thurles Library



Secondary School Energy Project


Presentation Secondary School in Ballingarry was chosen to pilot an energy project under the guidance of Tipperary Energy Agency, and funded by the Environment & Climate Action Section.

The five week project involved 16 pupils from transition year carrying out an energy audit of their school energy usage and learning how to identify energy and financial savings. They also undertook an energy awareness campaign across the full school and research into the different grants available. The outcomes included a recommendation to install PV arrays as an energy saving measure and gave pupils a greater understanding of energy systems and increasing energy awareness in their own homes.



Students in the Ballingarry School plant room with Siona Daly TEA

If the project is successful, the plan is to roll it out to more schools in September 2020.

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The section is working with the Tipperary Energy Agency in progressing a number of other projects.

- Public Lighting - Progressing the Interreg Smart Space Public Lighting Project.
- EV Charge Points - provided technical assistance in design of the infrastructure for EV charging points.
- Investigated the feasibility of using alternatives to fossil fuel for Council vehicles and the Machinery Yard organised eco driver training courses for their drivers.
- Energy Audits were completed in Roscrea LC, Nenagh LC, Nenagh Civic Offices, Thurles Source Arts Centre, Clonmel LC, Tipperary Town Civic Offices, and Tipperary Town LC. These are required in all buildings under the Energy Efficiency Directive (SI426)
- Community Virtual Power Plant (CVPP) project is progressing the installation of PV arrays at Roscrea & Thurles Leisure Centres and Thurles MD offices.
- PV Monitoring Study - Completed a study to ensure the technologies were producing the quantity of electricity as required at the 10 sites where PV arrays are installed.
- SEAI BEC 2019 - Secured grant aid towards the Nenagh Civic Offices Lighting project.
- A Strategic Energy Management Plan covering the period 2020-2030 was prepared by Tipperary Energy Agency. The plan sets out a framework for the reduction in energy consumption in the local authority's day to day activities and services in order to meet the 2030 energy reduction targets.



EV Car Charging in Clonmel



► ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

The main area of work was the continued implementation of the Water Framework Directive sampling programme and assisting the local authority's water programme. Reported pollution incidents were investigated and notices issued where remedial works were required.

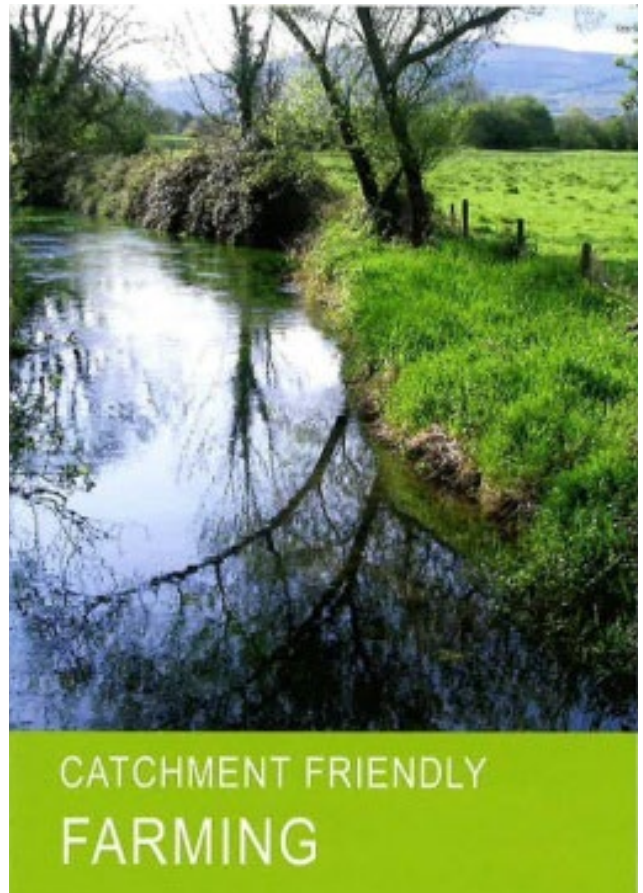


River Ara

Pollution Investigation and Inspections

As part of the RMCEI plan, staff continue to investigate the factors causing poor water quality in stretches of rivers, identified as polluted or where monitoring shows deterioration in quality. This investigative monitoring programme helps to identify the specific problems affecting water quality e.g. Septic tanks discharges, agricultural activities and commercial activities. In 2019, 840 samples were taken from 150 monitoring points along 56 rivers.

Farm Inspections



95 farm inspections were carried out for the purposes of drinking water source protection, pollution investigation, catchment investigations and GAP follow-ups.

An awareness raising campaign highlighting the importance of protecting the water catchments was produced and distributed to farming communities.

Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems

Inspections were completed at 41 Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems to meet our obligations under the National Inspection Plan 2018-2021. There is an average of a 50% failure rate where improvement notices are served following inspections. This is largely due to old and subserviced infrastructure.



Licensed Facilities Inspections Discharge Licenses

Activities discharging wastewater directly to a river or large discharges to groundwater require a license, in accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 – 2007.

A risk based approach to auditing and monitoring compliance with the licensing requirements was undertaken in 2019 with 216 sampling inspections undertaken. 10 sites were identified as high priority due to the risk posed to water quality and subjected to on site audits and ongoing engagement with operators throughout the year in an effort to ensure full compliance with their license conditions.

Nutrient Management

55 nutrient management plans were assessed for the use of bio solids on agricultural lands.



Air Pollution



Nenagh Air Monitoring Unit

Monitoring of sites to ensure compliance with air emissions licenses were carried out at 35 sites including petrol stations, dry cleaners and motor vehicle spray painting shops and the smaller scale Pharmaceutical companies.

In conjunction with the EPA, and as part of the CAFE directive monitoring programme, Air Quality Monitors were installed in Tipperary Town, Nenagh and Clonmel.

Planning Referrals

Working with the planning section, applications were reviewed under the following areas to ensure that the potential environmental impacts of proposed developments were identified and mitigated at planning stage.

- Water Quality
- Noise
- Air and Dust Emissions
- Waste management



► INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE

Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures

There were 44 sites listed on the Derelict Sites Register at the end of 2019. The section issued 22 legal notices. The section continues to engage with property owners in relation to rendering sites non-derelict.

Burial Grounds

The Council Law Agents have assessed the draft burial ground bye laws under relevant burial ground legislation and provided legal opinion and recommendations. Further consultations to finalise these will continue in 2020 with the relevant stakeholders.



Maintenance Grants

223 Burial Ground Maintenance Committees applied and received grants totalling €134,110.

Burial grounds capital, minor and improvement works



Shanrahan Burial Ground

The following works were carried out at burial grounds across the county. Shanrahan Burial Ground Extension in Clogheen was completed.

Minor upgrades were completed at Cloughjordan, Borrisokane, Carrick-on-Suir, St Cormac's Cashel, Templederry, Garrykennedy & Moyne Burial Grounds.

Minor Works commenced in St. Patrick's Thurles, Moyne, Templederry & Ninemilehouse Burial Grounds.

Landscape & clearance works and dangerous tree removal were carried out at various burial grounds.

Site Suitability & Hydrological Assessments commenced for proposed extensions at Cloughprior & St. Marys Carrick on Suir.

In addition, land acquisition negotiations are progressing at Fethard, Kilmore, Cahir and Boher Burial Grounds.



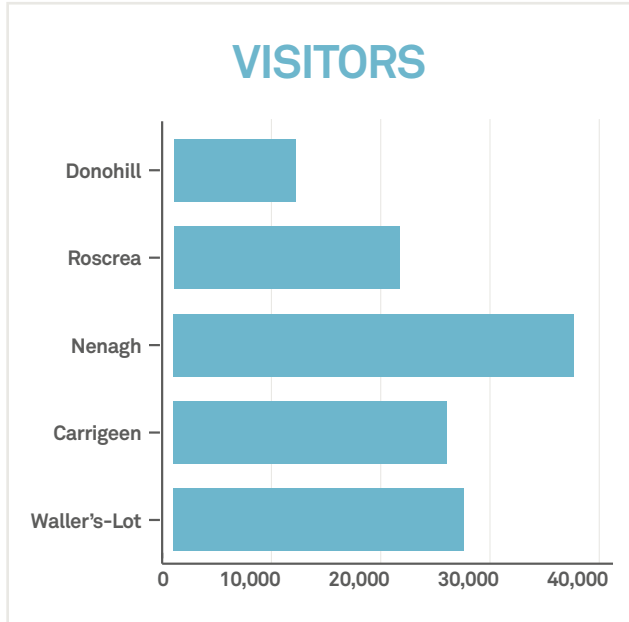
Civic Amenity Sites

The five civic amenity sites accept paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, and metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling.



Haz Waste Day in Clonmel Civic Amenity site

The upgrading of the Civic Amenity sites continued in Nenagh and Roscrea. Weighbridges were installed at these sites. 119,990 visitors used the Civic Amenities in 2019.



Landfill Restoration

The Council has a number of landfills that are required to be rehabilitated under regulation.

The landfill capping works were completed at Donohill in May and the capped surface was planted with wildflowers. The works programme also included the upgrading of the existing civic amenity facility.



2019 upgrade to the Civic Amenity Site at Donohill

Nine new groundwater monitoring wells were installed at Ballaghveny landfill in preparation for groundwater monitoring. A call for tenders to carry out enabling works at Ballaghveny was issued in September. Plans for landfill infrastructure works to facilitate the acceptance of waste at the Ballaghveny were accepted by the EPA.



Trial pit investigation at Monanearla, Thurles

Consultants were appointed to carry out Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at the four other historic closed landfill sites at: Brittas road, Thurles; Moanearle, Thurles; Coole, Knocklofty and Convent Cross, Dundrum.

Investigations at the four sites were carried out and monitoring wells installed during 2019.

A call for tenders was issued for environmental consultants to complete a Natura Impact Assessment, detailed remediation design, applications for development consent from An Bord Planeala and Certificate of Authorisation from the Environmental Protection Agency, and preparation of detailed design for construction tender, of the historic landfill site at Connawarries, Carrick-On-Suir.



► **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT**

Waste Management and Enforcement makes provision for the prevention, management and control of waste under Irish and EU legislation. Permits are issued to waste facilities and inspections are carried out to ensure compliance with regulatory and permit conditions. The enforcement team is responsible for enforcement of the regulations, liaising with the commercial sector on producer responsibility initiatives, and implementing anti dumping projects.

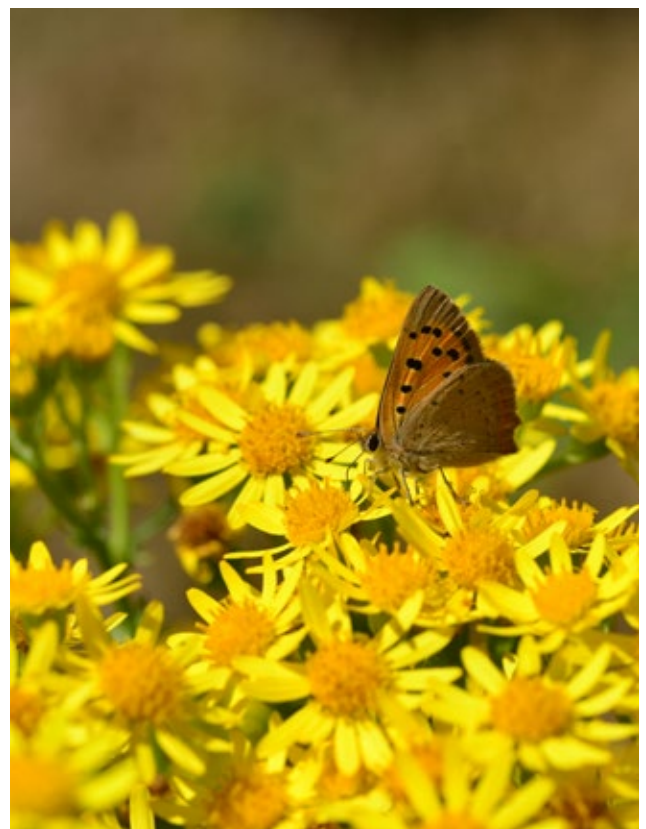


The Section purchased a drone to monitor and enforce waste activities across the county, especially in inaccessible areas. The aerial imagery produced provides a more accurate picture of activities in terms of volume checks on waste construction and demolition facilities which assist in validating annual waste returns. It was also used to identify illegal burning sites and illegal waste activities which are not visible from the roadside.

The section organised a number of WEEE and Farm plastic collection days in a number of towns and marts.

WEE Collection	Tons Collected
Cahir	18.8
Carrick on Suir	16.2
Templemore	13.5
Thurles	30.2

Assisted the Irish Farm Film Producers Group in promoting the Annual Farm Film Plastics Collection/Disposal service, which resulted in approx 3,200 tons of farm plastics being collected.



Waste Presentation Bye-Laws

The Waste Presentation bye-laws were introduced in order to regulate and control the storage, presentation and segregation of household and commercial waste and to help meet EU and National waste targets.

Over 200 door to door household waste surveys took place to determine how householders were disposing of their waste and 26 fixed penalty notices were issued.

Table of Inspections

Waste Management Legislation	Inspections
Facility Permit and Registration Regulations 2007-2015	30 inspections of facilities with Waste Facility Permits. 2 Joint Inspections with TFS Officers 125 inspections of facilities with Certificates of Registration.
Collection Permit Regulations 2007-2015	4 Waste Collection Permit inspections.
Packaging Regulations	20 inspections of a Packaging Major Producer.
End of Life Vehicles Regs	3 inspections of ELV Producers.
Tyres/Waste Tyres Regs	44 inspections of tyres suppliers.
WEEE Regulations & Battery Regulations	81 WEEE & Battery inspections of WEEE / Battery suppliers.
Farm Plastics Regulations 2001	12 Retailers inspected for farm film plastic levy.
Plastic Bag Levy Regulations	23 Retailers inspected for plastic bag levy.
Commercial Food Waste Regulations	60 inspections of commercial food waste producers.
Household Food Waste	204 Household waste surveys.
Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Regulations	3 Inspections on foot of Complaints regarding Burning Regulations
Road Checkpoints Multi Agency Inspections	10 Env Checkpoints 2 Inspections NTFSO
Hazardous Wastes	28 Inspections
CCTV operations	17 CCTV installations
Unauthorized Waste Activity	4 Unauthorised waste activity inspections

Illegal Dumping Initiatives

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment provided funding to local authorities under the anti-dumping initiative to target illegal dumping at known black spots.

A budget of €71,000 was approved and spent on the following initiatives

- Purchase of digital equipment to assist inspectors identify and inspect unauthorised waste activities: tablets, drone & CCTV cameras.
- The Fethard Community Group dumping prevention project.
- Keep Tipp Tidy County One Day Cleanup.

Keep Tipp Tidy

The Keep Tipp Tidy Campaign supports the Litter Management Plan by highlighting through various initiatives how members of the public can play their part in reducing littering on our roads, report illegal dumping in the countryside and dog fouling.

Awareness initiatives undertaken include Roadside Litter, engagement with fast food outlets, community clean ups, dog fouling prevention and the public awareness trailer.



Keep Tipp Tidy Road Signs

The Roadside Litter Campaign was rolled out in Nenagh and Clonmel. Keep Tipp Tidy signs were erected on the approach roads into the towns and engagement with fast food outlet staff to encourage people to dispose of their litter responsibly.



One Day Clean Up



Members of the Cahir Volunteers for Keep Tipp Tidy

A one day litter pick blitz was organised in March. Ninety Four community groups registered through the PPN to participate in the cleanup day.

Packs were provided and arrangements made for the disposal of the 5.78 tons waste collected.

Dog Fouling Prevention



Mary Mc Carthy/Anne Kelly Awareness Day in Nenagh

The Summer Anti-Dog Fouling campaign was rolled out in Clonmel and Nenagh and will extend to the remaining districts in 2020.

Working with the MD's, 60 anti-fouling signs were erected across the county.

Mobile pop up stands promoting anti-dog fouling prevention were placed in areas of high footfall around the county (e.g. Post Offices, Credit Unions, Tesco, and Supervalu.) Additionally, early morning and late evening patrols were also carried out by the dog wardens in reported areas.

Waste Enforcement

A team of five enforcement officers dealt with dumping and litter complaints and issue letters and enforcement notices based on evidence.

Number of waste enforcement actions	Number
Warning letters issued	9
Enforcement Notices Issued	1
Prosecutions Initiated	3

Complaints

The Section received 2,485 complaints of which 2,414 were resolved, representing a 97% completion rate.

Litter



River Suir Cleanup

The section continues to implement the objectives and actions of the 2018-2021 Litter Management Plan to address litter prevention, control and awareness.

Number of Litter Fines	Number
Fines issued	134
Fines Paid	86
Fines Appealed	26
Fines Outstanding/Carried over to 2020	22

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Strategic Policy Committee for Environment and Climate Action met on two occasions during the year to discuss and agree policy decisions on environmental matters. The draft climate adaption strategy was presented and reviewed prior to being adopted by the council and a presentation was made to the members on single use plastic.

Environmental Awareness & Community Services Supports

Environmental Awareness is an important factor in enhancing the services provided by the section and the contribution of our communities and schools has been invaluable in the success of these initiatives. The Tipperary Public Partnership Network has assisted us in communicating our message and in identifying new groups. Examples of community based initiatives supported in 2019 include the following:

Public Awareness Trailer



Rebranded information trailer

The Public awareness trailer received a makeover during the year to highlight the range of information available on environmental issues.

The Public Awareness Trailer visited a number of town centre locations in Clonmel, Fethard, Tipperary Town, Cahir, Cashel, Roscrea, Thurles and Nenagh as well as a number of shows.

National Spring Clean

The National Spring Clean initiative organised by An Taisce took place during April. The campaign encourages communities to support the clean up in their area. 337 groups registered and the section coordinated the event by supplying clean up packs, litter pickers and the removal of the waste collected.

National Tidy Towns Competition

In the Supervalu Tidy Town competition, there were over 100 entrants from Tipperary, which was reflected in the number of awards presented.



These included the gold medal winners, Terryglass 344 points (Regional Winners), Kilsheelan 342 points, Emly 341 points and Clonmel 335 points, along with numerous Silver and Bronze medal winners. Tidy Town Associations received funding from Tipperary Co Co to the value of €188,174.

Food Safety

A total of 786 inspections were carried out in 16 abattoirs, to ensure compliance with animal welfare standards and hygiene standards in abattoirs prior to slaughter and also post mortem. A total of 2,015 cattle, 6,762 sheep, 88 pigs, 15 goats and 4,721 deer were inspected in these abattoirs.



Biodiversity Initiatives



Paddy O'Dwyer & John Kiely, Abbey CBS Tipperary – school tree planting

Community groups and schools across the county were supplied with trees and wildflower seeds to promote environmental awareness. In total, 1,350 trees were distributed to 101 groups and 150 boxes of wild flower seeds were distributed.

Tipperary Countryside Wild on Flowers Initiative

900 packs of native wild flower seeds were distributed to farmers at four marts in Nenagh, Cahir, Tipperary and Roscrea in March.



Recycling Initiatives

There were a number of projects organised during the October reduce/re-use month. The Clogheen and Cashel men's sheds members supported this initiative by making window boxes and garden planters from old pallets for a small housing scheme.

An upcycling workshop was carried out at St. Marys Secondary School, Newport for 60 transition year students, where a demonstration was given on how to upcycle and repurpose old furniture.



St Mary's Secondary School Newport

The section organised a primary schools Christmas Decoration competition in December and awarded prizes to winners in each Municipal District.

The aim of the competition was to encourage students to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle materials in schools and at home. The challenge was for the children to make Christmas decorations out of such materials as egg boxes, cardboard, newspapers, bottles, tin cans, drinks cartons etc.



Sample of the decorations on display in County Hall

Schools Programme

During the 2018/2019 school year, 184 schools registered with An Taisce as part of the Green Flag programme and 38 of these schools received a Green Flag.





Pupils from Presentation Primary School Carrick on Suir & Helen Cahill

The Presentation Primary School in Carrick on Suir received the Global Citizenship School of the year award for energy efficiencies at a ceremony in Dublin in May.

26 schools shared a prize fund of €12,000 under the annual environmental school's competition.

Community Environment Action Fund

Grant aid of €36,110 provided assistance to community groups to undertake small-scale environmental projects focusing on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.

Control of Dogs & Horses

A total of 537 dogs were surrendered or seized by the Dog Wardens in 2019. Of this number 490 were re-homed. The number of dogs licensed in the county was 8,929. Tipperary County Council works with a number of animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs and is supported by tow dog shelters in Clonmel & Nenagh.

During the year 88 horses were seized.



FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

The Council maintains fire brigades in 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 responding to 1716 incidents on a 24/7 basis in 2019. This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre located in Limerick City Fire Station, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

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.

A new fire station in Templemore was completed in 2019. In addition to this a site for a new fire station in Cashel has been procured and a design team was appointed in 2018 and Part 8 Planning was also secured.

Training & Quality Management

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2019 by all members of the service. 2019 saw the Service successfully audited against the new ISO 9001: 2015 by the NSAI.

Fire Safety

In addition to the operational activities, the Fire Service was also very active in promoting fire safety and continues to inspect public-assembly buildings in an effort to meet the obligations under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003.



Activities undertaken in 2019 include;

- **Community Smoke Alarm Scheme**

Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service continue to operate a Community Smoke Alarm Scheme in conjunction with community alert groups, neighbourhood watch schemes, and other local community and voluntary groups. The aim of the scheme is to identify those that are most vulnerable from fire in the community and ensure that they are protected by smoke alarms. As vulnerable households are identified arrangements are made for two firefighters to visit the household, complete a home fire safety checklist with the occupant(s), fit a minimum of 2 smoke alarms and provide a smoke alarm 'testing stick', while carrying out a home fire safety check to identify hazards and inform and advise the homeowner. To date over 1,208 Home Fire Safety checks have been carried out throughout the county, much of these checks were carried out in rural Tipperary targeting the most vulnerable people. 2019 saw a decrease in the requests for Home Fire Safety Checks from the previous year from 789 to 419. This trend is positive and reflects the fact that fewer than 2% of Tipperary homes in a recent 2019 survey were shown to have no working smoke alarm. This was largely down to public advertising of the scheme on social media, local radio, local newspapers and the Tipperary Local Authority Website.

Of these 419 Home Fire Safety Checks, 626 new smoke alarms were fitted to homes across the county. 43% of these houses had no working smoke alarm before the Home Fire Safety Check was carried out. Over 56% of houses checked and found to be without a working smoke alarm was found to be occupied by persons living alone, predominately in rural areas.

- **Primary School Programme**

The 2019-2020 Primary schools programme ran as normal, with Fire-fighter across the county visiting every 3rd class to deliver our safety team message to young minds. The objective of the programme is to educate children about the dangers of fire so that they in turn will bring the message home and thus enhance fire safety in the home and in the community. We have used this opportunity to include a focus on the elderly and remind students to consider looking in on elderly friends/ family while reviewing Fire Safety in their home.



Primary School Visit to St Mary's N.S, Clonmel. Clonmel Firefighters Michael O'Connor and Steven O'Donnell with 3rd Class Student Noah Meehan

Fire Safety Presentations

It has always been the practice in Tipperary to facilitate requests from various community groups to deliver fire safety presentations and this continues to be the case. In 2019 over 22 community Fire Safety Talks were delivered and over 20 community events were attended (these figures do not include the visits for the primary school programme).

In addition to this over 52 community group/ school visits to Fire Stations across the county were facilitated in 2019. Request forms for station visits have now been uploaded to our website giving the public easier access to the Fire Service.



Road Safety Matters

In 2019 the Fire Service, funded in part by the Roads Section and in collaboration with, An Garda Síochána, the HSE and the RSA ran a “Road Safety Matters’ event in Nenagh.

The event was geared towards students from Transition year through to 6th year who are likely to be obtaining a driving licence in the near future. We had a number of speakers in the morning from members of the emergency services. Perhaps our most compelling presentation was that of a family member who has been affected by a road traffic accident.

After lunch the students were directed to the car park where members of Nenagh Fire Station took them through a Road Traffic Collision (which we had staged in the enclosed car park).

In addition this year the Road Section were invited to demonstrate their virtual reality headsets with the students, simulating their involvement in a road traffic collision, this proved to be very popular on the day.

Throughout the day the Road Safety Authority Ireland’s road shuttle and Roll Over Simulator were on site where students and teachers alike could experience the latest simulations and immersive technologies. Students were able to witness firsthand the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt in the roll over simulator. They could practice their driving skills in the realistic car simulator or practice the Driver Theory Test on one of the interactive touch screens. RSA staff were on hand throughout taking questions and offering advice.




Social Media Platforms/Campaigns

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service recognise the importance of social media and as such has set up both a facebook page and Twitter account. Both are working extremely well with approximately 12,851 followers on Facebook and 1,167 on Twitter.

We have found that our social media platforms have helped us encourage people to think about fire safety, through the use of competitions amongst other things. This year our posts have reach an audience of over eighteen thousand people.

The ‘**Test it Tuesday**’ campaign continues to encourage people to test their smoke alarm every Tuesday. This initiative evolved from the research by B&A which highlighted an issue with the testing of smoke alarms in the County our biggest Test It Tuesday reach in one week reached over 4,000 followers. The initiative is currently being reviewed by The National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management with a view to adopting it as a national campaign.

2019 allowed us to create an award winning ‘**Blue Light Awareness**’ video. An initiative to educate road users on how to safely share the roads with the blue light services. It was noticed that drivers react in different ways to blue lights and not always in a safe manner. We wanted to change this in a positive way. In order to educate drivers we decided to create a short video to post on social media, youtube and our website. To date it has received over 27,406 views on all platforms. We promoted this campaign through local media, posters and even the All-Ireland final Program. In conjunction with this we ran a Social Media: #Roadsafetymatters campaign, and regularly post road safety messages. 2019 also saw the introduction by the Fire Service of a dedicated Road Safety Section on our website, where we upload road safety advice. For our efforts in road safety and particularly the production of the Blue Light Awareness’ video. Tipperary Fire Service won a Leading Lights RSA Award and were nominated for a LGMA Emergency Service Award.

 *We have found that our social media platforms have helped us encourage people to think about fire safety*



A brief summary of our social media platforms statistics are as follows:

- 12,855 likes/followers of our Tipperary Fire and Rescue Facebook page. An increase of over 2,150 from this time last year. Our Twitter followers no at 1,167 up by over 400 in the last year alone. During 2019 we ran, in conjunction with Ballykisteen Hotel, a competition which generated 1000 - 1200 additional likes/followers.
- Approx. 7000 likes/followers are located in County Tipperary. This figure is a minimum as some Facebook users don't declare the town, county or country they live in.
- Our biggest post in 'reach' was of a 'Product Recall' being issued by whirlpool due to a high potential fire hazard of certain washing machine products. This post alone reached 364.5K people with it being re-shared 1,500 times.
- Our most retweeted post on twitter was retweeted 76 times. It encouraged people to have two escape routes from a room.
- Our "Test it Tuesday" campaign reaches an average of just under 3,000 Facebook users p/week up from 2,361 p/week, peaking on fire safety week at 4,000 reaches.
- Tipperary Fire Service is the most followed/liked Retained Irish Fire Service page on Facebook and ranks 3rd most followed Fire Service in the country behind Dublin Fire Brigade and Cork City Fire Brigade.

Nation/International Project involvement

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service continue to be involved in additional fire safety projects including:

- Involvement in a European Project to develop of a 'Fire Safety' series of modules for secondary schools
- Involvement in a National project to develop and promote Fire Safety

Health & Safety

Tipperary Fire & Rescue won the Public Service Award for the fifth time and a Consistent High Achiever Award for second time at the 2019 NISO/ NISG All Ireland Safety Awards in recognition of a continuing commitment to reaching the highest safety standards possible. This follows the Supreme Safety Award won in 2018.

In March 2019, the Fire Service's safety management system was certified to ISO45001 by the NSAI. This is confirmation of the safety management system in Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service complying with international best practice and also recognition of the work and dedication across all sections and levels of the service required to achieve this standard.

In recent years, Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service has aimed to also focus on the health aspect of the health and safety management system. In 2019, Tipperary Fire Service personnel graduated with a Diploma in Personal Training and Strength and Conditioning from Setanta College. The diploma for 8 firefighters and a senior officer follows 2 years of studying functional movement screening, fitness testing, nutrition, and resistance training with Setanta College. The appointment of Wellness Officers in each of the twelve Fire Stations in Tipperary led to a team of firefighters from each fire station battling it out in a test of physical fitness and endurance at the inaugural Setanta Fire Service Games. The first it's kind in Ireland, the Games took place at Thurles Fire Station on Saturday 14th September. Thurles Fire Brigade won out on the day and were presented with the Setanta Cup by Leas Cathaoirleach Seamus Hanafin.



Rafal Gierasimiuk, Nigel O'Gorman and Marc Mulhaire from Thurles Fire Station – the overall winners of the Setanta Fire Service Games (photo courtesy of Irish Times)

Building Control

There were 98 Fire Safety Certificate applications, 78 Disability Access Certificate applications and 465 Commencement Notices received in 2019. A total of 83 proactive Building Control inspections were carried out in 2019.



WATER SERVICES

IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2024:

In December 2019, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) made its final determination on the Irish Water Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3). This incorporated Irish Water's revised Investment Plan, dated November 2019, for the period 2020-2024 (€4.116 Bn)

Irish Water restructured the delivery of the Investment Plan into three streams:

- Water Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to water treatment plants, water quality, trunk water mains, reservoirs, energy efficiency and dam safety;
- Wastewater Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to wastewater treatment, sludge management, trunk networks and Drainage Area Plans; and
- Networks Portfolio includes leakage reduction programme, Water Networks Regional Contracts, Growth and Development Programmes and Sewer Rehabilitation.



► IRISH WATER MAJOR PROJECTS FOR TIPPERARY)

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Consultant	Contractor	Current scheme Status
Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh (Contract Cost €1.47M)	Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh	J. B. Barry and Partners Limited	Balfour Beatty plc	Snagging to be completed and Irish Water to close the project out.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Contract Cost €2.9M)	Nenagh Wastewater Network Advanced Works	J. B. Barry and Partners Limited	Balfour Beatty plc	Snagging to be completed and Irish Water to close the project out.
Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Advance Works) (Contract Cost €2.2M)	Storage North of Clonmel (Reservoir) at Giantsgrave, Clonmel and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	John Cradock Limited	Snagging to be completed and Irish Water to close the project out.
Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 (Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines) (Contract Cost €9.5M)	Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 Design Build Operate (DBO) Water Treatment Plant at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	Glan Agua Limited	Contract ongoing. Completion expected in May 2020.
Ardfinnan/Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme (Contract Cost €2.27M)	Mechanical and Electrical Works at Ballylooby Springs at Scart East, Ballylooby, including Reservoir at Kilroe, Ballylooby	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	Response Engineering (part of Ward and Burke Limited)	Contract ongoing. Completion expected in April 2020.
B. Schemes at Pre-Construction / Design	Contract Name	Current scheme Status		
Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Water Abstraction, Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines)	Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme - Water Intake Works, Water Treatment Plant, Reservoirs and Pipelines (Design Build Operate (DBO) Contract)	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited Engineering Consultant. Design ongoing. Preparing EIA, Water Abstraction Order, CPO and Planning Application. EIS screening report submitted to Tipperary County Council and Waterford City and County Council planning authorities on 22 July 2019.		
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Workshop held in November on future design model builds.		
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Workshop held in October on future design model builds.		
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO), 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant and Network Upgrade	Arup Engineering Consultant. Preparing EIA and Planning Application, which are anticipated to be submitted in Q2/3 2020. Construction estimated to start in mid 2021.		
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Arup Engineering Consultant. Model build due for completion in Q1 2020.		
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Commenced full design, EIA and planning documentation. Planning Application to be submitted in Q2/Q3 2020. Construction estimated to start in 2023.		
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.		
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.		
Cashel Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.		
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.		
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.		
Goatenbridge Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	Glan Agua appointed to prepare preliminary design and costing of upgrade to Irish Water brief.		





Thurles Water Treatment Plant



Thurles Water Treatment Plant



Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Scheme - Ballylooby Springs



Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Scheme - Kilroe Reservoir

► OTHER IRISH WATER PROGRAMMES:

These ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, to identifying where funding is most needed through focus on specific asset condition and performance, identifying root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programme addresses issues such as water quality, water availability, health and safety, regulatory compliance (the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the environmental regulator), 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.

Networks Portfolio Delivery (Water):

Shareridge Limited is the Irish Water appointed contractor to the Mid-West Region which covers Counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare.

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

- new watermains and service laying;
- below ground network rehabilitation work;
- backyard lead replacement;
- District Metering Area (DMA) establishment;
- Pressure reducing valves (PRV) works; and
- minor works to include leak repair, public side lead works and metering.



Watermain Rehabilitation Works:

- (1) 12.05 km of new watermains completed in 2019 in Cordangan/Ballyglass, Clonmore, Tullaheady, Ardloman to Ballyglass and Killenaule to Ballinunty. Snagging to be completed.
- (2) 1 km of new watermains ongoing from Tully's Cross to Birdhill.
- (3) Irish Water 2020 proposed works - Ballinard Bridge Fethard (0.163 km), Abbey Road/Marlfield Road, Clonmel (1.68km) and Davis Road, Clonmel (0.48km).
- (4) Back yard services replacement in Thurles ongoing - Seán Treacy Avenue, Ard Mhuire, Loughtagalla, Bohernamona Road, Bohernanave, St. Brendan's Terrace, St. Enda's Terrace, St Ita's Terrace, St. Colomba Terrace, St. Ailbe Terrace, Innisfallen Avenue, Butler Avenue, Iona Avenue, The Crescent and Stradavoher.

Works commenced in Bohernanave on 08 July 2019, in Seán Treacy Avenue on 15 July 2019 and in Innisfallen Avenue on 19 August 2019. Works are close to completion.



Killenaule Watermain Rehabilitation

Find and Fix Programme:

- This Irish Water Programme is established to efficiently deliver major water leakage savings and to develop capability and skillsets in leak detection and leak repair within local authorities.
- Tipperary County Council and Irish Water signed an agreement which started in July 2018 for a 2-year period. It involves the deployment of separate direct local authority and external contractor crews for Find and Fix activities for the 2-year period. Irish Water has extended this agreement by a further 18 months.
- Tipperary County Council crew consists of 2 no. leak detection staff and 3 no. repair staff.
- The programme prioritises works in agreed water supply zones (or DMAs) to achieve volumetric leakage reduction.

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.

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 Annual Service Plan 2020 as agreed by the Council with Irish Water.



Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to reduce our demand for water.



RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

The Rural Water Monitoring Committee met 3 times in 2019 (January, April and October). The Committee's purpose is to assist in a structured approach to the work carried out under the Rural Water Programme.

With 17 members, the Committee reflects the interests of a broad group, as follows:

- 5 members of the Council;
- 4 Group Water Schemes representatives;
- 4 representatives of rural organisations in the county;
- 1 representative from the National Federation of Group Water Schemes (NFGWS); and
- 3 Council officials.

During the year the Rural Water Monitoring Committee had oversight of the following

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021:

Invited by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) to seek funds for capital projects for all Group Water Schemes for the period 2019-2021, the Rural Water Team sought €4m in March 2019 under 7 headings. The allocation was received in October 2019 was for €1,605,705.

Thirty-six Group Water Schemes received an allocation under these headings:

- Source Protection, 6.87%;
- Public Health, 6.8%;
- Amalgamation and Rationalisation 41%;
- Improvement of Existing GWSs, 33%;
- Transition to Irish Water, 8%;
- Community Connection, 4%; and
- Research and Innovation 0.3%.

Tipperary is one of 2 Councils allocated Research and Innovation funding. The Council's exercise will investigate the feasibility of using anaerobic digestion to remove methane and de-water slurry to assist in improvement of water and air quality locally. The Rural Water Monitoring Committee thanked the DHPLG for the allocation. It is an exciting project and will bond all players in its exploration.

The Council's allocation for 2019 was €810,000. Investing €466,243 (from October to December) is an indication of the excellent co-operation which the Council receives from the GWSs community. All involved appreciated the need to focus on valuable projects which could be carried out without delay in order to maximise the allocation and benefit to the community in the county. Tipperary's average investment is €500,000 and the Council achieved 93% of this figure. This could not have been done without the support of the NFGWS and GWSs Committees.

Climate Proofing the Council's Service:

Trees on the Land, February 2019:

Engaging with this cross-border initiative, the Rural Water Team and friends facilitated the planting of 7,800 native Irish trees. The team provided 2 sorting and collection points at Nenagh (Council Machinery Yard) and at Ballingarrane House, Clonmel.



Water Services staff Triona Collins, Senior Staff Officer, Caroline O'Herlihy, Staff Officer, and an enthusiastic trees recipient at Ballingarrane House, Clonmel.



Visits to Crèche, 18 July 2019:

The Rural Water Team's first visit to a crèche, pictured below - Patrick O'Neill, Technician Grade 1, Triona Collins, Senior Staff Officer, and David Moore, Leak Detection Operative – with the staff of Nenagh Childcare Centre. The Rural Water Team believes that you can never be too young to learn about our wonderful, vital water asset. The good colleagues of Nenagh Childcare Centre facilitated the visit. Staff and students of Nenagh Childcare Centre are taking on the Shower in 4 Challenge.



Rural Water Conference 12 September 2019:

Triona Collins, Senior Staff Officer, who is the Council's Rural Water Liaison Officer, was invited to speak at the NFGWS 18th Annual Rural Water Conference on "Sustainability of GWSs and Preparing for the Future".

In her address, Triona put forward the notion that evolution is a continuous process. It is not the strongest that survives but instead the species which is most social which responds best to change and evolves well in order to continue to thrive. Over many years, the GWS community has been excellent to see the challenges and pitfalls coming their way and to grow in a manner which allows them to continue to thrive and contribute to their members.



Pictured at the Conference, from left to right:

- * Adrian Smyth, NFGWS Development Officer for Counties Clare, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary and Waterford;
- * Triona Collins, Rural Water Liaison Officer, Tipperary County Council;
- * Tony Prendiville, Chairman, West Limerick GWS Co-Op Society and Secretary, NFGWS;
- * Dr. Michelle Minihan, Senior Inspector, Office of Environmental Enforcement, Environmental Protection Agency;
- * Eddie Sheehan, Manager, West Limerick GWS Co-Op Society; and
- * Dympna Skelton, Manager, Blackstairs GWS, Co. Wexford.

Annual Maintenance Subsidy:

GWSs are invited to apply for the Annual Maintenance Subsidy to assist with day to day expenditure of a GWS.

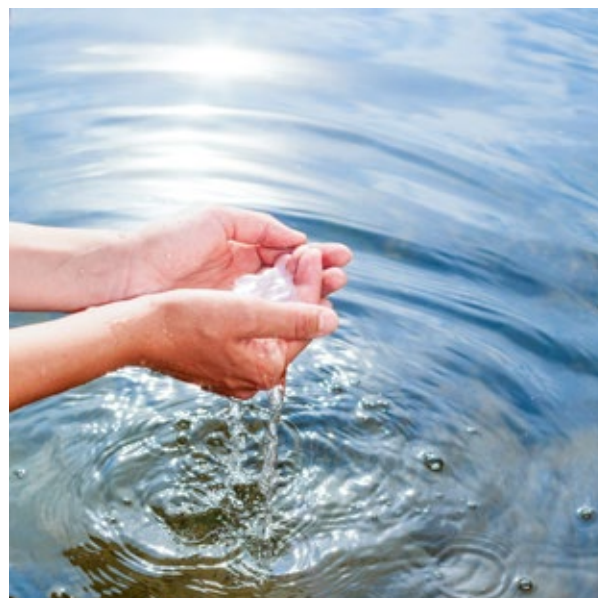
In 2019, 72 GWSs were supported under this subsidy, with an investment of €547,291.

Grants for the Provision or Necessary Improvement of an Individual Water Supply to a House:

Here funding is made available to persons who have a private water supply. The focus is on water quality and supply. Interest has remained strong in this scheme. Many of those applying reported wells having failed. In 2019, 72 applications were received (a decrease of 22% on 2018 figures). 61 grants were paid to applicants with 82% of applicants receiving the maximum of €2,031.58. A total of €115,823 was invested countywide.

Grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013:

Two applications were received, approved and paid in 2019. Expenditure under the scheme was €8,000. This is not a "demand led" scheme and it is focused on the areas where water quality is at risk. These are notified to the Council by the Environmental Protection Agency annually. Responsibility for the administration of this scheme remains with the Council. Grants are recouped from the DHPLG.





LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME (LAWPRO)



Photo: LAWPRO staff receiving biosecurity training for field work

LAWPRO works alongside local authorities, public bodies, stakeholders and communities to protect, enhance and maintain healthy waters and catchments.

LAWPRO is a national local authority shared service managed jointly by Kilkenny and Tipperary County Councils. The programme operates across a structure of five regions and 13 local authority centres, with its head office in Ballingarrane, Clonmel.

LAWPRO is driving a new approach for managing water quality on behalf of local authorities that involves:

- coordinating among the 31 local authorities and relevant State agencies
- applying catchment science in 190 Priority Areas for Action (PAAs) to find solutions to the issues impacting on water quality
- supporting communities to get involved in the management of their local rivers, lakes and coasts

LAWPRO is guided by its Strategic Plan, which sets out local, regional and national actions and activities for achieve its goals. This approach focuses on engaging communities and stakeholders around issues of local significance and applying a catchment assessment approach to ensure the right measure is delivered in the right place. In this way LAWPRO staff aim to deliver water quality messaging, information and science that is clear, meaningful and relevant.

The actions and achievements for 2019 will be set out under the headings: Coordination, Catchment Science and Community Engagement.



Coordination

Local authority senior management, in each of the five regions, meet at the Water & Environment Regional Management Committee. Each committee is chaired by a Chief Executive from within the region. These committees are a forum for strategy, planning and high-level decision making.

The Regional Operational Committee (ROC) in each of the five regions are a forum for interagency networking and collaboration. Each ROC includes local authority staff, representatives from all the implementing bodies and other technical experts from across the region. The committee is chaired by a Director of Services, with secretariat provided by LAWPRO.



Photo: South East ROC meeting in Dungarvan, November 2019

Catchment Science

Local catchment assessment focuses on delivering water quality improvements in the 190 Priority Areas for Action (PAAs). This specialist work involves desktop studies, community information meetings, stream-side assessments, referrals to implementing bodies and the compilation of PAA reports.

During 2019 there was a major drive in the delivery of community information meetings in the PAAs. These meetings required a whole-of-team effort in each region and county to deliver both the catchment science and community support aspects of LAWPRO's approach in a way that is meaningful to local communities and stakeholders.

The Agricultural Sustainability, Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP) was established under the River Basin Management Plan as a collaborative initiative involving Teagasc and the dairy industry to address the agriculture sector's impact on water quality. It is funded by the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine, Department of Housing Planning and Local Government and Dairy Sustainability Ireland; 2019 was its first full year.

ASSAP is coordinated by LAWPRO, Teagasc and the dairy industry on a regional basis; it has a local focus in relation to efforts in the PAAs.



Community Engagement

Engagement with communities and local groups around water quality is a core function of LAWPRO. This work continued in 2019 through the Community Water Officers. Community engagement activities and approaches included:

'Waters & Communities' Tidy Towns Special Award

This award is to recognise communities taking positive steps to enhance their local rivers, lakes, streams, canals and coast. It is sponsored by Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland and LAWPRO. There were 31 entries from Tidy Towns groups across the country. The overall winners in 2019 were Friends of the Camac, Clondalkin, Dublin. They will scoop prize money of €2,000. This announcement was made by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr. Michael Ring, TD, at the SuperValu Tidy Towns awards ceremony, which was held at the Helix Theatre, DCU, on September 30th, 2019.



A prize fund of €7,500 was divided as follows:

Region	County	Community Group	Results	Prize money
Midlands & East	Dublin	Friends of the Camac	Winner	€ 1,000
	Longford	Legan Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€ 500
	Westmeath	St Joseph's Foroige Club	Commended	€ 500
North West & West	Galway	Glenamaddy Tidy Towns	Winner	€ 1,000
	Donegal	Donegal Town Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€ 500
South & Mid-West	Kerry	Maharees Conservation Association	Winner	€ 1,000
	Clare	Kilrush Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€ 500
South East	Tipperary	Lattin Tidy Towns	Winner	€ 1,000
	Wexford	Clohamon Community Development Group	Highly Commended	€500




Community Water Development Fund

In 2019 LAWPRO received 151 applications under this fund and following a robust assessment process 104 grants were awarded. Grants awarded range from up to €5,000; up to €10,000 and up to €25,000, with the fund capped at €180,000 for 2019. The fund is open to all community and voluntary groups to assist in the protection and management of water quality, locally and in the wider catchment. It enables communities to get more involved in the management of their water environment, delivering multiple benefits for present and future generations.



Photo: Albert Nolan leads a nature walk with a group of school children along the River Arra in Tipperary. Event organised by Tipperary Tidy Towns.

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Water Heritage Day

LAWPRO collaborates with The Heritage Council during National Heritage Week to promote and support Water Heritage Day as the last day of National Heritage Week. 2019 was the third successive year of this collaboration and LAWPRO supported 61 local events across the country, ranging from walks and talks along rivers and lakes to boat trips and local festivities.



Photo: A young crayfish, part of the natural heritage of the River Mulkear

National Ploughing Championships

2019 was the third successive year that LAWPRO attended the National Ploughing Championships and a third successive collaboration with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes. The 'Water Quality' stand in 2019 was located in the 'Environment, Climate and Sustainability' marquee, managed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA). All agencies and public bodies in that space were linked by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



Photo L to R: Adrian Smyth, NFGWS; Roisín Dowd Smith, NFGWS; Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; Brian Casey, LAWPRO; John Carley, Dos, Wexford CoCo; Ruth Hennessey, LAWPRO; Jim Croke, LAWPRO



CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence is a second line emergency service, which provides a back up to the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's) in times of Major Emergency or incident. Civil Defence will also provide support where possible to local, community, Cultural and Sporting events.

2019 was again a busy year for Tipperary Civil Defence. Training and up skill of volunteers continues on a weekly basis across the County. A strong emphasis was placed on training in First Aid, Search Skills Communications, Swift water, boating activities, manual and people handling. In addition training was undertaken in Severe Weather driving, Radiation Monitoring and welfare. All training provided by Civil Defence is accredited through the Civil Defence College and outside bodies such as Pre Hospital Care Council, QQI, Rescue 3, Irish Food Safety Authority & Terafirma.

Great credit is due to our volunteer who commit to many hours of training and we thank them for their continued support and dedication to Civil Defence.

Missing person searches



Tipperary Civil Defence has developed its search capabilities over that last number of years. We currently we have mobile ground crews, a K9 unit, drones capacity, rescue boating and very specialised swift water teams. Tipperary Civil Defence were tasked by An Garda Síochána on a number of occasions during 2019 to assist in the search for missing persons, Many of the searches are completed within 24-48 hours however other may extend for a prolonged period of time .

Tipperary Civil Defence also assisted neighbouring Civil Defence units from other counties with search operations using our ground crews, K9 unit, Drone team and boats using Side Scan Sonar. During search operation we work closely with other agencies such as the Garda, Coastguard ground crews and air support units, and mountain rescue teams.

Boat operations



Training has commenced on the roll out of the new National Guidelines for boat operations. Crew are undergoing training and familiarisation of launch & recovery procedures, maintainance, and safety procedures. All activities are logged and recorded by each crew member.

Training is also on going in the use of Sonar and side camera operations.

Radiation Monitoring Service

In November 2019 Tipperary Civil took part in a National Radiation monitoring exercise run by the Dept of Defence Civil Defence Branch and the RPI & Environmental Protection Agency. The exercise was conducted to test the capability of Civil Defence to respond to a request to take and submit samples of vegetation and soil along with back ground radiation levels. Tipperary Civil Defence also acted as a regional hub for the collection of samples and the delivery of same to the Civil Defence National Co-ordination centre in Phoenix Park Dublin.



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K9 Training



Tipperary is one of four Counties with a K9 search dog unit. The Dog and handler train on a regular basis locally. National training and assessment of the Dog are organised by the Civil Defence College and are held in the Phoenix Park Dublin in March and October every year. Assessment and certification of the Dogs are carried out by an outside dog training expert from the UK.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (Drone).



The use of Drones now forms part of the majority of our search operations. The drone is a very useful asset and works well to cover vast area of ground that may be inaccessible to ground or boat operators. Crew are very well trained and the pilots are very well qualified to operate these machines. They are certified by the IAA and operate under very strict guidelines.

Community Events

Tipperary Civil Defence provided First Aid & Ambulance assistance to 102 community events. These include sporting, cultural and community organised events, such as cycle races, point to point events, Agricultural shows, athletic events, charity walks/runs and cycles. We work closely with the local authority festival committees and Tipperary Sports partnership.



Training Centre Thurles

Current phase of this project is now near completion, with extensive renovations carried out. This will be an ideal venue as it's situated in the centre of the county and will facilitate central training and vehicle storage and will further enhance our ability to respond to callouts to emergencies. It is hoped the facility will be up and running by late 2020

Assistance to the Civil Defence College

A number of our Instructors have given assistance to the National Civil Defence Training College in Roscrea, with the delivery of training and with the assessment of national exams.

Search Responder Course



2 instructors have qualified in the New Search Responder & Search leader course. This course will now be delivered locally to volunteers involved in search response.





MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS





CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



CATHAOIRLEACH & LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual Meeting of Carrick on Suir Municipal District was held on 14th June 2019. Councillor Imelda Goldsboro was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Mark Fitzgerald was elected Leas Chathaoirleach.

► PERFORMANCE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS

In 2019, the Municipal District Members held an Annual General Meeting and eleven monthly meetings.

The Members also held two security committee meetings with An Garda Síochána.



New civic offices officially opened on 28th February 2019 by Councillor Mattie Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council and Councillor Louise McLoughlin Cathaoirleach of Carrick on Suir Municipal District. Photographs of the former mayors dating from 1921 were reframed and are now on display in the hallway. A new adaptive lighting system was installed on the refurbished building.

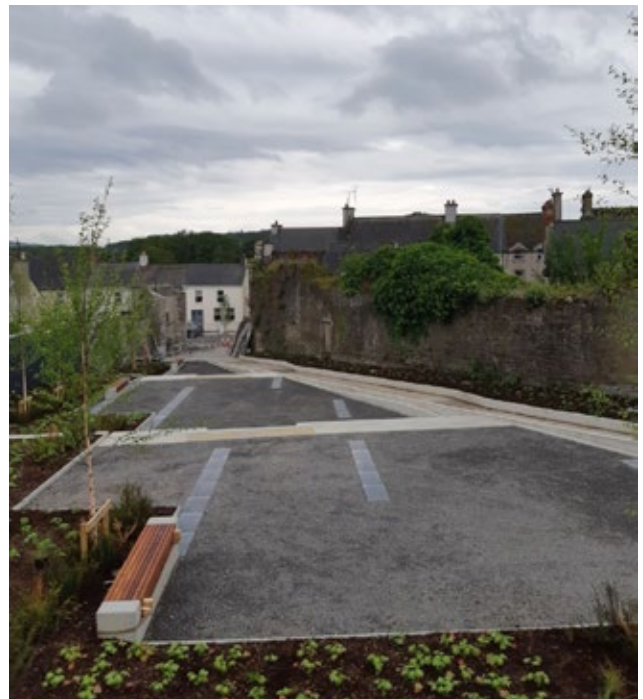


Comeragh College Choir performing in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Office, December 2019

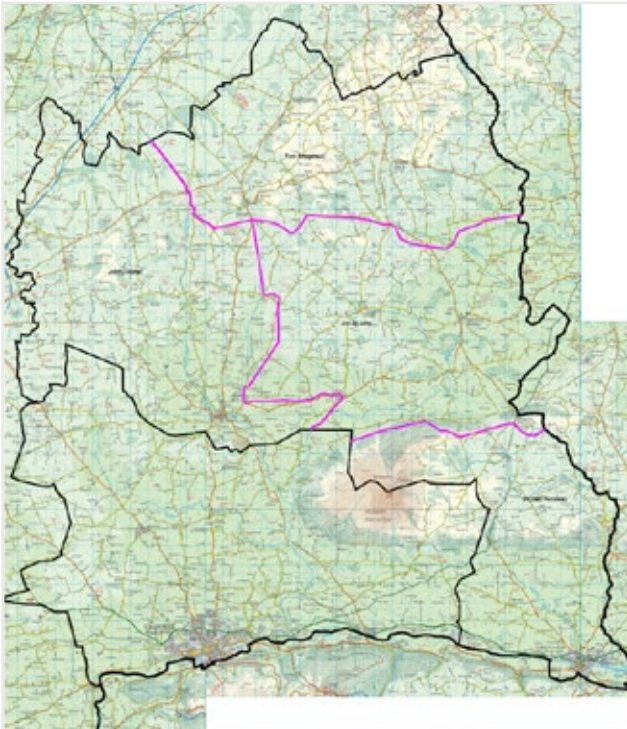
A Schedule of Municipal District Works, totalling €6.5 million, was adopted by the members, who oversaw its implementation. The Schedule of Municipal District Works included the maintenance and minor improvement of the social housing stock in the District, the maintenance and improvement of the road network, the rehabilitation of bridges, drainage works, the maintenance of open spaces and cemetery maintenance.

Other major work carried out in the district included

- Continuation of the rehabilitation work on Dillon Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir,
- Street and footpath improvement work was completed in Carrick-on-Suir, Fethard and Killenaule.
- Strengthening work was carried out on 16 Kilometres of the road network
- Resurfacing work was carried out on 16.4 kilometres of the network.
- Phase 1 of the Safety Improvement work and overlay was completed at Ballytarsna.



€240,000 contract to construct East Gate Park at Burke St. Fethard, was completed along with work to adjoining town wall by the planning section of Tipperary County Council.



Changes made by the Boundary Commission resulted in a slight reduction in the Carrick MD area. This resulted in the villages of Rosegreen, Killusty, Kilcash and Ballypatrick transferring to the Clonmel area.

The following housing estates were taken in charge by the councillors during 2019:

- Cregg Lawns, Carrick-on-Suir
- Ravenswood, Carrick-on-Suir
- Abbey Court, Fethard
- Sweet Auburn, Carrick-on-Suir

In addition the members received reports from each Director of Service in relation to activity in the District, considered 21 notices of motion, and corresponded with the Garda Síochána, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue, The Irish Coast Guard, The Department of Rural Affairs, The South East Patients Group and the The Office of Public Works, relation to matters concerning the Municipal District.

Mayoral Reception

A Mayoral Reception was held on 1st May 2019 for Ms. Kellie O'Donnell in recognition of winning 3 silver medals at the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi.



Civic Reception

On the 18th January 2019 a civic reception was accorded to Mr. Pdraig McCarthy in recognition of his achievements in equine sport, most particularly his winning of an individual silver medal and a team silver medal in 3 Day Eventing at the FEI World Equine Games in September 2018.

On 1st May 2019, a civic reception was accorded to the Congregation of Christian Brothers in the town of Carrick on Suir and the long standing connections between the town and the Congregation.

Assistance under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001

The Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District assisted the following bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). The Association provides a heritage centre at the Main Street in Carrick on Suir, a community centre in Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir, and is involved in a number of training schemes in the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee

A grant of €1,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC). The committee has representatives of the Local Authority, the Business Association and the Development Association. It has prepared a strategic plan for Carrick-on-Suir and is involved in a number of different measures to promote the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performs in public free of charge.

Sean Kelly Sports Centre

A grant of €40,000 was made to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Community Festivals and Events

In 2019 the following events were assisted by the County Council:

Kickham Country Weekend, Mullinahone	€2,500
Brewery Lane Writer's Weekend 2019	€700
Fethard Summer Festival	€2,500



Municipal Festivals

A new scheme was introduced in 2019 to assist larger festivals whose impact was wider than the community festivals, and which had the possibility to attract large numbers of visitors to the district. One festival was assisted under this heading, the Clancy Festival in Carrick-on-Suir, with a grant of €4,750.



Tidy Town Committees

Tipperary County Council sought submissions from Tidy Towns associations in relation to their plans for 2019.

As a result, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members decided to make seventeen grants as follows:

Rosegreen Tidy Towns Association	1,000.00
Ballynonty Tidy Towns Group	1,000.00
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	1,000.00
Kilcash Tidy Towns	1,000.00
Drangan Tidy Towns Committee	1,000.00
Ballyneale Development Association/ Ballyneale Tidy Towns	1,000.00
Fethard Tidy Towns	1,000.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement Association	1,000.00
Carrick on Suir Business Association	1,000.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	1,000.00
Killusty Tidy Village	1,000.00
Dualla Tidy Towns	1,000.00
Ballinure Community Group	1,000.00
Mullinahone Tidy Villages	1,000.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	1,000.00
Cloneen Tidy Villages and Graveyard Committee	1,000.00
The Commons Tidy Towns	1,000.00

Burial Grounds Grants

Grants were made to burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance of burial grounds, as follows:

Kiltinan Burial Ground Committee	€800
Rosegreen Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€600
St. Mary's Burial Ground Drangan Committee	€600
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€600
Rathcoole Burial Ground	€800
Killmacclough Burial Ground	€800
Tullamaine Fethard Burial Ground	€600
Isterkiernan Burial Ground Committee	€600
Kilvemnon Burial Ground Committee	€600
Killaghy Burial Ground Committee	€600
Ballinalacken Burial Ground Committee	€800
Kilcooley Union Of Parishes Crohane & Kilcooley BG	€800
Mogorban Parish Church Street Vestry	€600
Ahenny Carrick on Suir BG	€600
Ballinure Burial Ground Committee	€800
Magoury Burial Ground Committee	€600
Ballingarry Parish Church	€600
Cloneen Old and New B.G Committee	€600
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Holy Trinity Fethard	€600
Modeshill Burial Ground	€600
Kilmurray Graveyard Renovation Fund	€600
Dualla Cashel Burial Ground Committee	€600
Boulick Burial Ground Committee	€600
St. Josephs Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€800
Treacy Park Graveyard Group	€600
Lismolin Burial Ground Committee	€600



Community Grants

The County Council invited submissions from clubs and other organisations providing facilities, or engaging in community based projects. Projects assisted included new facilities, Christmas lights, sporting facilities, and so on.

Grants were made under the scheme as follows:

Group or Body	Items Assisted	Amount
Castle Heights Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€900
Strylea Residents Association, Fethard	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€850
Cluain Cregg Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€300
Rosegreen Development Association	Upgrade of community centre	€800
Rosegreen Development Association	Maintenance of Community Centre	€1,200
Dualla Community Association	Maintenance of Community Centre	€1,200
Rosegreen GAA	Utilities	€1,200
Clairin Residents Association	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€480
Cregg Lawns Residents Association	Maintenance of housing estate	€300
Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club	Creation of riverside park	€1,111
Carrick-on-Suir Boxing Club	Sporting Equipment	€1,000
Ballylynch Residents Association	Maintenance of housing estate	€250
CJ Kickham GAA Club, Mullinahone	Maintenance of sports centre	€3,750
Old School House, The Commons	Development of visitor's centre	€1,250
Carrick-on-Suir Athletics Club	Maintenance of sports facilities	€1,750
Mullinahone Men's Shed	Landscaping	€300
Grangemockler/Ballyneale Community History Group	Local History Publication	€2,500
Ard Alainn Residents Association	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€750
Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	Christmas Lights	€10,000

Tidy Towns Awards

A tidy towns competition was held for those committees in the district which participated in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Prizes were offered in two categories, one for smaller settlements, and the other for larger settlements.

Prizes were awarded for the best new entrant and the best improvement in marks awarded. A prize was also awarded for the best performing committee in the Municipal District.

An awards night was held in Ballingarry Community Hall on the 18th of November, 2019. Awards were made as follows:

Ballyneale	Most improved, Category A	€500
Ballinure	Most improved runner up, Category A	€500
Ballingarry	Other Categories best increase	€500
Killenaule	Runner up	€500
Cloneen	Best overall result	€1,000
Drangan	Best overall result runner up	€500



Other Projects

In addition to the schemes outlined, the district councillors allocated €15,000 to a project to improve access to Derrynaflan, €25,000 to a land use study in Carrick-on-Suir, and €13,000 to the development of a public realm design for the village of Dualla.



TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



On 1st June 2019, the Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District became the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District following local elections held on Friday 24th May. Four councillors elected in the Cahir Local Electoral Area joined seven Tipperary-Cashel councillors in a new 11-member Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.

Last Meeting Of Cashel - Tipperary Municipal District & Retirement Of Cllr. Denis Leahy & Cllr. Tom Wood



Back row from left:- Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Tom Wood, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Marie McGivern, District Administrator, Cllr. Roger Kennedy & Paddy Crowley, District Engineer.

Front row from left:- Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer, Clare Curley, District Director, Cllr. Martin Browne, Cllr. John Crosse & Cllr. Denis Leahy.



Presentation to Cllr. Tom Wood on his retirement from Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach





The Annual Meeting of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District was held on 11th June, 2019. Councillor Michael Fitzgerald was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Roger Kennedy was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Members elected to Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District in 2019



Back row from left:- Cllr. Tony Black, Cllr. Mary Hanna-Hourigan, Cllr. Andy Moloney, Cllr. Micheál Anglim, Cllr. Mairin McGrath, Cllr. John Crosse.

Front row from left:- Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), Cllr. Declan Burgess, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Leas Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Marie Murphy.



► CIVIC RECEPTIONS/CATHAOIRLEACH'S RECEPTION/WELCOMES/AWARDS

A number of civic receptions, awards and welcome events were hosted by the Cathaoirleach and District Members during the year.

These included the following:

Community Volunteers Tipperary Town

On 28th January, 2019, a Cathaoirleach's Reception was awarded to Mr. Tom Fitzgerald, Ms. Pat Myers & Mr. Eddie O' Flaherty. This was in recognition of their lifetime of voluntary work and service to the people of Tipperary.

Pictured at the Cathaoirleach's Reception



Back Row:- from left- Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. John Crosse, Deputy Mattie McGrath, T.D., Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Denis Leahy, Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer and Cllr. Martin Browne.

Front Row:- Mr. Eddie Flaherty, Ms. Pat Myers and Mr. Tom Fitzgerald, Award Recipients

Mr. Michael John Ryan, Danny Ryan Music Shop, Ryan School of Music , County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra.

On 20th February, 2019, a Civic Reception was awarded to Mr. Michael John Ryan. This was in recognition of his outstanding contribution to music. Danny Ryan Music Shop is known worldwide and is listed on the Lonely Planet Tourist guide as places to visit in Tipperary. With its iconic musical fresco spanning across the entire three-storey building, it is a focal point of arts and culture for all tourists, bands, artists and musicians.

In 1979 the Ryan School of Music began to cater for young musicians in the surrounding area. In 1981, Michael John (M.A. DIP C.S.M.) well known violinist, music teacher, church organist and director of the County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra and his wife Siobhan Hyland Ryan took over ownership and continue the wonderful legacy of Danny Ryan Music Shop, the Ryan School of Music and the County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra. The premises are also a Royal Irish Academy of Music Examination Centre. Ryan School of Music students have won several high achiever awards.

As a centre for arts and culture have promoted and hosted many concerts, charity events and performances by visiting professional bands and orchestras from all over the world and by national and international groups and well known performing artists.



Pictures below from the Civic Reception



Cathaoirleach's Reception on 29th March, 2019

On 29th March, 2019, a historic Cathaoirleach's Reception honoured nine groups and individuals, nominated by elected members for the significant impacts they made in the lives of people in the Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District and in their fields of work or sport.




- **Rural Traveller Project:** Mags Casey from the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project received recognition for her advocacy on behalf of the Traveller Project and was nominated by Cllr. Martin Browne.
- **Cashel Handball Club:** Two members of the Cashel Handball Club received recognition: David Moloney for winning the World Silver Masters' Single Competition and John O' Donoghue for winning the World Golden Masters Doubles at the World Handball finals in Minnesota USA in August 2018. Cllr. Roger Kennedy nominated both athletes.
- **Rugby Star:** Amee-Leigh Murphy Crowe received the Cathaoirleach's Reception in recognition of her achievements with Irelands Women's Sevens Team and her success on the World Rugby Women's Seven's Series. Amee-Leigh nominated by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald.
- **Tidy Towns:** Chairman Cashel Tidy Towns Patrick Downey was nominated by Cllr. Tom Wood in recognition of his leadership of a most dedicated group of volunteers and in recognition of his and their commitment to presenting the Historic City of the Kings in the best possible manner through flowers, artistic features and colour.
- **Six Nations Champion:** Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald nominated Jake Flannery, U20 Six Nations Rugby Champion in recognition of his outstanding achievements winning the U20 Six Nations Ruby Championships 2019.
- **Volunteerism:** Cllr. John Crosse nominated Brian Rafferty, Chairman of Tipperary Tidy Towns, for his leadership of a dedicated group of volunteers and in recognition of his and their commitment to presenting the town of Tipperary in the best possible manner through flower displays, artistic features and colour.
- **Agriculture:** Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald nominated Pat McCormack, President of the Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (I.C.M.S.A) in recognition of his appointment as President at this most crucial time in the history of Irish agriculture.
- **Arts:** Nicholas Ryan Purcell was nominated by Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan and accorded a Cathaoirleach Reception in recognition of his work in the area of autism. In particular to recognise the production of his own documentary film, "This is Nicholas, living with Autism".
- **Culture Music & Dance:** Brigid Whelan from the Brigid Whelan School of Dancing was nominated by Cllr. Denis Leahy and accorded a Cathaoirleach's Reception in recognition of her involvement in Tipperary town and its hinterland.



Pictured below at the Cathaoirleach Reception



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Civic Reception for Tipperary Services of Irish Wheel Chair Association

The management and staff of the Irish Wheelchair Association Tipperary South were accorded a Civic Reception in recognition of their contribution to the people of the district.

Pictures below at the reception



Her Excellency Patricia Cortés Ortiz, Ambassador of Republic of Colombia

In November a Cathaoirleach's Welcome was accorded to Her Excellency Patricia Cortés Ortiz, Ambassador of Republic of Colombia. Ms Cortés Ortiz was appointed earlier this year when Colombia opened its first embassy in Ireland.

Pictures from the reception



Twinned Town of Mautern, Austria

Tipperary Twinning Committee was delighted to welcome nine mountain rescue officers from their twinned village in Mautern, Austria on 18 May.

The visitors were afforded a mayoral welcome from Councillor Michael Fitzgerald in the Civic Offices where they were presented with a scroll and gifts. The group also met with Jimmy Barry from Tipperary Mountain Rescue Club and visited a number of locations in Tipperary during their trip.

Pictures below at the reception.



William O'Brien Photography, Tipperary

► THE EUROPEAN CHARTER OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

Cashel is the Irish representative town to the Charter, a unique organisation in Europe, one which is centred on European citizenship within small rural communities. Below is a photo taken in Polva at a summer meeting of the EU Rural Charter.



► SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In February 2019, the members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Cashel Tipperary District. This provided for a total expenditure in excess of €9 million in respect of housing maintenance; road improvements; street cleaning; maintenance of burial grounds and maintenance of amenity areas including playgrounds together with undertaking capital projects.

The main projects and programmes which benefited from funding were:

- Circular Road/ Hoare Abbey & Golden Road Cashel – provision of pedestrian walk at foot of the Rock linking Hoare Abbey and provision of walkway on Golden Road.
- Roundabout installations at Friar Street / Main Street Junction, Ladyswell & Lowergate Cashel.
- New signage (including bi-lingual signs) installed on approach roads to Cashel.
- Provision of pedestrian access to land at rear of Cashel Courthouse.
- The Hills, Tipperary Town – new entrance installed with set back roadside wall.
- Upgrade of footpaths across the District.
- Safety improvement scheme at the Kiln Cashel with the installation of a new roundabout
- Provision of car and bus parking and installation of footpaths at Rossmore National School.
- Toureen Bridge Rossmore
- Road widening and footpath installation at Rosanna Road Tipperary Town.
- Cannon Hayes Road resurfacing works.
- New Cross installed at St. Michael's Cemetery Tipperary Town.
- The installation of a new pedestrian Bridge at the Inch Field Cahir.
- Streetscape improvement at Clogheen, Goatenbridge and Ballyporeen
- Ardifnnan view area
- Rehabilitation of Ardfinann Bridge

Golden Road Cashel - before & after photos



Toureen Bridge Rossmore - before and after photos



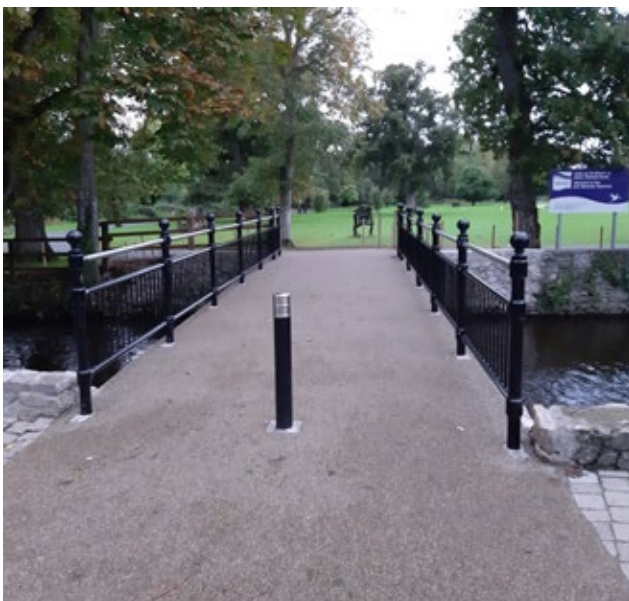
Canon Hayes resurfacing works



New cross installed at St. Michael's Cemetry Tipperary Town



Installation of a new Pedestrian Bridge at the Inch Field Cahir.



Davitt Street Pavement Improvements, Tipperary Town

In 2019 works were completed on a major pavement strengthening scheme on Davitt Street, Tipperary Town with funding provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland for this section of the N24 road. This scheme was preceded with investment by Irish Water in the upgrade of water mains on Davitt Street and Church Street through the removal of lead and asbestos piping which will benefit for residents and businesses in the area. Tony Kirwan, Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd. was the main contractor for the works.

Photos of works in progress



► WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ENHANCE TOWNS & VILLAGES

Tidy Towns Grants 2019

Tidy Towns & Residents Associations Grants

Name	Allocations
Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,180
An Duiche Residents Association	€1,180
Bansha Tidy Towns Association	€1,180
Cappawhtie Tidy Towns	€1,180
Cashel Tidy Towns Association	€4,880
Churchview Residents Association	€1,180
Clonoulty-Rossmore Tidy Villages	€1,180
Crescent Court Residents	€1,180
Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,180
Dundrum Tidy Towns	€1,180
Emly Tidy Towns Association	€1,180
Golden Tidy Towns	€1,180
Kilnamanagh Court	€1,180
Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,180
Lattin Tidy Towns	€1,180
Murgasty Hills Residents Association	€1,180
Murgasty Residents Association	€1,180
Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Association	€1,180
Spafield Family Resource Centre	€1,180
Summercove Residents Association	€1,180
The Steeple's Residents Association	€1,180
Thomastown Tidy Towns	€1,180
Tipperary Tidy Towns Committee	€4,880
Total Allocation	€34,540

Cashel Tidy Towns

Cashel Tidy Towns in 2019 engaged Flynn Furney Environmental consultants to assist in drawing up a new 3-year plan for Cashel. The plan will be used to guide the work of Cashel Tidy Towns as they aim to improve their build heritage environment, the town's hinterland and focus more on biodiversity.



Cashel Tidy Towns engaging with Consultant

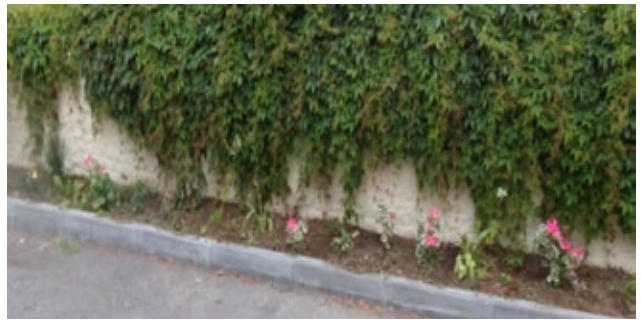


Tidy Towns works - before and after photos

Kilross Tidy Towns



Dundrum Tidy Towns - Kerbing and new wildlife flower bed



All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2019 - Supported By IPB Insurance & LAMA

Each year a number of entries for projects that contribute extra to their communities receive special acknowledgement.

The LAMA judging panel decided to recognise Emly Tidy Towns and they received a “Special Recognition Award” for their outstanding contribution to their community. The award was presented to Denis Heffernan, Chairman, Emly Tidy Towns.

Another winner of a LAMA award was Zero Waste Project Cashel. Derry O’Donnell, Project Manager and Mindy O’ Brien, VOICE Ireland who developed the project for Cashel accepted a Silver award in the Best Waste Management Category on behalf of the project group.

Pictures from the Awards Ceremony



From left: Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Clare Curley, District Director, Denis Heffernan, Chairman of Emly Tidy Towns, Mary Heffernan and Cllr. Michael Murphy



Denis Heffernan, Chairman, Emly Tidy Towns.



Zero Waste Project - Cashel Town

Picture below at the Awards



From Left: Cllr John Hogan, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Derry O’Donnell, Mindy O’Brien and Clare Curley, District Director.



Burial Ground Grants 2019

Grant Recipient	Grant Allocation
Annacarty - Kilpatrick Burial Ground	€1,955
Ardmayle Burial Ground	€1,080
Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€1,080
Ballintemple Burial Ground	€1,032
Bansha Burial Ground	€1,032
Cappawhite Old / New Burial Ground	€2,112
Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€1,032
Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Burial Ground	€810
Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground	€2,763
Cullen Burial Ground	€875
Dangan - Dargan Maintenance	€875
Emly O'd/New Burial Ground Committee	€1,890
Garranlea Burial Ground	€810
Hollyford Burial Ground	€1,080
Kilshane Burial Ground	€875
Lagganstown Burial Committee	€875
Lattin New Burial Ground Committee	€1,080
Lattin Old Burial Ground Committee	€810
Monard Church of Ireland	€810
Mount Bruis Burial Ground	€875
Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€875
Shronell Graveyard Committee	€810
Solohead Burial Ground	€1,032
St. John the Baptist	€810
St. Mark's Famine Graveyard	€810
St. Mary's Church of Ireland	€810
St. Mary's Church, Dundrum	€810
St. Senan's Burial Ground	€1,080
Templenoë Burial Ground	€875
Toem Burial Gound	€810
Total	€32,473



Tipperary Festival & Events Grants Scheme 2019

Grants were awarded to 18 organisations and groups across the Municipal District in 2019 as part of the scheme.

Community Grants

Applicant	Festival	Grant
Aherlow Kilross Community Council	Aherlow Christmas Market	550
Bansha Agricultural & Industrial Show	Bansha Agricultural & Industrial Show	600
Cashel Heritage & Development Trust	Cashel 700	600
Cashel St. Patrick's Parade	Cashel St. Patrick's Parade	1,550
Tipperary Tidy Towns	Celebrating the River Ara	600
Donohill & District F.C.	Donohill Festival of Football	200
Glen of Aherlow Failte Society Ltd	Glen of Aherlow Winter Walking Festival	600
Knockanrawley Resource Centre	Knockanrawley Resource Centre Zero Waste Festival	600
Galtee Walking Club	Galtee Walking Events	600
Cappawhite Community Council	St. Patrick's Parade - Cappawhite	600
Knockavilla Community Council	Staging of a Play	600
TIRD Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	St. Patrick's Parade - Tipperary Town	1,550
TIRD Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Christmas Lights Event	1,200
Monard Community Hall	Monard Christmas Festival	500
Total		€10,350

Municipal Grants

Applicant	Festival	Grant
Tipperary Excel Arts & Heritage Centre	Tipperary Military History Festival	4,983
Tipperary Churn Rolling Association	Tipperary Churn Rolling	2,350
Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	11,200
Cashel Rugby Club	All Ireland Sheep Shearing & Wool Handling Festival	7,500
Total		€26,033
Overall Total		€36,383



St. Patrick's Day Parades - Cashel Town, Tipperary Town & Cappawhite Village

Cashel St. Patrick's Day parade celebrated with a theme of 'Cashel 700' to commemorate 700 years of Cashel's Town Walls.



Cashel

St. Patrick's Day Parade Winners



Tipperary Town

St. Patrick's Day Parade started from Redmond Square ('The Plan') with many businesses, sports clubs and community groups taking part.



Cappawhite Village

St. Patrick's Day parade had over 50 groups participating with up to 70 floats including many groups from nearby villages.



All-Ireland and All-Nations Sheep Shearing and Wool Handling Championships

In May the All-Ireland and All-Nations Sheep Shearing and Wool Handling Championships were held in Cashel. Over 4,000 people flocked to Cashel to attend the major sheep event held in Ireland in 2019.



Tipperary Churn Rolling Festival

Tipperary town was the destination for one of the most unique fixtures on the Irish sporting calendar. The 2019 All-Ireland Churn Rolling Championships took place on Saturday, September 21st and attracted large crowds who were eager to witness a sport that involves athletes racing each other along a course while in control of an old fashioned milk churn.

Photos from the event below



Paudie Byrne, Supermacs; Muireann Slattery, Pride of Tipperary; William Ryan, Chairman, Tipperary Co-op; Men's Winner Jack Whelton, Lattin; runner-up Brian O'Rahilly; finalists Thomas Nash, Brendan Healy & Kieran Maguire, Tipperary Co-op.



Jack Whelton, Lattin, Co. Tipperary, winner of Senior Men's Final



Senior Men's Finalists- Brendan Healy, Brian O'Rahilly, Thomas Nash & winner Jack Whelton, Lattin, Co. Tipperary.

Cashel Arts Festival

Cashel Arts Festival took place from 19th – 22nd September. The theme of the 2019 festival was “Walls” – in celebration of the physical walls that surround the town which are 700 years old this year. The festival celebrated the walls through poetry, song, theatre, visual arts, music and dance. The centrepiece of the festival was a Culture Night Street Spectacular by LUXE.



Photos of Street Spectacular by LUXE

Cashel Arts Festival Launch



Gold Star Initiative

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel District continues to work with Anne Bradshaw, HSE, towards achieving “Gold Star” status for Tipperary town. The main aims of the initiative are to increase disability awareness and universal access for wheelchair users and the visually impaired in the community. This year saw an increased focus on vehicles parked illegally in disabled parking bays and on footpaths.

Staff member Mairead Moloney participated in the Gold Star programme -beginners Irish Sign Language (ISI) run by Tipperary ETB at St. Anne’s Secondary School with transition year students and a mix of participants from the community and voluntary sector in April 2019.



Cashel Playground Friar Street

Cashel Playground reopened in September following extensive refurbishment and redevelopment by Cashel Playground Committee with support from the LEADER programme, local businesses and Tipperary County Council. Further upgrade works were undertaken by the Council on the adjacent green area and multi-use games area.



Cashel & Tipperary Towns Go Blue & Gold for All-Ireland Finals

Cashel & Tipperary towns decorated the main streets in blue & gold bunting (with support from the Council) in celebration of the All-Ireland Senior Hurling and All-Ireland Under-20 Hurling Championship wins.

Cashel Town



Tipperary Town



► ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Centre Forums

The District facilitates and supports the Town Centre Forums of Cashel & Tipperary in their on-going efforts to enhance their town centres, promote business opportunities and implement agreed actions.

Meetings of Cashel and Tipperary Town Centre Forums were held throughout the year and updates were received from representatives of agencies and local organisations on projects and initiatives in each of the towns.

Photo below shows Marie McGivern District Administrator & Aidan Finn District Engineer at their last meeting of the Cashel Town Centre Forum. The photo also shows Paul Monk, Secretary and long-time member of Cashel Tidy Towns who died in November 2019. He will be greatly missed.



Back row from left:- Sean Laffey, Aidan Finn, Sara Bourke, Martin Lynch;
Front row from left:- Paul Monks, R.I.P, Tidy Towns, Paddy Downey, Tidy Towns & Marie McGivern, District Administrator.

Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards 2019

Cahir won both the Munster and national awards in its category at the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards held on the 5th December and also received prize funds totalling €13,000.

The purpose of the awards is to recognise how local areas across Ireland, bring business and community groups together to showcase their efforts to build an economically sustainable community. The judges highlighted the very positive community spirit that was evident in Cahir on judging day, on 3rd September, and the strong support and cooperation from across the community, voluntary, business and agencies sectors.

Photos below from awards ceremony



Developing Cashel as a Destination Town in Ireland's Ancient East

Cashel is a designated heritage town within Ireland's Ancient East and Fáilte Ireland also commissioned a Destination Town Plan for Cashel. A major outcome of the report is a collaboration between Fáilte Ireland, the OPW and Tipperary County Council who are currently working together to identify the optimum site for the development of a new visitor reception facility for the Rock of Cashel and visitors to Cashel.

Two workshops were held in November at Brú Ború Cultural Centre which presented the main findings of the plan to stakeholders and also commenced roll out of business support actions recommended in the report. One of the other main objectives is to encourage greater transfer of short stay visitors from the Rock of Cashel in to the town centre and extend their stay in the locality.

Tipperary County Council submitted a funding application to Fáilte Ireland under the Destination Towns Programme in September in respect of Cashel. Grant-aid of €500,000 was approved under the scheme with an additional minimum contribution of 25% match funding from the Local Authority. The funding allocation will be invested in improved signage and further upgrading of Cashel Plaza to maximise the impact for tourism.

Stakeholder Engagement with Fáilte Ireland in Cashel




Digital Hub – Tipperary Town

In September a new Digital Hub was launched in Tipperary town to cater for remote working and start-up businesses. Developed by Jobs4Tipp at the Tipperary Technology Park it offers office accommodation in modern facilities with high-speed broadband connectivity, printing and secretarial services. With many companies now allowing employees to work closer to their home rather than commuting long distances the Hub is ideally set up to cater for this cohort of workers in the town's catchment area.



From Left:- Pat Slattery, District Director, Seamus Clarke Jobs4Tipp, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Morgan Mooney, Jobs4Tipp, Siobhan Hyland Ryan, Jobs4Tipp and Michael Begley, Local Enterprise Office Tipperary.

An application for funding to upgrade existing facilities at Tipperary Technology Park was also submitted by the Council to Enterprise Ireland in October under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) for the Tipperary Innovation Engine project. This proposal is part of a regional innovation project linking with Engine Innovation Limerick to provide flexible co-working and individual office spaces. A decision on this funding application is expected in early 2020.

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Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme 2019

The Streetscape & Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners or occupiers of properties situated in the primary retail areas of Cashel and Tipperary towns to improve the streetscape through:

- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage, with an emphasis on hand painted signage;
- Painting and general improvements to existing shop fronts;
- Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets and other environmental improvements.

In Tipperary town, 16 applicants availed of the Scheme.



No. 17-19 Main Street, Tipperary - before and after works

In Cashel Town, 21 applicants availed of the Scheme.



No. 74 -75 Main Street - before and after works



Tipperary Town Revitalisation


The revitalisation of Tipperary Town progressed with the appointment in September of Carmel Fox as an independent chair of the Tipperary Town Revitalisation process by Damien English T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Development.

Ms Fox met with many stakeholders in the town initially in November as part of the first phase of engagement and consultation to develop an agreed plan and path forward for the town. A Task Force with representatives from various organisations and sectors will be formed with responsibility for preparation and implementation of a 3-year Action Plan.

The Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force is being supported with funding from Tipperary County Council and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and will also have the benefit of a full-time project manager for a three-year period.



Tipperary Town Revitalisation Stakeholder Engagement

 *A Task Force with representatives from various organisations and sectors will be formed with responsibility for preparation and implementation of a 3-year Action Plan.*



► CHRISTMAS EVENTS & INITIATIVES

Contributions of €5,000 each were provided towards the provision of Christmas street lights in Cashel and Tipperary towns.

Cashel Chamber of Commerce officially switched on the Christmas lights on Friday 29th November. The evening started with the choir from St. John the Baptist Girls' School singing seasonal songs followed by music from the Cashel Brass Band and the Cashel Dr. Diarumid O'Hurley Pipe Band. There was street entertainment with fire eating and juggling to get everyone into the festive spirit. This event was supported by the Christmas Lighting funds provided by Tipperary County Council.



Cashel Plaza

Tipperary Chamber of Commerce officially switched on their Christmas lights on Saturday 30th November with help from the Vintage Car Club. Pride of Tipperary Muireann Slattery and Eve Creamer, Warrior Princess, gave Santa a hand to switch on the lights. Face painting and food stalls were also part of the Christmas Lights event.



Tipperary Town Christmas Lights Event

In cooperation with TIRD Tipperary Chamber of Commerce the Council provided a package of measures to promote Tipperary town in the lead up to Christmas with the following supports:

- A marketing campaign to promote shopping local through radio, social media and print media.
- A Town Voucher Scheme which involved the Council co-funding vouchers to be given to customers as prizes in the lead up to Christmas, as part of the marketing campaign.
- Two hours free parking in Tipperary Town for the months of November and December.

► HERITAGE

Irish Walled Towns Network Interpretation & Events Grant Scheme 2019

Cashel under the Heritage Council's Irish Walled Towns' Network Interpretation & Events Grants Scheme 2019 was awarded grant aid of €4,000 to undertake a project titled "Cashel 700" to celebrate Cashel's built heritage. The objective is to educate and inform people about Cashel's town walls. To celebrate the 700th anniversary of Cashel's town walls and to mark the opening of the new walkway from Cashel to Castl lake on the Golden Road trees were planted by Cashel Heritage Trust on sections of the route as a blossom memory walk.

Soloheadbeg Ambush

The centenary commemoration of the Soloheadbeg Ambush was marked on the 20th January 2019 by a ceremony at Solohead Cross supported by the Council. A number of initiatives have taken place in the District supported by the Tipperary Decade of Commemorations Community Grant Scheme including an exhibition at Tipperary Excel, events in Emly, a project in Annacarty Barracks and a concert in Cashel.

Photo below of Soloheadbeg Committee

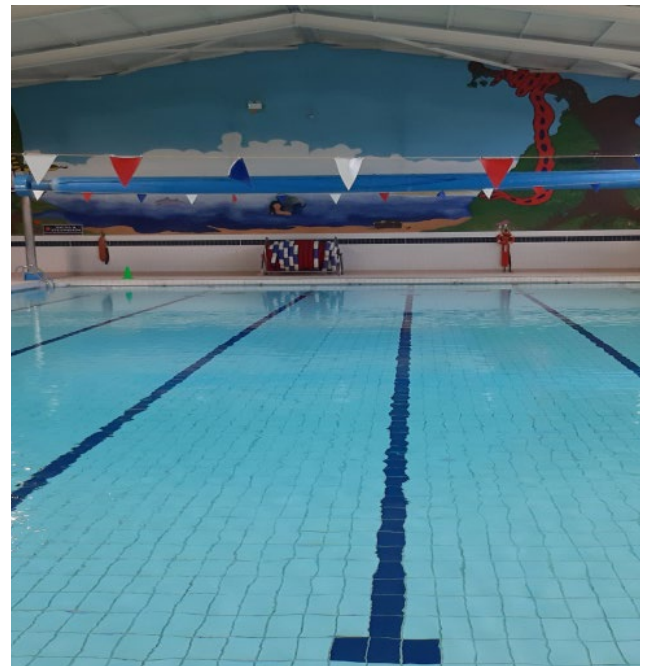


The centenary of the first Dáil Éireann was marked at a special meeting of the Council in Ballykisteon Hotel on 21st January 2019.



► RECREATION AND AMENITIES

Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool & Canon Hayes Sports Complex



The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool and Canon Hayes Recreation Centre came together to offer a joint annual membership. Canon Hayes Recreation Centre in Tipperary town boasts a vast range of state-of-the-art health and fitness facilities which include a sports hall, aerobics studio, sauna/steam room, squash and racquetball courts, gym, strength and conditioning room and children's pre-school. Outdoor facilities include a floodlit running track, all-weather pitches and two tennis courts.

The Centre also caters for family events and birthday parties for children. The Council provided financial assistance enabling the Centre undertake refurbishment of their tennis courts and all-weather pitches.

The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool is a Council run facility which adjoins the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. The pool is open to the public seven days a week, organises swimming classes for adults and children on a group basis or one-to-one basis; hosts swimming events and caters for schools and other organisations in the district. 2019 was a busy year with 69,178 visitors to the pool.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019

In February 2019 Tipperary County Council announced that it has been awarded a grant allocation of €600,000 from the Department of Rural & Community Development for Tipperary Town Regeneration including the following projects:

- **Market Yard Enhancement** is part of the phased Town Centre Improvement Scheme for Tipperary town which will provide linkage from Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre to the River Ara. This phase of the project which will upgrade the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area will comprise; works to include new paved area; repaving of the existing area; introduction of street furniture, planting and general environmental enhancements and the installation of a new pedestrian crossing linking the Excel Heritage Centre (which now incorporates a new Tipperary Town Library facility and Tourist Office) with the Market Yard and the Town Centre.
- **Cashel** - Enhancement of existing Circular Road to Hoare Abbey Walking Route and providing connectivity to Mount Judkin Road Cashel also the provision of walkway along the side of the N74 (Cashel to Golden Road) from Fearnamanagh Cross connecting to Golden Road Walkway.
- **River Ara Walkway** – this proposes to link Abbey Street to Glenview Square via a river walk along the banks of the River Ara. The proposed river walk which is 800 metres approximately will link with existing walking routes in town on the Bansha Road and Station Road. The project will include seating, natural play area, educational area, natural wetland, improved biodiversity, appropriate fencing and landscaping along the route.

Photo below as launch of River Ara Walkway Plans



From left:- Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Aidan Finn, District Engineer, Clare Curley, District Director & John Kiely, Principal of Abbey C.B.S.

Ara River Project Shortlisted for National Biodiversity Award

At the first ever National Biodiversity conference held in Dublin Castle in February 2019, Albert Nolan represented Tipperary Tidy Towns for the presentation of Together for Biodiversity awards. During 2018, Tipperary Tidy Towns undertook an initiative in conjunction with Albert Nolan, a wildlife enthusiast, to raise awareness about the River Ara which flows through Tipperary Town. As part of their project 'Discovering the Wildlife of the River Ara', Mr. Nolan worked with eight schools in the town by hosting workshops which introduced children to wildlife and biodiversity found in the river. Children got involved by taking samples with nets where they filled sampling trays with bugs from the river and identified the creatures they had uncovered with the help of pictorial identification charts. The initiative was funded by the Local Authority Waters Programme under the Community Water Development Fund 2018.

The project was nominated for an award under the Small Community Group project category. It was selected to go through the public voting stage and the Tipperary community rallied around and voted online for the project to ensure that it was shortlisted to one of three projects put forward for an award. The Tidy Towns group received a prize of €500.



► CASHEL TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FAREWELLS & RETIREMENTS 2019

- Aidan Finn, District Engineer
- Marie McGivern, District Administrator
- Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer

Farewell to Aidan Finn District Engineer



Marie McGivern District Administrator

Cashel Tipperary Municipal District Administrator Marie McGivern bid farewell to Councillors and staff at the May meeting, after many years of service to the district and previously Cashel Town Council in a similar role she retired from the Council. She is pictured with her colleagues after a presentation to her.



Farewell to Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer





CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT



The Annual Meeting of Clonmel Borough District was held on 12th June 2019. Councillor Garret Ahearn was elected Mayor and Councillor Pat English was elected Deputy Mayor



► CIVIC RECEPTION

Clonmel Borough District accorded a Civic Reception on 8th February, 2019 to the Clonmel Rotary Club, in recognition of their 50th anniversary.



► COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A significant contribution continued to be made by Tipperary County Council to social and cultural life at local level, through support for a variety of groups, organisations and events in 2019.

► FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Under the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2019 both staff support and financial support was provided for a wide range of festivals and events.

These included the Junction Festival (Premier Category), Busking Festival and Applefest (Municipal Category) and many of the Community Category Events in the area. Other major festivals/events organised/ supported by the Borough District included; St. Patrick's Day Parade, launch of the Suir Blueway with Community Event in Kilsheelan, Halloween Zombie Walk and Christmas Celebrations.

In addition to the above, other events which received considerable Council financial support included the Knockmealdown Rhododendron Walking Festival, Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival, Inktober Art Event and Macra na Feirme National Conference.



St Patrick's Day Parade

Kieran Stafford, National President of St Vincent De Paul Society, was honored with the Grand Marshall title for the day.

The Parade celebrated the 175 years of tremendous work that St Vincent de Paul and its 11,000 members has done throughout communities in their fight against poverty. A further 29 floats joined the parade to showcase their group; whether sporting, musical, voluntary or dance. Thousands of spectators thronged Clonmel streets for the afternoon of the Parade.

In addition, the Clonmel Bianconi Twinning Committee are working with visiting groups that will arrive for St Patrick's Weekend. The day commenced with a flag raising ceremony at St. Patrick's Well at 8.30am. The morning parade left Emmet Street this year at 11.30am following an unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the 4 Dail representatives from Tipperary at the 1st Dail. St. Mary's Church mass at 12 noon was celebrated in Irish and the parade was led by Banna Chluain Meala included the Grand Marshall, Councillors, visitors from Clonmel's Twinned Towns and representatives of town organisations.

In addition, the Clonmel Bianconi Twinning Committee again organised the morning parade from the Town Hall to St. Mary's Church. This year Clonmel was delighted to have visitors from the twinned towns of Trofaia in Austria who celebrate their 25th anniversary twinned with Clonmel and Reading Mayors also joined us for the Day. The main parade was led once again by Banna Chluain Meala with over 130 of their young musical members.



Clonmel Junction Festival 2019

This year's Clonmel Junction Festival took place from 1st to 7th July. According to organisers, it is worth in excess of €0.5m to the local economy. The theme of the Festival was 'Mountains' in order to celebrate the beautiful scenery that surrounds the town.

Theatre – There was a range of shows performed by local, national and international companies, including Edinburgh hit 'Brendan Galileo For Europe', and 'The Fight' by local Stagecraft Youth Theatre.

Music – from classical to folk, with experimental technical music, contemporary piano music and jazz.

Cabaret – The staging of 'Don Juan', a cabaret setting took place in the Coachman Bar. Down The Rabbit Hole and a range of music including jazz with Niwel Tsumbu and Electric Orfeo and an intimate gig with Jerry Fish also took place at this venue.

Family – 'The Secret Garden', gave families the chance to experience theatre, music and art together. For the very young, Lithuanian Company, Dansema, returned to the festival with a dance show 'Twinkles'.

Participation – Also included as part of the festival were free dance and visual arts workshops, morning yoga and tai chi programmes, free concerts and performances (Laptop Ensemble, Robert Ballagh artist talk).

Clonmel Busking Festival

Clonmel Busking Festival ran from the 8th – 11th August, the 9th year of the festival, and attracted a wide variety of events, performances and competitions for the duration of the Festival.

Launch night in the Cabaret Rooms of the Coachman was a great success with renowned musician Jerry Fish and his full live band, playing to a large audience. Friday night featured the Swing Dance Trail which returned to the festival line-up for its second year. The twenty strong dance group displayed their talents at each venue and created a "pied piper" effect as enthusiasts followed them through the streets of Clonmel. Once again the Kids' Street Carnival on Mitchell Street drew a crowd as did the Bulmers' Busking Competition, with 58 entrants, comprising of solo artists, duos and groups.

The much loved family event on the Sunday attracted over 6,000 people to Denis Burke Park and brought the 4-day event to a successful close. The attendance figures for all the events over the weekend increased on the previous year and the festival is growing in popularity with visitors and locals alike. Clonmel and its nightlife also came alive with the sound of music resonating from pubs and other venues over the weekend.

Halloween Festival Clonmel

Clonmel Zombie Walk, despite the inclement weather, drew people out in their hundreds on Halloween night.

Large crowds of children and families arrived at Market Place for the costume parade which started at 6pm. The walk proceeded directly onto Gladstone Street and through Mary Street Car Park with the grand finale in Gordon Place Car Park. There were many Halloween activities, dance performances, Costume competition and musical performances by local groups. Local band Pearly Whites performed live music for a further hour after the crowds gathered in Gordon Place Car Park. An additional attraction for the public was the conversion of the White Memorial Theatre to a haunted house. There were many more performers, musical groups and community organisations who contributed to the event which was coordinated by Clonmel Borough District.



Christmas In Clonmel 2019

Christmas in Clonmel 2019 involved a comprehensive programme with a wide range of activities and events throughout the town.



Santa arrived on his sleigh on the first weekend in December to meet all the children and to turn on the Christmas lights. There was a variety of Christmas activities in the mornings and afternoons of each weekend in December coordinated by Clonmel Borough District, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Museum and Library staff with support from other event and festival groups in the town.

Other initiatives and Christmas events over the weekends included the Christmas Artists in Residence, Kids Christmas Carnival, sensory Santa's grotto, winter songs at the Main Guard and various Christmas workshops organised by County Museum staff, Library Staff and South Tipperary Arts Centre. Clonmel Borough District provided free car parking in Council Car Parks each Saturday in December



Schedule Of Municipal District Works

In March 2019 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District.



Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2019 were:

- Surface dressing works were carried out at Springfield, Garryroe, Rathnasliggen, Orchardstown, Rathduff, Doon, Horsepasture, Ballyboe, Tooloone, Grove Road, Kiltinan & Grangebeg.
- Road strengthening works were carried out at Loughkent to New Inn, Rathkeevan, Castleblake, New Inn Village & Glenconnor Road.
- Footpath replacement works were carried out in many locations in Clonmel, and in the Villages of Ballyclerihan, Ballypatrick, Kilcash Kilsheelan & Marlfield.
- Drainage Works were carried out at Poulmucha, Ballyclerihan, Horsepasture, Graigue, Knockinclash, Temple-Etney, Kilcash, Carrigeensharragh, St. Patrick's Well Road, Cashel Road & Powerstown.
- Bridge rehabilitation works were carried out and completed on the Kilsheelan Bridge.
- Road resurfacing works were carried out at Cooleen's Close, Abbey Meadows, Wilderness, Carrigeen, Convent Road, St. Patrick's Well Crossroad to the Pond Road, King Street, the Old Quay & Old Bridge.
- Macadam Repair Works were carried out at many location in Clonmel Town.
- New signage and road markings were installed at many locations in Clonmel Town.
- The Blueway Project saw the completion of the Sports Ireland Assessment Works in Kilsheelan and further enhancement works in 2019.
- Additional drainage works were carried out in St Patrick's Cemetery.
- Suir Island Amenity Plan has now advanced through to initial design stage and a master plan was presented in 2018.
- Works commenced to the Gordon Street Car Park in Clonmel, and the remaining works will be completed in 2019.
- A Roundabout Upgrade Sponsorship Programme was completed at Toberaheena, Moangarriff, Burgargery and Carrigeen roundabouts.
- Local Improvement Scheme works was carried out at Ballyveelish, Giantsgrave.
- Special Contribution Works - Macadam Works were carried out in Ballyglasheen, Ballyglasheen Little, Skehanagh, Ballypatrick and Kilcash, (from Roadstone as part of their Planning Permission for their local quarry).
- Macadam Works to Ballypatrick Village, (from the trench reinstatement monies provided by Water Ireland).
- Minor Safety Works on the N24 at Moangarriff.
- Completion of HD28 Project works on the N24 for resurfacing at Kilheffernan Roundabout.
- Completion of HD30 Capital Maintenance Works on the N76 at Seskin, and Clashinisky.
- Removal & Replacement of National Route Fencing along sections of the N24.



Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2019

Funding was allocated under the 2019 Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme in the Clonmel Borough District and it included groups in the categories below. Cahir Area formed part of the District at the time of approvals in March, therefore Clonmel BD continued with the processing of payments to the Cahir groups up to the end of 2019. Cahir Area grants have reverted to Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel Municipal District from 2020 onwards.

Premier Category:

Clonmel Junction Festival;	€30,000
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Municipal Category:

Clonmel Busking Festival	€15,000
Illustrating Tipperary/South Tipperary Arts Centre	€2,500
Clonmel Applefest	€4,500
South Tipperary Positive Mental Health Festival	€1,500
HACKED – Stagecraft	€1,500
Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	€1,500
Burncourt Community Council CLG	€1,500
Rhododendron Walking Festival	€3,500

Community Category:

Belle Voci Summer Concert	€500
Camida Duathlon	€1,000
Children's Christmas Carnival	€2,400
Clonmel Bridge Congress	€1,000
Clonmel Honey Show	€600
Clontempo Concert	€500
Fermoy - All Breed International Dog Show	€1,200
Long Way Round – Semra	€500
Marathon Music Festival – Cuan Saor	€600
Trad Youth Orchestra – Comhaltas	€800
Ardfinnan Community Council	€600
Cahir Development Association	€3,500
Cahir Trad Fest	€1,500
Clogheen Homecoming Festival	€1,000
Duhill Weekend - Bike around	€500
New Inn Festival	€500
Summer Festival at the Castle	€1,200
Vee Rovers School Sports Day	€200
Winter Solstice Walk	€400



Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns committees in the District who competed in the National Competition in 2019 were Ardfinnan, Ballyporeen, Cahir, Clogheen, Clonmel, Grange, Kilsheelan, Marlfield, New Inn, Newcastle and Goatenbridge/Ballybacon all received increased marks with a variety of awards being presented.

Every entry this year improved on marks from last year with Clonmel and Kilsheelan each awarded a gold medal and Cahir a bronze. The results demonstrate the commitment, pride and huge efforts of the groups which are supported by the Council. Funding of €30,100 was provided to 13 groups in the district.



Playgrounds

The Richard Mulcahy Sensory Playground and Garden was shortlisted in the “Supporting Active Communities” category at the national Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government 2019 Awards. Congratulations to the South Tipperary Autism Support Group and everyone involved in this initiative.

Tidy Town Grants

No.	Name of Committee	Grant Awarded
1	Ardfinnan Tidy Town	€7,350
2	Ballyporeen Tidy Town	€1,250
3	Cahir Tidy Town	€4,900
4	Clogheen Tidy Town	€1,600
5	Clonmel Tidy Town	€3,250
6	Grange Tidy Town	€1,150
7	Kilsheelan Tidy Town	€4,000
8	Marlfield Tidy Town	€1,750
9	New Inn Tidy Town	€1,150
10	Newcastle Tidy Town	€1,750
11	Goatenbridge/Ballybacon Tidy Town	€1,150
12	Ballylooby Hall Committee	€400
13	Duhill Community Council	€400
Total Grants Awarded		€30,100

Amenity/Burial Ground Grants

Other funding provided to organisations and voluntary groups include amenity grants totaling €9,570 allocated to 29 applicants and €27,724 allocated to 38 burial grounds.

Cahir Area formed part of the District at the time of approvals in March for Tidy Town Grants, Burial Ground Grants and Amenity Grants, therefore Clonmel BD continued with the processing of payments to the Cahir groups up to the end of 2019. Cahir Area grants have reverted to Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District from 2020 onwards.



Burial Ground Grants

Burial Ground Committee 2019	Grant Awarded
Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€904
Ballybacon Ladys Abbey And Tullaghmellan	€764
Ballydrennan Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
Ballysheehan Burial Ground Committee	€704
BURNTCHURCH BG	€704
Cahir Abbey BG And Old Church Street BG Committee	€704
Cahir New Burial Ground Committee	€904
Quaker BG (Ballybrado)	€704
Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€764
Duhill Burial Ground Committee	€874
Grange New Cemetary	€904
Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€764
Kilcommon Cemetery Cahir	€704
Friends Of Killaloe Burial Ground	€874
Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€704
Old Lisronagh Burial Ground Committee	€704
Loughkent Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€764
Loughloher Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
Marfield Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€704
New Chapel Burial Ground	€874
Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€764
Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€904
Cahir Abbey Bg And Old Church Street Bg Committee	€764
Old Kilsheelan Burial Ground	€764
Old Mollough, Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€704
Donoughmore Burial Ground Committee	764
Rochestown Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€904
St Marys Churchyard Clonmel	€704
Old Bridge Community Association	€874
St Pauls Churchyard Cahir	€704
Tubrid Burial Ground	€704
Tullameehan Churchyard Newcastle	€764
New Inn Graveyard Committee	€764
Clerihan New Graveyard Maintenance Committee	€804
Castlegrace Burial Ground Committee	€704
Lena Rice Graveyard, New Inn	€704
Total Grants Awarded	€27,724

Amenity Grants

Residents Association	Amount to Pay
Ard Caoin Residents Association	€330
Auburn Park Residents Association	€330
Beechwood Close Residents Association	€330
Beechwood Drive Residents Association	€330
Brookway Residents Association	€330
Cloughcarrigeen Residents Association	€330
Coleville Avenue Residents Association	€330
Crann Ard, Glencarra, Gracefield Residents Association	€330
Fán Aoibhinn & Droumeala Residents Association	€330
Garden Grove Residents Association	€330
Glenoaks Residents Association	€330
Gortmalogue Residents Association	€330
Gort na Manach Residents Association	€330
Highfield Residents Association	€330
Highfield Grove Residents Association	€330
Honeyview Estate Residents Association	€330
Inis na Managh	€330
Knockaun Court Residents Association	€330
Lady's Abbey Residents Association	€330
Marfield Village Residents Association	€330
Moylebrook Residents Association	€330
Newcastle Community Development Group	€330
Park Avenue Residents Association	€330
Redwood Gardens Residents Association	€330
Rosemount Heights Residents Association	€330
Springfields Residents Association	€330
The Paddocks Residents Association	€330
Tivoli Heights Residents Association	€330
Wilderness Grove/Carrigeen/Oakland Drive Residents Association	€330
Total Grant Awarded	€9570



“Flights Of Discovery”

The Clonmel ‘Flights of Discovery’ tourism feasibility report (incorporating Dowd’s Lane, Suir Island, County Museum and West Gate) proposed the development of new tourism experiences for the town.



The revamped Tipperary County Museum, which delivered the first element of the enhanced tourism product proposed for Clonmel, was officially opened on 24th October 2019. Fáilte Ireland approved a grant of €200,000 to improve the quality of interpretation, animation and storytelling at the Museum and Tipperary County Council also provided €200,000 match funding for this project.

Discussions continue with Bulmers/C&C Group regarding the redevelopment of the Dowd’s Lane site as a tourist attraction. This will involve the establishment of a separate Designated Activity Company (DAC) to assist in delivery of this project. The tender notice for the pre-qualification competition for the appointment of a Design Team was published on the 16th December 2019.

The Suir Island Masterplan promotes the development of Suir Island as a recreational amenity; a robust, sustainable and appropriate form of development for this key public asset and resource. The Borough District office continues to examine and consider how to progress to the design stage for the project elements/stages identified in the Masterplan.

Likewise, the Borough District office continues to examine how to progress proposals for the West Gate. It is hoped that the project will go forward for consideration by the Council’s Heritage Officer as an application to the Historic Towns Initiative 2020 Call for Proposals.

“Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration”

Under the Government’s Project Ireland 2040 Plan, funds for rural development, urban regeneration, climate action and innovation are being allocated competitively to the best projects, which leverage investment from other sources thereby ensuring that the impact of the investment goes further.

Tipperary County Council, in 2018, submitted an application to the Government’s Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) titled ‘Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration’ in partnership with a number other agencies and organisations.

At the end of 2019, the Council had secured approval in principle with a provisional funding allocation of over €8 million for 2 projects in Clonmel – (phase 1 of Kickham Barracks which includes the civic plaza and public realm area of the site as well as the Davis Road car park; and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub).

The respective implementation teams set up by the Council continue to meet to oversee the delivery of these projects in partnership with the agencies and organisations involved.

Construction tenders had been received for the Davis Road car park element of Kickham Barracks Phase 1 and are being assessed. ARUP, the appointed Design Team, is progressing with design of the civic plaza and public realm area of the site and with preparation of tenders for the construction phase. A pre-qualification procurement competition was open at the end of 2019 relating to the construction of the civic plaza/public realm element.

Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) has the project management role for the Clonmel Regional Sports Hub development as the site is currently in their ownership. LIT have appointed Kenneth Hennessy Architects Ltd. as the Single Point Design Team (SPDT) to provide a full range of project team services for all stages of the project. At year end, they were progressing to final design and preparation of tenders for the construction phase.



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Clonmel Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Scheme

In November, an application was been submitted to An Garda Síochána's National CCTV Advisory Committee.

The application is seeking authorisation for the installation of CCTV cameras at new locations as an extension to the existing Clonmel CCTV Scheme which is currently operational in Elm Park, Cooleens Close and Heywood Road. The 3 additional locations to be covered under the scheme are Suir Island carpark area, Kickham Barracks site, incl. new Davis Road carpark area and Heywood Road (north). A meeting of the Committee had not taken place by year end to consider the application.

Suir Blueway

The official launch of the Suir Blueway took place on Friday 17th May 2019 in Clonmel. A community day took place the following day in Kilsheelan. Artists and members of the public joined in a series of walks and other activities culminating in a gathering in the village.

Additional works to the Suir Blueway trail were undertaken during the year by Tipperary County Council from funding allocated in 2018 by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. This funding provided the Council with the ability to carry out significant enhancement works on the Blueway to ensure locals and visitors can fully enjoy this fabulous amenity which links Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir along the route of the old towpath.

The Council received funding approval of €20,000 in November for an Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 1 project application for minor enhancement works and promotion material for the Suir Blueway. The funding is for a number of elements including distance marker plates, bike racks and promotional imagery/photography, all of which will be undertaken in 2020.

Town Centre Initiatives

Clonmel Town Centre Forum and Clonmel Borough District worked together during the year towards a number of objectives including the promotion and marketing of the town, developing activities that convert footfall into business revenues and acting as a communications channel for the provision of information to the public.

Work and discussions by the tri-partnership of the County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Clonmel Traders and Clonmel Borough District continued during the year to progress the necessary preparatory groundwork for a Clonmel Business Improvement District (BID) project proposal. The process for establishing a BID company, which would be led by the business community, is set out in legislation under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006. It is hoped to significantly progress this project in 2020.

Clonmel Borough District, as part of its town centre initiatives, helped to improve streetscapes through an enhancement and painting scheme which supported a number of businesses in improving and enhancing their properties and public areas by painting and carrying out general improvements to commercial building facades.



 *The Council received funding approval of €20,000 in November for an Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure*



Clonmel Arts Studios Group (CASG)

Following agreement with a property owner, occupancy of a commercial unit in Hughes Mills, Suir Island was taken up by four professional artists from different disciplines as a co-shared studio space. This is a pilot project between local artists, Borough District, Council's Arts Office and South Tipperary Arts Centre to explore the potential of using vacant commercial premises in Clonmel as temporary artists' studios. The aim is to provide affordable studio space in buildings that fosters a collaborative environment for artists working in different disciplines.



Kickham Barracks Masterplan

As already outlined above, funding has been allocated under the URDF for Phase 1 of Kickham Barracks. The Council is continuing to engage with LIT and Tipperary ETB to explore funding options and progress the next phases of the Masterplan for Kickham Barracks. Regarding the site for the new Garda Station, the Council continues to liaise with the OPW and Department of Justice and Equality. These bodies will need to proceed to design and planning and the building will then be developed under a PPP arrangement.



NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District was held on 13th June 2019. Councillor Joe Hannigan was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Fiona Bonfield was elected Leas Chathaoirleach.



Members of Nenagh MD at Annual Meeting on 13th June 2019



Schedule of Municipal District Works

In March 2019 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District. This provided for a total expenditure of over €9.3 million on housing maintenance, roads, drainage, amenity areas, street cleaning and burial grounds.

Some of the projects in the Nenagh Municipal District in relation to Roads and infrastructure during 2019 were:

- Restoration Improvement at Ballinderry to Drominagh, Ballyphilip, Killoscully and Silvermines Villages.
- Restoration Maintenance at Kilgarvan to Brockagh, Ballintoher, Shower and Templeberry.
- Bridge Rehabilitation on Pound St. Bridge, Newport.
- Footpaths at Richmond and Summerhill under IPB funding.

In Nenagh town the works arising from the Bord Gais multi-infrastructure project were substantially completed and works were in progress by SIRO in terms of broadband infrastructure.



Roadworks in Progress in Killoscully



Completed works in Killoscully

Nenagh Leisure Centre

The National Quality Standard Award, is the most sought-after and respected accolade in the leisure and fitness industry, and is awarded to facilities that meet the operational standards for leisure and fitness facilities across 250 quality-based criteria. The standard is designed to encourage continuous improvement within the sector and recognises facilities for their remarkable standards in the areas of safety, hygiene, customer service and human resources. The NQSA are the only industry specific award for the leisure, health and fitness sector in Ireland.

Nenagh Leisure Centre achieved Outstanding Award in the Leisure Section



Tom Mackey and Peter Hennelly accepting award on behalf of Nenagh Leisure Centre



Working with the Community

During 2019 the Nenagh Municipal District continued to work with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included provision of funding through grants and contributions, liaison with voluntary groups and associations, liaison with business groups, provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.



Representatives of Killoscully Development Association who erected information boards on the Heritage Trail with assistance from funding allocated by Nenagh MD

In recognition of the contribution made by communities across the district, funding was allocated in 2019 to 78 clubs & organisations, 38 residents associations, 24 festivals & events, 31 Tidy Towns Committees and 64 burial grounds committees within the Nenagh Municipal District.

Events supported included:

- St. Patrick's Day Parades
- Spleodar
- Dromineer Literary Festival
- Nenagh Castle Fest
- Taste of Nenagh
- National Youth Circus Festival
- Cloughjordan Honours Thomas MacDonagh
- Feile Brian Boru
- Kincora Trad Weekend



Nenagh Ormond Bras Band participating at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March 2019



Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening

On the 13th February, 2019 the Nenagh Municipal District held a Sports Awards Evening. 12 groups received an award to recognise their various sporting achievements.



Presentation to Sinead Meagher in recognition of her achievements at the World Handball Championship held in Minnesota, USA in 2018



Presentation to Nicholas Ryan Purcell In recognition of his achievements as a documentary maker and in particular for his work in highlighting the challenges of living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

On the 9th December 2019, the Nenagh Municipal District held its annual awards evening. The evening was a great success, recognising the hard work being carried out by community groups and individuals across the District under a number of categories.



Presentation to Nenagh Tidy Towns in recognition of their increase in marks in Category E of the 2019 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition in the Nenagh Municipal District



Presentation to Scroope Insurances in recognition of works carried out enhancing the streetscape of Nenagh



Town Revival Initiative

A very successful Town Forum meeting was held on 2nd July in the Civic Offices, Nenagh with over 80 people in attendance representing a wide range of stakeholders. Presentations were given by David Fitzsimons from Retail Excellence and Simon Wall, Mayo County Architect. Work will continue in 2020 on the establishment of 3 pillars namely Retail Hospitality Group, Standards and Public Realm Group and Citizen Engagement and Communication Group and the preparation of a plan to benefit the town.



David Fitzsimons, Retail Excellence; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive and Simon Wall, Mayo County Architect at Town Revival Meeting

National Enterprise Town Awards

The Nenagh Municipal District entered Nenagh Town for the National Enterprise Town Awards. Judging took place on 3rd September, 2019 where 90 representatives of the business, community, retailers, community groups and various agencies were present to meet the judges in the Civic Offices, Wellness Garden and Nenagh Castle.

The results were announced on 5th December 2019. Nenagh were regional runners up in Munster behind the overall national winners in the population category, Kinsale.



Judges arrive at Civic Offices, Nenagh and are met by the Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Joe Hannigan, Executive of Tipperary County Council & Members of the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce



Carmha waiting arrival of NETA Judges in Nenagh Castle



Enhancing our Towns & Villages

Nenagh Municipal District assisted property owners in the Primary Retail Area of the town of Nenagh to improve and enhance their properties by facilitating grant aid towards painting and enhancement works.

A Window Box Scheme continued for 2019 in Nenagh Town. This scheme improved the streetscape and public realm through supporting owners of properties and public areas. Window boxes were erected, watered and maintained by Nenagh Municipal District.



Wild Flower area at Railway Station

2019 was another impressive year for all the Tidy Towns Committees in the Nenagh District. Terryglass received a gold medal along with the South East Regional Award; Silvermines received a silver medal and were nominated to participate in Ireland’s Best Kept Towns Competition while Nenagh town retained their bronze medal. Birdhill also received a highly commended award.



Representatives of Silvermines Enhancement Group at Farmleigh House for Best Kept Towns Awards

Newport Town Park

Newport Town Park received planning permission from An Bord Pleanála in April 2019 and it was advertised for tenders before the end of December 2019.

Castle Garden

The Castle Garden is a medieval garden adjacent to Nenagh Castle in the historic and cultural quarter of the town. It was officially opened by Cathaoirleach Mattie Ryan on the 8th May 2019 and is a significant enhancement of the amenities available in Nenagh’s Historic & Cultural Quarter.



The Castle Garden



Official Opening of Castle Garden by CEO Joe MacGrath and Cathaoirleach Mattie Ryan

Nenagh 800

A committee has been established to prepare for a year for celebrations in 2020 for 'Nenagh 800' and this will be an opportunity for all stakeholders to work together to put Nenagh on the map. The committee includes representatives from Nenagh Municipal District, Nenagh Castle, Nenagh Arts Centre, Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce, Ormond Historical Society, North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services.

One of the first initiatives undertaken was agreeing a logo for the year. The design chosen is representative of water – Nenagh's proximity to Lough Derg and also Nenagh River; Nenagh's agricultural roots as a market town (Aonach – the Fair of Ormond) as signified by the leaf and Nenagh's Heritage as depicted by the turrets of the iconic Castle.



Another step along the journey was the launch of the 'Song for Nenagh' contest facilitated by Nenagh Arts Centre which Luka Bloom agreed to judge.



Ballina Jetty

The new floating jetty at Ballina, Killaloe was officially opened by the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Mattie Ryan, on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. The floating jetty meets the need for an improved secure and safe access to a commercial boat jetty on Ballina Quay at the lower end of Lough Derg and for the provision of wheelchair accessible facilities. Waterways Ireland designed and managed the capital project



Cathaoirleach Mattie Ryan cutting the ribbon at official opening of Ballina Jetty

Commercial operators require a permit from Tipperary County Council to use the facility and invitations for permits will be invited annually.



Ballina Jetty

Public Consultation

Public consultation processes were undertaken in respect of:

- Amenity Area Bye-Laws
- Part VIII Nenagh Tourist Office & Banba Square Enhancement
- Part VIII Emmet Place/Mitchell Street

Taking in Charge

The following were taken in charge in the Nenagh Municipal District during 2019:

- Ardan, The Terrace, Borrisokane
- Rosehill (part of), Newport
- Riverview, Ballina
- Ormond Keep (part of), Nenagh

Declaration of a road to be public

The following road was declared to be public:

- Stereame, Nenagh

Twinning

A committee has been established in Ballina/Killaloe to further partnership arrangements with Basse-Goulaine in France.

Twelve members of the Comité de Jumelage de Basse-Goulaine visited Ballina-Killaloe from 10th to 14th October. The Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Sports and two Municipal Councillors also attended. A full programme was put in place by the Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee and successfully delivered. The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Hannigan hosted a Cathaoirleach's reception for the group on 11th October. The programme included attendance at a number of events as part of the Kinora Trad Fest, attendance at a hurling match and a river cruise with traditional Irish music. Other opportunities associated with tennis, walking, choirs etc. in addition to educational exchanges are being explored.



Geneviève Vacher of Basse-Goulaine & Cllr. Joe Hannigan exchange gifts



Historic Towns Initiative

On 1st March it was announced that Nenagh was one of only six towns nationally to receive funding under the Historic Towns Initiative which is a joint undertaking by the Heritage Council and the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht. Nenagh received an allocation of €170,000 which was subject to a 20% matched funding requirement.

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



This funding was specifically for conservation works at the Nenagh Gaol Complex. The works were undertaken by V-Plant Construction under the supervision of Conservation Architect Michael O' Boyle.



Cutting out of cement mortar by hand



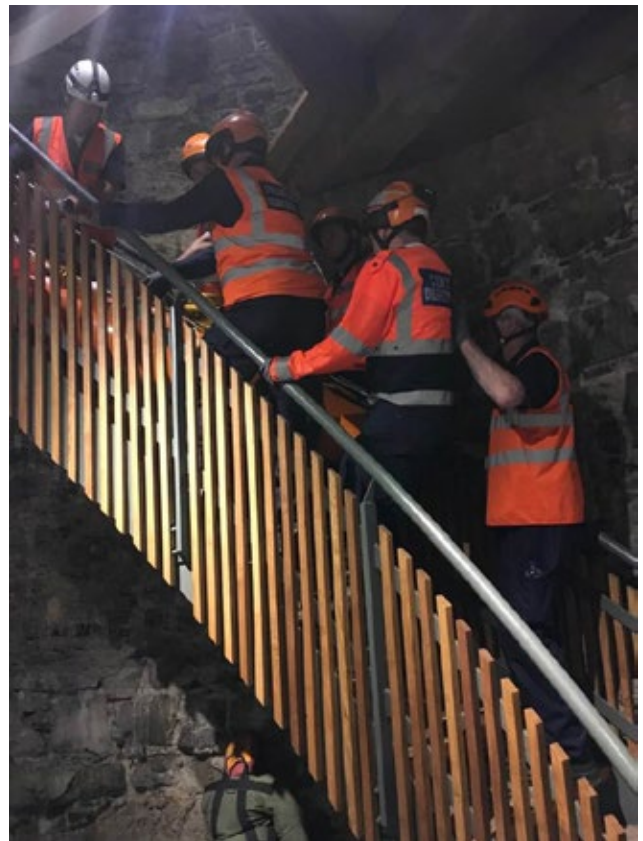
Chimney Repairs



Completed Works

Health & Safety

In 2019 Nenagh Municipal District retained OHSAS 18001 accreditation for Health & Safety. One of the exercises undertaken during the year was the simulation of a rescue scenario at Nenagh Castle enlisting the services of Civil Defence.



Civil Defence enacting the removal of a casualty on the 101 steps of Nenagh Castle



THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



► LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019

Following the local elections in May 2019, the following members were elected to the Tipperary County Council, Thurles Municipal District: Cllrs Noel Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Shane Lee, Micheál Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Peter Ryan, Sean Ryan, Michael Smith.

The Annual Meeting of Thurles Municipal District was held on 17th June 2019. Councillor Michael Smith was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Michéal Lowry was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.



Cllr Michael Smith was elected as Cathaoirleach of the Thurles Municipal District and Cllr Michéal Lowry was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.



At the invitation of Dr. Finn O'Mhurchú, Mary Immaculate Collect, St.Patrick's Campus, the March meeting of Thurles Municipal District was held at the Mary Immaculate Campus in Thurles.

► PROJECTS

Templemore Town Hall

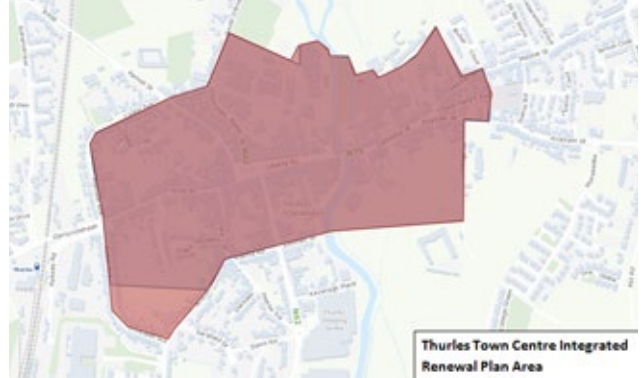


Phase 1 - Structural Repairs involving the repair and restoration of the external fabric of the structure. This landmark seven-bay two-storey building is a Protected Structure and also listed with a Regional Rating on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. Following open invitation on eTenders the Council appointed Joe Costello T/A Stonemad, who have extensive experience in stone masonry and conservation works to carry out the repairs to the main fabric and structure of the building with works commencing March, 2019 and substantially complete by year end.



Phase 2 - Enterprise and Cultural Centre, with associated Civic Plaza. This flagship urban regeneration project involves the conservation and re-establishment of 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 the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Templemore Town Hall will be the centrepiece in the physical enhancement and transformation of the town centre through the creation of a multi functional space and plaza that will attract people to the town to work, live, visit and enjoy. Funding of €2,107,500 was secured under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund in November, 2019 towards the cost of the project with work now commencing on the engagement of an external design team to prepare the tender documents for the design stage.

Thurles Town Centre



Renewal Strategy (including Masterplan Design Concept for the regeneration of the Friar Street/Croke Street and Castle Avenue Quarter). Funding was secured under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for the development of a regeneration strategy for the town centre. The plan will set out a series of short and long term actions to be delivered over a 10 year period to ensure that the town centre is a vibrant place to live, work and come together as a community, together with a Masterplan Design Concept for the Friar Street/Croke Street and Castle Avenue Quarter. Following an extensive tendering process Land Use Consultants were appointed in December to prepare the plan which will involve extensive public engagement and targeted stakeholder collaboration. The strategy will be completed by the end of June, 2020.



Liberty Square, Thurles



Enhancement Scheme 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 enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. David Walsh Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded the contract for the construction phase in October, 2019 and works commenced on phase one-construction of the new car park in November, 2019. Funding of €4,390,000 was secured through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the cost of the project.



Contract signing for construction phase of the Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme




Phase 1 - Improvements at Market Square, Roscrea

Historically Market Square represented the principal civic public space within Roscrea being the meeting point of the town’s two key streets Main Street and Castle Street. Over time the civic nature of this space has gradually eroded and its primary function is now a large traffic junction.

The proposed public realm improvements at Market Square aims to rediscover the civic nature of this historic square so that it functions well both as a gathering space and an efficient traffic intersection allowing equal status to pedestrians and drivers within the space. Tenders for the construction stage were invited on eTenders with closing date for receipt of tenders on 28th. November, 2019. This project is one of the key objectives contained in the Roscrea Enhancement Plan which seeks to greatly improve the quality of the built and natural environment within Roscrea while unlocking its tourism potential and providing the platform that will enable Roscrea to grow in a sustainable manner and in a way that supports existing businesses and community groups.



 *The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment.*



Thurles MD Civic Reception 2019

A Civic Reception was held in the Templemore Arms Hotels on 21st November 2019 where nine nominated recipients were accorded a civic reception and welcome. This was a very successful event with approximately 150 in attendance.



Reception for Grant Recipients 2019

An informal reception was held for grant recipients in conjunction with the October and November District meetings to acknowledge the significant work undertaken by local community groups and clubs during 2019. The following table gives the total number of grants awarded in each category.

Grant Category	Number Granted
Sports	53
Residents Association	47
Burial	49
Tidy Towns	23
Municipal	3
Community	12
Christmas Lights	10
Town Enhancement	20

Thurles Town Branding and Signage Plan

The Thurles town Branding and Signage Plan was completed during 2019 in conjunction with Thurles Town Centre Forum.



The Plan included implementation of new signage on the approach roads into Thurles and the launch of a new website for Thurles Town www.thurles.ie

Schedule of Municipal District Works

The schedule of Municipal District Works for 2019 was adopted by the members in March and this formed the basis for the works programme for the district including Roadworks, Housing Maintenance and pre-lets, Playground Maintenance, Amenities/Open Spaces and projects undertaken under the General Municipal Allocation.

A significant number of roadworks were carried out under the RM & RI Programmes, General Road Maintenance, Community Involvement Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme and Tertiary Roads. The total allocation for the district works programme was €8,387,759. In addition, footpath upgrades were undertaken and a Safety Improvement Scheme at Killinan.



Road recycling works carried out at Knock, Roscrea



Temporary roadworks carried out on the N62 Templemore

General Municipal Allocation

The General Municipal Allocation which is discretionary funding allocated by the Members is essential in funding many projects including grant schemes such as the Festival and Events Grant Scheme, Resident Association Grant Schemes, Christmas Lighting Contributions and Village Enhancement Works across the District.

The GMA in 2019 amounted to €78,168 and in addition to the above, the allocation was used to fund design on the farm building in Thurles, pruning of trees in Church Avenue in Templemore and the enhancement of the roundabouts on the approach roads into Roscrea town.



Tree pruning which was carried out in Church Avenue in Templemore and was funded by the General Municipal Allocation.



Retirement of District Manager, Matt Shortt

Matt Shortt, Director of Services and District Manager for Thurles MD retired in September 2019 following a distinguished career in local government. The district would like to acknowledge Matt's significant contribution to the areas he represented over his career and wish him well in the future.







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The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) comprises the Cathaoirleach and the Chairpersons of each Strategic Policy Committee, supported by the Chief Executive & Senior Management Team.

The role of the CPG includes advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and reviewing of policy for Tipperary County Council. However, full decision-making authority remains with the Elected Council. The group may also make proposals for the allocation of business between the Strategic Policy Committees and for the general coordination of such business.

The following Councillors were members of the CPG during the period January to May 2019:

	SPC	Councillor	Party
1	Cathaoirleach	Mattie Ryan (Coole)	Fianna Fail
2	Economic Development & Enterprise	John Crosse	Fine Gael
3	Environment & Water Services	Michael Murphy	Fine Gael
4	Roads & Transportation	Michael Fitzgerald	Fine Gael
5	Housing, Community & Culture	Jim Ryan	Non Party
6	Planning & Emergency Services	Michael O'Meara	Non Party



At its Annual Meeting held on 7th June 2019, the Council agreed revised areas for which an SPC will be in operation over the life of the newly elected Council.

These are as follows:

- Economic Development and Enterprise
- Housing
- Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)
- Planning and Emergency Services
- Environment and Climate Action
- Community, Culture and Library Services

The following Councillors were members of the CPG during the period May to December 2019

	SPC	Councillor	Party
1	Cathaoirleach	Michael Murphy	Fine Gael
2	Economic Development & Enterprise	John Crosse	Fine Gael
3	Housing	Mary Hanna Hourigan	Fine Gael
4	Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)	Jim Ryan	Non Party
5	Planning and Emergency Services	Phyll Bugler	Fine Gael
6	Environment and Climate Action	John Carroll	Fianna Fail
7	Community, Culture and Library Services	Michael Lowry	Non Party

Cllr Imelda Goldsboro was nominated to represent the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in accordance with Section 133 (1)(c) of the LG Act 2001 as the group does not contain a member from that district.

During 2019, there were 10 meetings of the CPG. Among the items considered at their meetings were:

- Ethics Framework Compliance
- Casual Vacancy Co-Options

Consideration of Reports / Policies

- Monthly Management Reports
- Service Delivery Plan 2019
- Performance Indicators 2018
- Annual Report 2018
- National Roads Allocation 2019
- Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2018
- Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)
- Budget 2020
- Submission to SERA re Draft regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031
- Review of Homeless Services
- Tipperary Civic Memorial Policy
- Naming of local Authority Estates Policy
- Use of Council Logo on Place name signs
- GDPR Implications re Elected Members Representations
- Use of Traffic Calming Measures in existing
- Housing Estates Policy
- Affordable Housing Priority Scheme
- Arts Grants 2019
- Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme 2019-2024
- Tipperary Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2024
- Guarantor on bank borrowing - Irish Bioeconomy Foundation CLG
- Climate Adaptation Strategy
- Comhairle na nOg
- Overdraft Facility for year ended 2020
- Draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024
- Draft Polling Scheme for County Tipperary
- Development Contribution Scheme 2020
- Loan drawdown for Public Lighting Upgrade



Deputation Requests

- Tipperary Vintners Federation Irl (VFI)
 - Home for Life (HFL)
 - IFA South Tipperary County Executive
 - Tipperary Fights for Mental Health Services
 - Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS)
- Commemoration of the First sitting of Dáil Éireann - 21st January 2019
 - Commemoration of 120th Anniversary of the First Local Elections 1899

Appointment of members to Committees/Boards

- Strategic Policy Committees
- Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
- North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Service
- Tipperary Joint Policing Committee
- Tipperary Transport Coordination Committee
- Corporate Policy Group
- Audit Committee
- Mid West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Forum

**Consideration of Civic Reception Conferrals****Tipperary County Council**

- Tipperary Senior Hurling and U20 Hurling Teams
- Tipperary Ladies Football Intermediate Team

Thurles Municipal District

- Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore - Sporting Achievements
- Gerard O'Brien - Phoenix Productions Founder/Promotor of Music
- Roscrea Autism Group - General work around Autism
- Moycarky-Borris U14 Camogie Team - Winning the All-Ireland Feile Competition
- 2019
- Killavilla U15 Soccer Team - Winning the All-Ireland Community Games
- Competition 2019
- Sean Treacy Pipe Band - Contribution to music
- James Ryan U14A Captain Ballycahill - 2nd name to be supplied - U14A Won
- Tony Forrestal Cup, U14 B Won O'Brien Cup
- Templemore Pitch & Putt Club - Won 4 Munster Finals and 3 All Ireland Finals
- Eugene Shortt - Years of voluntary work in the area of historical heritage, his dedication to this area has been renowned with numerous books and his constant knowledge helps keep a link with past & present.

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District

- St. Michael's F.C. - Winners of F.A.I. Junior Cup 2019

COMMUNICATIONS & CUSTOMER SERVICE

Tipperary County Council continues to proactively promote the services, supports and activities of the Council, managing the Council’s online presence across the various digital and social media platforms.

Everything we do is for our communities, citizens and our stakeholders, involve engagement by staff in customer service and communications on a daily basis.

Promotion and Council’s activities and events, some of which include:-

- Your Council campaign ran across various communication channels including social media in September, which outlined what we do as a Council and how the services benefit the communities in Tipperary
- Climate Action information trailers
- Launch of Tipperary tourism campaign in Cork Airport
- Libraries biodiversity workshops
- Ireland Best Young Entrepreneurs – Tipperary



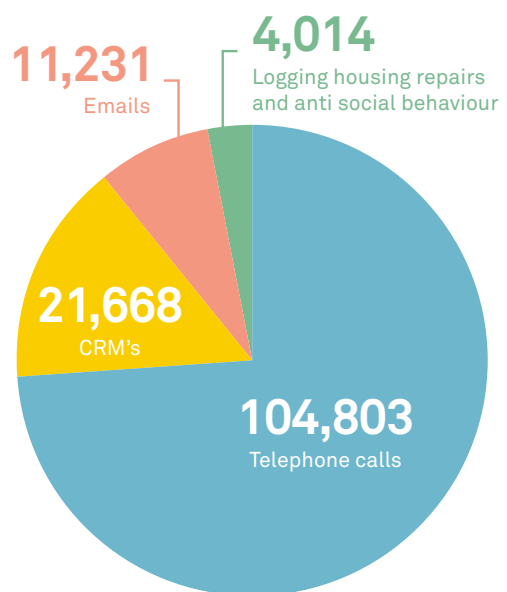
Customer Services Desk Clonmel



Customer Services Desk Nenagh

Tipperary County Council’s approach to customer service is based on a dedicated, trained customer services team in Clonmel and Nenagh who provide a countywide service for customers calling in person or by telephone to Tipperary County Council by utilising the customer the use of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system for logging and tracking customer queries.

Customer queries processed through Customer Relations Management System (CRM)	21,668
Telephone calls answered	104,803
Average answer time	30.81 seconds
Media queries responded to	66
Number of Fix Your Street queries	179
Web pages opened	1,118,018
Social media followers	76,695
Number of complaints from Irish Language Commissioner Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga.	2



Achievements 2019

Grants Area

One area under 'Apply for it' providing a searchable list of all grants available across the authority.

Property Portal-All Commercial properties available in Tipperary

A joined up dataset of all available commercial property and land combined with Local Authority advertised portfolio. Searchable by listing or by map.

Online customer service initiatives 2019

Throughout the year, improvements have been made to the provision of online services. This is an area of opportunity to enable more accessible, timely interaction and automation of services with our customers.

Year on year, our web visitors and social media followers increase. During 2019, websites owned and operated by Tipperary County Council received over 2 million visitors. These range from the main council website, <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie> to the Libraries/Museum/Tourism and Events Guides.

Online Systems/Forms

- Pre-Planning Requests Online
- Development Complaints Form
- Road Hazard Alerts (location based)
- Election Poster Reporter
- New Hidden history website in conjunction with Tipperary County Museum <http://www.hiddenhistory.ie>
- Relaunch of Tipperary Tourism website <http://www.tipperary.com>
- Bring banks Google street view
- Open Data <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/about-us/your-council/open-data-sets>
This is a main repository open data hub was also developed this will allow the collection of all open datasets related to the County and the dissemination of this information to the public and third parties.



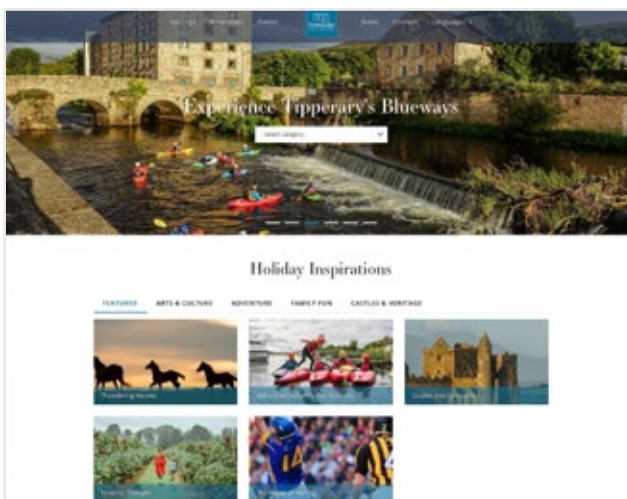
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CIVIC RECEPTIONS

Tipperary G.A.A. and Ladies Football Teams 14th December 2019

A Civic Reception is the highest honour the Council can confer on an individual, group or organisation who have achieved outstanding success in sporting, cultural, academic, scientific, political or other areas.

On 14th December 2019 Tipperary County Council conferred a Civic Reception to the Tipperary Teams in Hurling and Ladies Football in recognition of their outstanding achievements during 2019. The reception was held in the Horse and Jockey Hotel and Marty Morrissey was MC for the event. The following teams were honoured:



Tipperary Senior and U20 Hurling Teams in recognition and appreciation of the distinction earned in winning the All Ireland Senior and U20 Hurling Championship 2019



Tipperary Intermediate Ladies Football Team In recognition and appreciation of the distinction earned in winning the All Ireland Intermediate Ladies Football Championship 2019



INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of information Act 2014 was enacted on 14th October, 2014. It confers three very important rights on members of the public who seek access to information held by government departments, local authorities and other designated bodies.

These rights are:

- The right of access to official records held by Public Bodies.
- The right to have personal information about them held by such bodies corrected or Updated where necessary.
- The right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect them.


Since its inception in 1997 the Freedom of Information Act has been widely used by members of the public to access records held by Public Bodies.

A total of 154 Freedom of Information requests were received by Tipperary County Council in 2019.

The following table shows the number of FOI requests to Tipperary County Council in 2019 and the decisions made on those requests:

Carried forward to 2019	4
No. of FOI requests received	154
No. of Requests for personal Information	18
No. of Requests for non-personal Information	135
Mixed	1
No. of requests granted	79
No. of requests part granted	23
No. of requests refused	34
Transferred to other FOI Bodies	2
Withdrawn/Handled outside of FOI	14
Carried forward to 2020	6



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With the abolition of FOI Request fees in 2014 the Council has seen a year on year increase in FOI Requests from less than 40 in 2014 to 154 in 2019. This requires significant staffing resources particularly in Housing, Roads, Planning and Environment. Up to date training was provided for the relevant staff in 2019 in order to ensure that we meet our statutory obligations in an efficient and effective manner.

Information Requests received 2019	
Freedom Of Information	154
Data Protection Subject Access Requests	19
Ombudsman	18
Access to Information on the Environment	24

Data Protection / General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Council are committed to respecting and protecting the personal data of its customers.

An important area in this regard is the representational role of the elected members under section 40 of the Data Protection Act 2018. Training workshops were held in 2019 for elected members and staff. General Data Protection awareness training was also rolled out to all staff in the form of an e-Learning module, facilitated by the IT Section.

Policies and procedures have been put in place to govern the various aspects of data protection including the Councils Privacy Statement and a CCTV and other Surveillance Technologies Policy.

The Council has appointed a Data Protection Officer and Data Protection Nominees for each Section and Municipal District.



HUMAN RESOURCES

With a total of 1143 employees (full time equivalent and retained) on our payroll at the end of 2019, the unified Tipperary County Council is one of the largest employers in the County.

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the delivery of the following service areas:

- Recruitment, remuneration and conditions of employment.
- Development and implementation of staff training/development programmes
- Superannuation (pension entitlements)
- Employee welfare/relations
- Family-friendly policies and arrangements
- Industrial relations
- Maintenance of personnel records
- The CORE computerised human resources system
- Performance Management and Development System (PMDS)
- Support to functional departments in all matters relating to human resources

Workforce Planning and Recruitment

Each local authority is required to have in place an approved workforce plan. As part of the Tipperary merger process, an extensive workforce planning exercise was carried out in 2013 and has been in the process of implementation since. Following the lifting of the embargo on recruitment and the issuing of Delegated Sanction by the Department, 2017 saw a dramatic increase in recruitment activity, in the context of open and confined competitions. This process continued into 2018 and 2019 with record levels of activity providing a range of opportunities for existing employees and also new employees to this Authority. A total of 62 recruitment competitions (following on from 63 in 2018) yielded 152 new starters across the full range of disciplines including Administrative, Engineering, Technical, Scientific, General Operative and supervisory grades.

Industrial Relations

The Council continues to work in partnership with trade unions and employee representatives to achieve harmonious working relationships and improved working conditions with safe, effective and efficient work practices. The main trade unions engaged with are FÓRSA, SIPTU/LAPO, UNITE and CONNECT UNION. The Council retains the services of the Local Government Management Agency as representation in disputes referred to 3rd parties such as the Workplace Relations Commission.

Staff Training & Development

In keeping with current national policy and the objectives of our Corporate Plan we continue to ensure that staff at all levels of the organisation have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and acquire the appropriate level of knowledge and skills to carry out their job. The Human Resources Section has a dedicated training team which is responsible for drafting and implementing a comprehensive training programme. Training requirements are based on the needs identified through the Performance Management Development System (PMDS) and during the year, prioritisation was given to Health and Safety Training, training required for specific roles and also developing new skills. A number of staff members were also provided with funding for third level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was mainly delivered in-house and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers.

Congratulations are extended to all employees who engaged in the training programme in 2019.



Superannuation

The Human Resources Department administers the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and associated Spouse's and Children's Scheme and Widows and Orphans Pension Schemes for all grades.

It carries out the following functions:

- Calculation of retirement lump sums and pensions, death gratuities, lump sums in respect of retirements, preserved benefits etc.
- Transfer of service to and from other public sector bodies
- Calculation of statements regarding service and estimates of benefits
- Registration of new scheme members.

In 2019 the section continued the process of data readiness in preparation for the transfer of this function to the shared service centre, MyPay. This process will take some time to complete and is expected to conclude in 2019.

Equality

The two main equality policies in place in Tipperary Local Authorities are:

- Dignity at Work Policy and
- Equality and Diversity Management Policy

There are a number of Designated Contact Persons in place and it is their role to provide assistance to employees as required in accordance with the equality policies. The list of Designated Contact Persons is attached to the Dignity at Work Policy on Sharepoint.

Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government. With the creation of revised directorates post merger and consequently new teams, increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees. The PMDS system has been further broadened to include performance rating and 2019 saw these ratings applied for all staff throughout the organisation.

Employee Welfare/Relations

We continuously strive to create a work environment that is conducive to promoting a healthy and progressive workforce.

Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

- Staff Support Programme
- Access to Occupational Health Professional
- Employee Handbook
- Superannuation Handbook
- Information/Induction package to new employees
- Long Service Awards
- Pre-retirement Courses
- Return to Learning Project

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of the various family-friendly leave arrangements including work-sharing, parental leave and carers leave. 2018 saw the introduction and adoption of a sectoral "People Strategy" which sought to focus on the development, capability and capacity of staff. Tipperary County Council continued the process of integrating it into all operational and functional areas of council activity in 2019.

Arising from the strategy the Council enhanced its staff support offering and rolled out a comprehensive Employee Assistance Programme following a procurement process which saw Workplace Options selected as its provider, covering a multitude of services and various means of access on a confidential basis free of charge to all employees and their immediate family members.

CORE HR Payroll and Superannuation System

A new HR Payroll and Superannuation System (CORE) was introduced in 2010. In 2017 the HR section initiated the procurement of Data Analytics as a means of accessing, understanding and reporting on the data contained in the CORE system, thereby enabling the section to provide key strategic management reports across a range of business areas highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of those areas.

In 2018 the LGMA decided to examine the possibility of creating a sectoral suite of standard analytics reporting templates and formed a working group which includes two representatives from Tipperary County Council.



Retirements

During 2019 the following employees retired from service:

- Patrick J. Ryan
- Kathleen Kennedy
- Michael Corkery
- Joseph Fogarty
- Jessie Ryan
- Marie McGivern
- Matt Shortt
- John Butler
- Michael O'Neill
- Maureen Spain
- Weil Beckers
- Laurence Lee
- Patrick Looby
- Patrick Ryan
- Anne Dunne
- Marion Cahill
- Linda McSherry
- Catherine Quinn
- James Flanagan
- Cornelia Downey
- Joe Hennessey
- Liam Fogarty
- Michael O'Dowd
- Vincent Kiely
- Christopher Pyke
- John O'Neill
- Matt Lillis
- Michael Lonergan
- Marian O'Connell
- Cyril Mulcahy
- Anthony Hayden
- Patrick Horrigan
- Noel Cullen
- Michael F Hayes
- Catherine Sherlock
- Philip Quinlan

Tipperary County Council and its customers have been well served by these employees who have given years of exemplary service. We wish each and every one of them health and happiness for many years to come. Our hope is that they remain in constant contact with their many friends and colleagues.

In addition to the above we fondly remember former colleagues who sadly passed away during 2019 and in doing so express again our sincere condolences to their families.



Michael F Hayes



Marian O'Connell



Matt Shortt



Catherine Sherlock



Vincent Kiely





Marie Mc Givern



Noel Cullen



Anne Dunne



INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Objectives

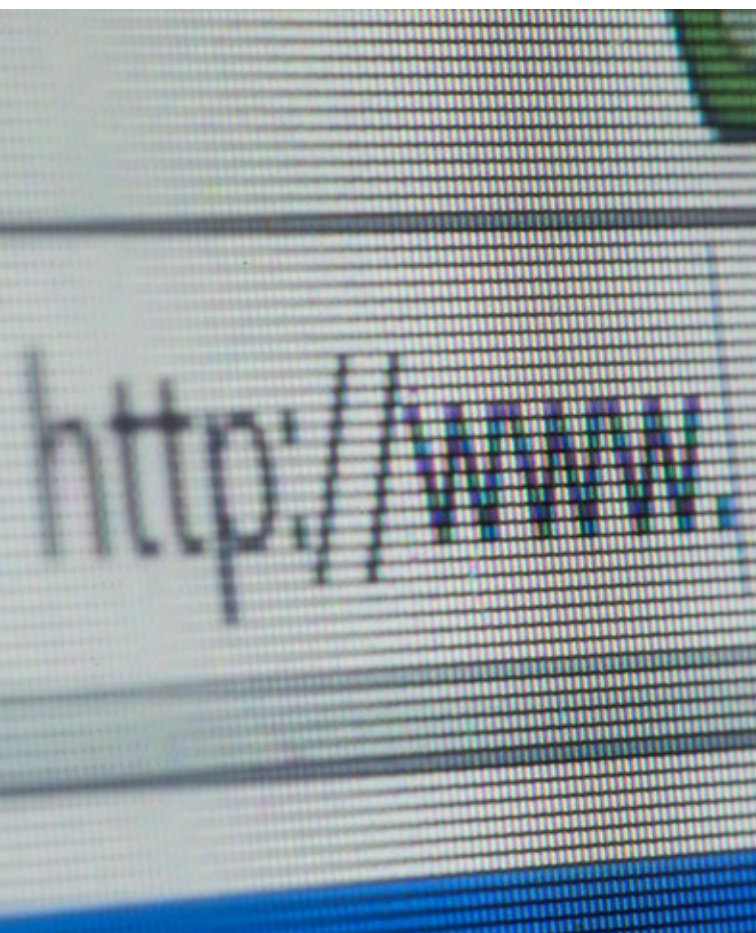
- Provide an accessible, comprehensive customer service platform for the public, elected members and staff, through the use of information technology and the internet.
- Provide the tools, systems, solutions and infrastructure to enable the staff and the business sections achieve their business objectives.
- Provide a technical support service to staff in the areas of Networks, Applications, eDev/Web and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Achievements

The following was achieved by the Information Systems team in 2019:

Networks/Infrastructure team

- Delivered maximum uptime and performance of Networks, Business Systems and IT Systems across all offices for all Users.
- Facilitated staff and office moves in several offices across the organisation.
- Kept our Network, Systems and Data safe and secure.
- Provided cyber security awareness sessions to our Users and Members
- Continued with progressing recommendations identified in Security Audit (no critical technical items identified).
- Completed Disaster Recovery testing and documentation for all Tier 1 applications.
- Continued with Information Security Governance and development of policies
- Upgraded to high speed connectivity in several locations.
- Provided and Activated government network connections in Civic Offices Parnell Street, Post Office, Tipperary Town MDO and Ballingrane.
- Replaced several communication switches across the county.
- Phones
- Facilitated phone move/changes and moved to IP telephony phones on an ongoing basis.
- Commenced preparing request for tender documents for a new unified landline phone system.
- Upgraded the Audio Visual presentation facilities across the organisation.
- Video Conferencing now in place in: Nenagh (Planning Meeting Room, IT Meeting Room, CE Meeting Room & Room 5.3), Clonmel (Planning Meeting Room, Housing Meeting Room, CE Meeting room), Thurles MDO (Meeting Room 1), Tipperary Town MDO (1st Floor Meeting Room), Carrick on Suir (Council chamber).





- Completed the tendering process to provide a managed print service for printing, scanning and copying services for staff in the organisation, and rolled out the solution across the organisation.
- Completed the project to decouple TCC's network infrastructure from the Local Government Management Agencies national forest network
- Facilitated Traffic Wardens with Video Badges(Carrick MDO).
- Upgraded the email archiving system (mailmeter) to a newer version to cater for GDPR functionality on review/redact/delete data.
- Facilitated the new Councillors with I-Pads, email, etc
- Commenced the procurement process for the upgrade of elements of our Microsoft software.
- Commenced the deployment of a new firewall system
- Provided the infrastructure to support Tipperary County Council being a user test site for the national online ePlanning project.

eDevelopment/Web Team

- Web Site - Our web site www.tipperarycoco.ie received over 1.1 million page views in 2019. It received approx 30,000 page views on Local Elections results day on Sun 26th May.
- Developed a new grants portal and made available on our web site which brings together details on all the grants administered by Tipperary County Council. Click on www.tipperarycoco.ie/grants
- Developed a pilot virtual tour of the Greenway on the River Suir. Combining a map of access points with 360 degree images along the route, visitors get an opportunity to experience the river and its features before visiting. See www.tipperary.com/suirblueway.
- Developed and published an online Property Portal of all Commercial properties available in Tipperary. This was a joined up dataset of all available commercial property and land combined with Local Authority advertised portfolio. Searchable by listing or by map. <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/content/property>
- Developed and published a Pre-Planning Requests Online. This request form allows the public to upload information and location data to the website for pre planning application meetings. On submission of these forms the information is sent to the relevant departments for processing and scheduling at meetings with the public. <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/eform/submit/pre-planning-request-form>
- Created a New Hidden history website, which involved the creation and launch of Tipperary museum website to showcase the new exhibition space and redevelopment of Tipperary County Museum. <http://www.hiddenhistory.ie>
- The Tipperary tourism website was redesigned and launched in 2019. <http://www.tipperary.com>
- Completed the migration of business systems on Sharepoint to a new version of Sharepoint and upgraded elements of several of our Business system such as Finance (T&S).



Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Team

- Progressed the development of a Planning Enquiry GIS system based on ArcGIS Server Technology to replace the existing Mapguide system that has come to end of life
- Provided GIS analysis and reporting mapping services to the Business sections.
- Upgraded several of our GIS systems e.g. Polling district, Property, Housing and GeoDirectory.
- Developed a Digitisation Application for Planning section, to enable retail register of business to be plotted on a map.
- Received vector mapping from Ordnance Survey Ireland, and converted it to formats for use in our various geographical information systems.
- Created several online digitisers for capturing environmental geographical data e.g. nutrient management plans, waste facility plans, etc.
- Commenced mapping of datasets for Road Collisions received from the Road Safety Authority.



Applications Team

- Provided support to the project where Tipperary County Council is a user test site for the national online ePlanning project.
- Rolled out a mobile inspections system for House Inspections, which facilitates the real time gathering of house inspection data, and the automatic generation of reports, emails and letters to landlords and tenants.
- Facilitated the IT requirements for the Local Elections re Electoral Register software and polling cards.
- Developed an eLearning management system, and developed a cyber security awareness training course. Staff who joined the organisation in 2019 successfully took and passed this eLearning cyber security awareness course.
- Upgraded elements of several of our Business system such as Electoral Register (including eCount), Planning (IPlan), Housing (IHouse) and Museum (Adlib)
- Facilitated the Financial Management System Agresso FMS Upgrade project .
- Successfully completed the upgrade of the organisation's CRM system which affected approx 400 Users.
- Managed the SQL Servers database environment.
- Completed the tendering process (in conjunction with the Office of Government Procurement) for obtaining mobile/smart phones, mobile and data communications, data sharing, least cost routing for TCCs staff and systems. Rolled out the solution across the organisation. Continued with management of smart and mobile phones and the billing process.



All Teams

Provided a technical support service to our staff and elected members across the organisation.

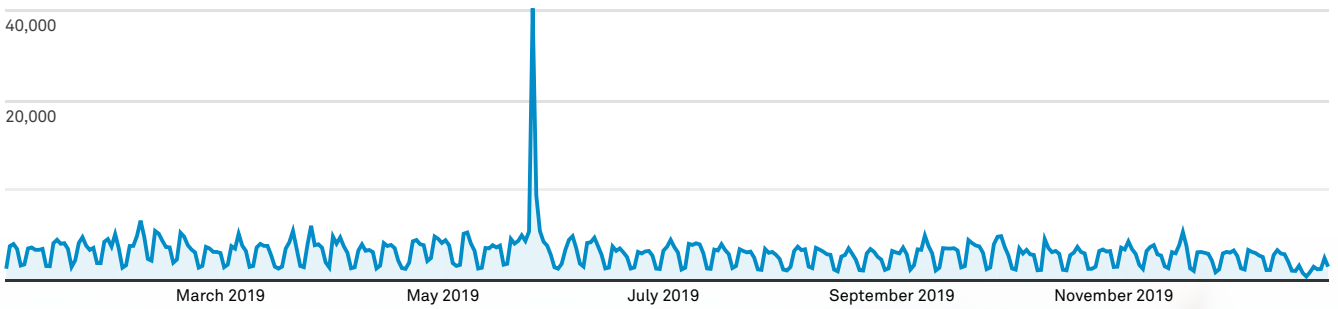
Continued to provide technical support and maintenance for:

- the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Networks, Desktops, Servers, Database systems, etc.
- our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.
- our web sites and web systems e.g. www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.Tipperary.com; and the Intranet and Sharepoint
- our geographical and CAD information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc; and training in same.
- phone systems, mobile phones and fixed lines phones.



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SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

CLONMEL BRANCH

The Sports and Social club continue to run a broad range of events and arrange the monthly draw with a bumper summer and Christmas draw.

The year always starts with the annual trip to the Panto in Limerick with over 250 attending, it was a lovely family day out with the traditional end of Christmas marker.

Throughout the year John O'Mahoney brings us on tracks and trails with hill walking events around the county.

In March members and families attended a Rugby Match in Thomond Park, Limerick and throughout the year a number of trips to shows and musicals were arranged to the Board Gais Theatre the annual shopping trip in December to Dundrum Shopping Centre was very well supported.

We had a bumper attendance at the Summer BBQ evening at the Clonmel Races in June with over 100 staff attending a great social evening and this is fast becoming our biggest summer event.

Maeve O'Brien and Paul Farrell arranged an excellent Mystery Tour this year in September which was very well supported and some fantastic venues visited.

The Sports and Social club also supported the partnership events for retired staff Christmas lunch, the family Santa event in Clonmel and the joint social evening held in Thurles in May.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support. New members and event organisers are always welcome. If you are interested in organising an event or joining the Sports & Social Club please contact any member of the committee.

Committee Members:

Chairperson

Marian Scully

Secretary

Rosemary Purcell

Treasurer

John O'Mahoney

Committee

- Stephen Ahearne
- Alison Blackmore
- Geoff Burke
- Tom Byrne
- Clarie Cooney
- Fiona Crotty
- Paul Farrell
- John Fitzgerald
- Jimmy Kelly
- Mick McCarthy
- Maeve O'Brien
- Anne Marie O'Flynn
- John O'Mahoney
- Mary O'Mahoney
- John O'Meara
- Gerard Quigley
- Marion Scully
- Geraldine Tobin



NENAGH

2019 was a quiet year for our Social Club (Nenagh). Our fortnightly lotto, Easter and Christmas Draws yielded a total of €11,900 in prizes for our members.

The main event organised during 2019 was the “Tipp Together” evening held in Thurles on 10th May, and was co-organised with the South Tipperary Social Club and Partnership. The outing included a BBQ, Treasure Hunt and Table Quiz, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our regular events held included indoor soccer and the annual Mass (and meal) in remembrance of deceased staff and members.

As always the Christmas Panto, (Aladdin), in University Concert Hall, Limerick was a big attraction, with over 280 tickets provided.

Tickets for all shows and events were subsidised for club members, and we also contributed to the annual Kiddies Party.

We also continued to operate our ‘Holiday Fund’ for those members who want to save for a break away, for a special family occasion or just to have funds to meet annual bills.

Thanks to all our members, especially those who participated in events. A special word of thanks to those who organised events during the year.

Committee Members:

Chairperson

- Peter Cleary

Treasurer

- Rosemary Joyce

Committee

- Paraig Cantwell,
- Brian Dunne,
- Nuala Freeman,
- Maureen Grace,
- Siobhan King
- Auvén Melia,
- Mary Murphy,
- Miriam Ryan,
- Mary Stephens
- Olivia Madden.

As always we would welcome new members to join the committee and would love to hear new suggestions for events coming from our members.



PROTECTED DISCLOSURES

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an annual report relative to Protected Disclosures received.

Pursuant to this requirement, Tipperary County Council hereby confirms that there were no protected disclosures received in 2019



ARCHIVE SERVICE

2019 was the 120th anniversary of the elections that followed The Local Government (Ireland) Act and the Archive service organised a number of events around this:

We had exhibitions on the history of local government in the Clonmel and Nenagh Civic Offices during September 2019; Dr. Matthew Potter spoke at the September Council Meeting in Nenagh, and Dr. Leeann Lane gave a public lecture to a full house on ‘Gender and Democracy’ in the Clonmel Library.



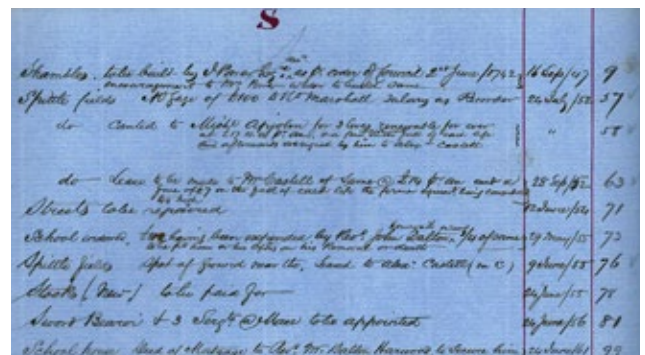
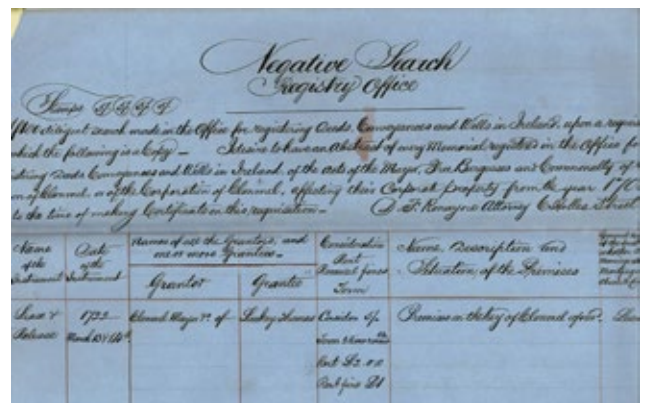
As part of the Local Government Archivists and Records Managers Group (LGARM), we have been working on a booklet to commemorate the centenary of the 1920 election, which we intend to publish later this year.



P J O'Byrne, Chair, North Tipperary County Council in 1920

This group also continues its work updating the National Retention Policy for Local Authority Records. In conjunction with this, the Tipperary archive service, with the fantastic support of the Records Management Working Group, have been working on producing a number of policies relating to the area of records management and we hope to do significant work on this area over the coming year.

We have been continuing our work in gathering the historical material of the various Tipperary local government jurisdictions and have accessioned some very interesting new material, including an index to the Clonmel Corporation Minute book, 1744 – 1781 and legal documents relating to the lands owned by Clonmel Corporation in the 1700s.



FRANCHISE SECTION

The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register, prepared annually, is a list of persons over 18 years resident in Tipperary who are entitled to vote in elections/referenda.

The following are the relevant dates in the process:

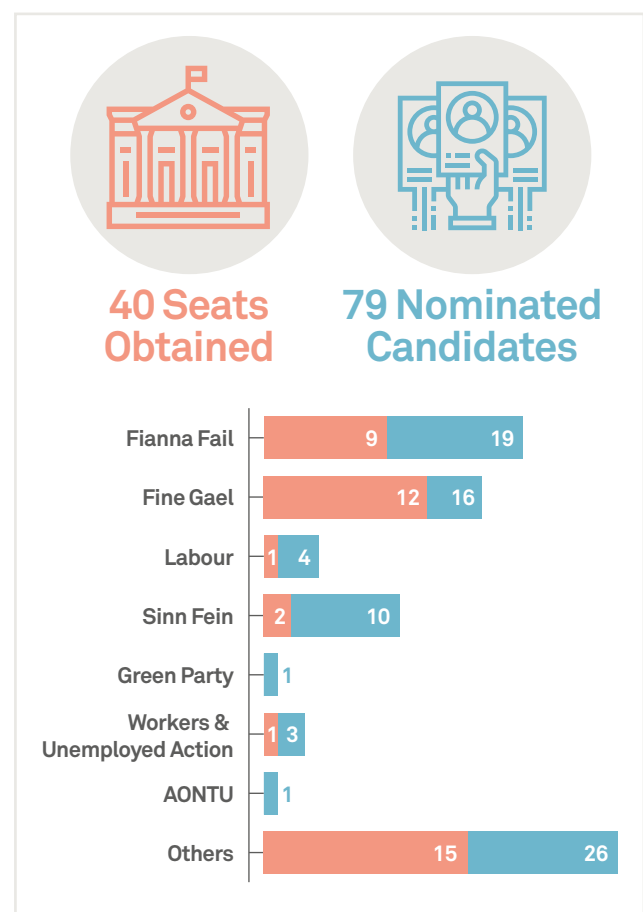
- 1st November Publish Draft Register
- 1st February Publish Register of Electors
- 15th February Register comes into force

There were 127,864 Local Government Electors on the Live Register 2019/2020 which was published on the 1st February 2019. A Supplement to the Register with 4,140 Local Government Electors was published in May 2019 for the Local and European Parliament Elections which were held on Friday 24th May 2019. The following is a breakdown of the total electorate per Local Electoral Area in Tipperary:

	Live	Supplement
Cahir	11,551	275
Carrick on Suir	15,698	684
Cashel - Tipperary	22,071	745
Clonmel	18,329	352
Nenagh	17,130	693
Newport	13,006	439
Roscrea - Templemore	14,017	567
Thurles	16,062	385
	127,864	4,140

Local Elections 2019

A total of 79 candidates contested the Local Elections and a poll for the election of 40 Members to the eight (8) Local Electoral Areas of Tipperary was held on Friday 24th May 2019 with the count taking place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May in the Presentation Convent Sports Centre, Thurles.





Local Elections 2019 Results sheets and Election Expense Statements Summary

LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF CAHIR LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL		TOTAL ELECTORATE 11,826 INVALID BALLOT PAPERS 88 VALID POLL 6,817 NUMBER OF SEATS 4 QUOTA 1,364				CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED ANDY MOLONEY (NON-P.) MÁIRÍN MCGRATH (NON-P.) MARIE MURPHY (F.G.) MICHEÁL JNR ANGLIM (F.F.)	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (8 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count		
		Number of Votes	Transfer of MOLONEY, A's Surplus and Result	Transfer of CARROLL, D's and LONERGAN, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of ENGLISH, P's Votes and Result		
* ANGLIM, MICHEÁL JNR (F.F.)	M		+69	+79	+305		
CARROLL, DANNY (S.F.)	M	1,056	1,125	1,204	1,509		
ENGLISH, PJ (F.F.)	M	124	137	-	-		
LONERGAN, PJ (F.F.)	M	533	581	+57	-638		
LONERGAN, ANITA (F.F.)	F	189	+44	-233	-		
* LONERGAN, MARTIN (Non-P.)	M	636	703	762	910		
MCGRATH, MÁIRÍN (NON-P.)	F	1,168	+160	+72	-		
* MOLONEY, ANDY (NON-P.)	M	1,885	1,364	1,364	1,364		
* MURPHY, MARIE (F.G.)	F	1,226	+120	+39	-		
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+64	+185		
TOTAL		6,817	6,817	6,817	6,817		

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LOCAL ELECTION 2019 - CAHIR LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL


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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF CARRICK-ON-SUIR LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL		TOTAL ELECTORATE 16,382 INVALID BALLOT PAPERS 146 VALID POLL 9,458 NUMBER OF SEATS 5 QUOTA 1,577				CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED IMELDA GOLDSBORO (F.F.) DAVID DUNNE (S.F.) MARK FITZGERALD (F.G.) KEVIN O'MEARA (NON-P.) KIERAN BOURKE (F.F.)			
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of GOLDSBORO, I's Surplus and Result	Transfer of DUNNE, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of DUNNE, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'LOUGHLIN, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of CROKE, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of CLEERE, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of DUNNE, D's Surplus and Result
* BOURKE, KIERAN (F.F.)	M		+60	+11	+59	+85	+151	+67	+68
CLEERE, MICHAEL (W.U.A.)	M	971	1,031	1,042	1,101	1,196	1,347	1,414	1,482
CROKE, MARGARET (F.G.)	F	677	+75	+27	+20	+15	+9	-823	-
* DUNNE, DAVID (S.F.)	M	411	752	779	799	814	823	-	-
DUNNE, SARAH (LAB.)	F	411	+3	-	+27	+84	-525	-	-
* FITZGERALD, MARK (F.G.)	M	1,282	1,287	1,350	1,419	1,497	1,662	1,662	1,577
* GOLDSBORO, IMELDA (F.F.)	F	257	+2	+3	-262	-	-	-	-
IVORS, JOANNE (S.F.)	F	1,229	1,325	1,335	1,346	1,351	1,425	1,616	1,616
* O'MEARA, KEVIN (NON-P.)	M	1,980	-403	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577
MCLOUGHLIN, LOUISE (F.G.)	F	132	+27	-159	-	-	-	-	-
O'LOUGHLIN, PIERCE (Non-P.)	M	1,015	159	+9	+20	+12	+62	+143	+11
* O'MEARA, KEVIN (NON-P.)	M	327	1,068	1,077	1,097	1,109	1,171	1,314	1,325
Non - transferable papers not effective		327	+3	+3	+25	-358	-	-	-
TOTAL		9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458

PART A - 1 to 8 of 8 Counts.

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LOCAL ELECTION 2019 - CARRICK-ON-SUIR LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL


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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019		TOTAL ELECTORATE				CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED				
CONSTITUENCY OF CASHEL-TIPPERARY LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL		INVALID BALLOT PAPERS				MICHAEL FITZGERALD (F.G.) ROGER KENNEDY (F.F.) MARY HANNA HOURIGAN (F.G.) DECLAN BURGESS (F.G.) JOHN CROSSE (F.G.) TONY BLACK (S.F.) ANNEMARIE RYAN (SHINER) (NON-P.)				
		VALID POLL								
		NUMBER OF SEATS								
		QUOTA								
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (12 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of FITZGERALD, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of KENNEDY, R's Surplus and Result	Transfer of HANNA HOURIGAN, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of BURGESS, D's Surplus and Result	Transfer of WALSH, B's Votes and Result	Transfer of O DONNELL, R's Votes and Result	Transfer of MCGRATH, L's Votes and Result	Transfer of BROWNE, M's Votes and Result
BLACK, TONY (S.F.)	M		+55	+7	+4	+1	+23	+83	+57	+388
* BROWNE, MARTIN (S.F.)	M	724	780	787	791	792	815	898	955	1,353
BURGESS, DECLAN (F.G.)	M		+211	-	-	-55				
* CROSSE, JOHN (F.G.)	M	1,322	1,533	1,533	1,533	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478
FINNAN, JACQUI (F.F.)	F		+320	+55	+90	+27	-	-	-	-
* FITZGERALD, MICHAEL (F.G.)	M	1,005	1,326	1,381	1,471	1,498	1,498	1,498	1,498	1,498
* HANNA HOURIGAN, MARY (F.G.)	F		+139	+41	+17	+4	+25	+78	+56	+89
* KENNEDY, ROGER (F.F.)	M	717	856	897	914	918	943	1,021	1,077	1,196
MCGRATH, LISA (Non-P.)	F		-1,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O DONNELL, ROBERT (LAB.)	M	3,005	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478
RYAN (SHINER), ANNEMARIE (NON-P.)	F		+348	-	-145	-	-	-	-	-
WALSH, BARRY (Non-P.)	M	1,275	1,623	1,623	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478
Non - transferable papers not effective				+26	-	-	+17	+135	+103	+268
TOTAL		11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817

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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019		TOTAL ELECTORATE				CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED				
CONSTITUENCY OF CLONMEL LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL		INVALID BALLOT PAPERS				MICHAEL MURPHY (F.G.) SIOBHÁN AMBROSE (F.F.) PAT ENGLISH (W.U.A.) GARRET AHERN (F.G.) RICHIE MOLLOY (NON-P.) NIALL P DENNEHY (NON-P.)				
		VALID POLL								
		NUMBER OF SEATS								
		QUOTA								
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	
		Number of Votes	Transfer of MURPHY, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of AMBROSE, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of ENGLISH, P's Surplus and Result	Transfer of O'FLAHERTY, E's Votes and Result	Transfer of DUGGAN, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of SHANAHAN, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of JOHNSON, T's Votes and Result	
AHERN, GARRET (F.G.)	M		+406	+134	-	-	-	-	-	-
* AMBROSE, SIOBHÁN (F.F.)	F	816	1,222	1,356	1,356	1,356	1,356	1,356	1,356	1,356
* CAREY, CATHERINE (S.F.)	F	2,031	2,031	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331
DENNEHY, NIAL P (NON-P.)	M		+33	+59	+34	+21	+64	+29	+160	
DUGGAN, MARTIN	M	498	531	590	624	645	709	738	898	
* ENGLISH, PAT (W.U.A.)	M		+71	+78	+30	+16	+55	+122	+183	
JOHNSON, TERESA (W.U.A.)	F	510	581	659	689	705	760	882	1,065	
* MOLLOY, RICHIE (NON-P.)	M		+18	+15	+11	+11	-317	-	-	
* MURPHY, MICHAEL (F.G.)	M	262	280	295	306	317	-	-	-	
O'FLAHERTY, EOIN (Non-P.)	M		-	-	-268	-	-	-	-	
SHANAHAN, DAVID (F.F.)	M	1,599	1,599	1,599	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331	1,331
Non - transferable papers not effective			+31	+41	+131	+27	+47	+31	-653	
TOTAL		9,314	9,314	9,314	9,314	9,314	9,314	9,314	9,314	9,314

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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF NENAGH LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL	TOTAL ELECTORATE	17,823	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED JOE HANNIGAN (NON-P.) MICHAEL O'MEARA (NON-P.) GERARD DARCY (F.G.) SÉAMUS MORRIS (NON-P.) HUGHIE MCGRATH (NON-P.)
	INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	119	
	VALID POLL	10,445	
	NUMBER OF SEATS	5	
	QUOTA	1,741	

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of HANNIGAN, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of DELANEY, C's and KING, G's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'DONOUGHUE, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of MURPHY, B's Votes and Result	Transfer of HOUGH, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of DARCY, G's Surplus and Result
* DARCY, GERARD (F.G.)	M		+77	+129	+27	+57	+396	-248
		1,303	1,380	1,509	1,536	1,593	1,989	1,741
DELANEY, CONOR (F.G.)	M		+7	-322	-	-	-	-
		315	322	-	-	-	-	-
* HANNIGAN, JOE (NON-P.)	M		-372	1,741	1,741	1,741	1,741	1,741
		2,113	1,741	1,741	1,741	1,741	1,741	1,741
HOUGH, DAMIEN (F.F.)	M		+64	+8	+17	+146	-1,130	-
		895	959	967	984	1,130	-	-
KING, GRAHAM (Non-P.)	M		+2	-48	-	-	-	-
		46	48	-	-	-	-	-
* MCGRATH, HUGHIE (NON-P.)	M		+36	+60	+77	+131	+111	+75
		1,026	1,062	1,122	1,199	1,330	1,441	1,516
MORGAN WALSH, LOUISE (LAB.)	F		+33	+44	+96	+105	+81	+50
		1,052	1,085	1,129	1,225	1,330	1,411	1,461
* MORRIS, SÉAMUS (NON-P.)	M		+38	+43	+142	+115	+184	+83
		1,070	1,108	1,151	1,293	1,408	1,592	1,675
MURPHY, BRENDAN (F.F.)	M		+21	+25	+79	-617	-	-
		492	513	538	617	-	-	-
O'DONOUGHUE, DAMIAN (S.F.)	M		+8	+18	-518	-	-	-
		492	500	518	-	-	-	-
* O'MEARA, MICHAEL (NON-P.)	M		+86	+20	-	-	-	-
		1,641	1,727	1,747	1,747	1,747	1,747	1,747
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+23	+80	+63	+358	+40
		-	-	23	103	166	524	564
TOTAL		10,445	10,445	10,445	10,445	10,445	10,445	10,445

PART A - 1 to 7 of 7 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF NEWPORT LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL	TOTAL ELECTORATE	13,445	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED FIONA BONFIELD (LAB.) JOHN 'ROCKY' MCGRATH (NON-P.) DR PHYLL BUGLER (F.G.) JOHN CARROLL (F.F.)
	INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	79	
	VALID POLL	8,062	
	NUMBER OF SEATS	4	
	QUOTA	1,613	

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (7 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of BONFIELD, F's Surplus and Result	Transfer of COLLINS, T's and WHITE, R's Votes and Result
* BONFIELD, FIONA (LAB.)	F		-513	1,613
		2,126	1,613	1,613
* BUGLER, DR PHYLL (F.G.)	F		+123	+247
		1,352	1,475	1,722
* CARROLL, JOHN (F.F.)	M		+69	+88
		1,314	1,383	1,471
COLLINS, TERESA (S.F.)	F		+22	-177
		155	177	-
MCGRATH, JOHN 'ROCKY' (NON-P.)	M		+197	-
		1,498	1,695	1,695
* RYAN (COOLE), MATTIE (F.F.)	M		+51	+48
		1,171	1,222	1,270
WHITE, ROSE ANNE (G.P.)	F		+51	-497
		446	497	-
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+291
		-	-	291
TOTAL		8,062	8,062	8,062

PART A - 1 to 3 of 3 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019		TOTAL ELECTORATE						CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED
CONSTITUENCY OF		INVALID BALLOT PAPERS						
ROSCREA-TEMPLEMORE LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL		VALID POLL						
		NUMBER OF SEATS						
		QUOTA						
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (8 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)		First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	
		Number of Votes	Transfer of SMITH, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of COONAN, N's Surplus and Result	Transfer of MURPHY, T's Votes and Result	Transfer of DONOVAN, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of CULLEN, J's Votes and Result	
BERGIN, WILLIAM (F.F.)	M	822	+200	+4	+20	+79	+294	
COONAN, NOEL J (F.G.)	M	1,619	+186	-19	1,786	1,786	1,786	
CULLEN, JONATHAN (F.G.)	M	666	+20	+2	+22	+35	-745	
DONOVAN, MICHAEL 'CHINNY' (S.F.)	M	375	+56	+1	+136	-568	-	
LEE, SHANE (NON-P.)	M	1,417	+169	+6	+121	+184	-	
* MORAN, EDDIE (NON-P.)	M	1,321	+78	+5	+37	+54	+276	
MURPHY, TOMMY (Non-P.)	M	337	+75	+1	-413	-	-	
* SMITH, MICHAEL (F.F.)	M	2,570	-784	1,786	1,786	1,786	1,786	
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	77	293	468	
TOTAL		8,927	8,927	8,927	8,927	8,927	8,927	

PART A - 1 to 6 of 6 Counts.

LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019		TOTAL ELECTORATE						CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED
CONSTITUENCY OF		INVALID BALLOT PAPERS						
THURLES LEA, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL		VALID POLL						
		NUMBER OF SEATS						
		QUOTA						
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)		First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of LOWRY, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of BRACKEN, M's and FOGARTY, C's Votes and Result	Transfer of MCCORMACK, C's Votes and Result	Transfer of BARRETT, T's and BUTLER, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of RYAN, P's Surplus and Result	Transfer of HANAFIN, S's Surplus and Result
BARRETT, TOMMY (Non-P.)	M	341	+3	+28	+31	-403	-	-
BRACKEN, MICHAEL (Non-P.)	M	91	+1	-92	-	-	-	-
BUTLER, FERGAL (F.F.)	M	585	+4	+6	+6	-601	-	-
* DORAN, DAVID (Non-P.)	M	1,091	+10	+31	+59	+128	+47	+26
FOGARTY, CATHERINE (Non-P.)	F	118	+1	-119	-	-	-	-
* HANAFIN, SEAMUS (F.F.)	M	1,558	+12	+26	+24	+276	-	-259
* LOWRY, MICHEÁL (NON-P.)	M	1,710	-73	1,596	1,620	1,896	1,896	1,637
MCCORMACK, CIARA (S.F.)	F	267	+2	+13	-282	-	-	-
* RYAN, JIM (NON-P.)	M	1,329	+12	+40	+53	+134	+51	+64
RYAN, PETER (F.G.)	M	1,546	+20	+30	+24	+300	-283	1,583
* RYAN, SEÁN (F.F.)	M	1,180	+8	+12	+31	+96	+92	+128
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+25	+54	+70	+93	+41
TOTAL		9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816

PART A - 1 to 7 of 7 Counts.



SUMMARY OF REGISTER OF ELECTION EXPENSES STATEMENTS - LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019 COUNCILLORS

Name of Candidate	Surname	Political Party	Advertising	Publicity	Election Posters	Other Election Material	Office & Stationary	Transport and Travel	Market Research	Campaign Workers	Total Expenditure
			€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Garret Ahern	Ahern	Fine Gael	4,697.37	276.75	1,947.70	786.08	800.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	9,107.90
Siobhan Ambrose	Ambrose	Fianna Fail	500.00	60.00	267.50	375.00	200.54	350.00	0.00	0.00	1,753.04
Micheal Anglim	Anglim	Fianna Fail	1,750.00	0.00	1,600.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	960.00	5,210.00
Tony Black	Black	Sinn Fein	240.00	160.00	600.00	677.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,677.00
Fiona Bonfield	Bonfield	Labour	900.00	0.00	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,550.00
Kieran Bourke	Bourke	Fianna Fail	0.00	0.00	600.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
Dr. Phyll Bugler	Bugler	Fine Gael	2,632.20	50.00	1,725.00	0.00	390.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	5,397.20
Declan Burgess	Burgess	Fine Gael	196.80	153.75	2,546.27	406.45	500.00	757.45	0.00	0.00	4,560.72
John Carroll	Carroll	Fianna Fail	0.00	0.00	400.00	315.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	940.00
Noel J. Coonan	Coonan	Fine Gael	2,380.05	100.00	1,605.40	814.60	412.18	820.00	0.00	0.00	6,132.23
John Crosse	Crosse	Fine Gael	400.00	420.00	1,410.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,230.00
Gerard Darcy	Darcy	Fine Gael	578.25	0.00	1,335.38	658.17	100.00	700.00	0.00	910.00	4,281.80
Niall Dennehy	Dennehy	Non Party	922.50	0.00	1,700.00	120.00	1,400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	4,542.50
David Dunne	Dunne	Sinn Fein	200.00	0.00	150.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Pat English	English	WUAG	1,004.50	51.25	1,349.00	2,395.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.51
Mark Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	Fine Gael	0.00	332.10	1,419.53	1,113.15	380.40	1,446.90	0.00	546.29	5,238.37
Michael Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	Fine Gael	875.00	200.00	475.00	350.00	75.00	1,795.00	0.00	450.00	4,220.00
Imelda Goldsboro	Goldsboro	Fianna Fail	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Seamus Hanafin	Hanafin	Fianna Fail	1,863.98	0.00	0.00	1,709.30	0.00	300.00	0.00	1,210.00	5,083.28
Joe Hannigan	Hannigan	Non Party	850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00
Mary Hanna Hourigan	Hourigan	Fine Gael	150.00	0.00	1,508.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,658.63
Roger Kennedy	Kennedy	Fianna Fail	500.00	100.00	3,005.00	1,070.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,675.10
Shane Lee	Lee	Non Party	119.50	109.18	1,246.40	920.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,395.63
Michael Lowry	Lowry	Non Party	119.50	109.18	1,246.40	920.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,395.63
Hughie McGrath	McGrath	Non Party	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00
John Rocky McGrath	McGrath	Non Party	119.50	109.18	1,246.40	920.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,395.63
Mairin McGrath	McGrath	Non Party	1,748.69	79.95	3,381.90	653.00	206.74	50.09	0.00	0.00	6,120.37
Richie Molloy	Molloy	Non Party	400.00	700.00	100.00	400.00	200.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
Andy Moloney	Moloney	Independent	518.86	0.00	49.00	1,016.15	0.00	400.00	0.00	220.00	2,204.01
Eddie Moran	Moran	Non Party	119.50	109.18	1,246.40	920.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,395.63
Séamus Morris	Morris	Non Party	1,640.00	1,440.00	915.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	4,445.00
Marie Murphy	Murphy	Fine Gael	0.00	0.00	117.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.75
Michael Murphy	Murphy	Fine Gael	2,452.38	0.00	1,514.28	475.15	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	4,641.81
Kevin O' Meara	O' Meara	Non Party	0.00	60.00	2,361.00	667.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,088.68
Michael O' Meara	O' Meara	Non Party	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Jim Ryan	Ryan	Non Party	0.00	10.00	60.75	2,201.44	0.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	2,492.19
Peter Ryan	Ryan	Fine Gael	3,638.68	0.00	1,772.56	178.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,589.27
Sean Ryan	Ryan	Fianna Fail	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	860.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	600.00	3,960.00
Anmarie Ryan Shiner	Ryan Shiner	Non Party	133.00	0.00	180.00	200.00	8.00	68.49	0.00	0.00	589.49
Michael Smith	Smith	Fianna Fail	0.00	750.00	1,480.00	480.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	2,935.00
Total			36,750.26	5,380.52	44,212.25	22,754.26	5,172.86	16,907.93	0.00	4,896.29	136,074.37

Name of Candidate	Surname	Political Party	Advertising	Publicity	Election Posters	Other Election Material	Office & Stationary	Transport and Travel	Market Research	Campaign Workers	Total Expenditure
			€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Michael Cleere	Cleere	WUAG	1,004.50	51.25	1,349.00	2,395.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.51
Margaret Croke	Croke	Fine Gael	399.05	332.10	1,342.63	129.10	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	2,402.88
Jonathan Cullen	Cullen	Fine Gael	0.00	0.00	1,666.74	1,010.17	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	2,916.91
Conor Delaney	Delaney	Fine Gael	981.54	0.00	1,781.45	221.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,984.39
Martin Duggan	Duggan	Aontu	0.00	0.00	856.36	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	956.36
Jacqui Finnan	Finnan	Fianna Fail	482.10	826.86	773.75	200.00	50.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,332.71
Catherine Fogarty	Fogarty	Non Party	184.50	0.00	0.00	280.00	16.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	481.49
Teresa Johnson	Johnson	WUAG	1,004.50	51.25	1,349.00	2,395.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.51
Graham King	King	Non Party	40.00	0.00	0.00	120.97	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	310.97
Anita Lonergan	Lonergan	Fianna Fail	1,389.19	167.50	1,025.82	100.00	0.00	385.27	0.00	119.77	3,187.55
Lisa McGrath	McGrath	Non Party	133.00	0.00	180.00	200.00	8.00	66.00	0.00	0.00	587.00
Louise Morgan Walsh	Morgan Walsh	Labour	917.00	0.00	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	3,367.00
Brendan Murphy	Murphy	Fianna Fail	560.00	50.00	900.00	450.00	60.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	2,420.00
Mattie Ryan	Ryan	Fianna Fail	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,780.00
David Shanahan	Shanahan	Fianna Fail	957.93	649.00	123.00	799.58	0.00	60.00	0.00	492.19	3,081.70
Rose Anne White	White	Green Party	270.10	0.00	458.18	103.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	831.56
Total			8,323.41	2,127.96	13,955.93	9,186.02	134.99	2,701.27	0.00	1,811.96	38,241.54



ELECTED MEMBERS WHO DID NOT CONTEST OR WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS

CASHEL TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



MARTIN BROWNE
SINN FEIN



DENIS LEAHY
NON PARTY



TOM WOOD
NON PARTY

CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



LOUISE MCLOUGHLIN
FINE GAEL

CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT



CATHERINE CAREY
SINN FEIN



MARTIN LONERGAN
NON PARTY

NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



MATTIE RYAN (COOLE)
FIANNA FÁIL

TEMPLEMORE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



DAVID DORAN
SINN FEIN



JOHN HOGAN
FIANNA FÁIL



JOE BOURKE
FINE GAEL





FINANCIALS





FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System – Agresso
- All payments including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Monitoring the recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Maintenance of financial records and the making of various reports and returns
- Internal Audit and checking section

In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.



► MAIN SECTIONS WITHIN FINANCE:

Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.

Revenue

This section mainly deals with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Loans and the Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge.

Revenue Collection

Debtor type	% Collected
Rents	95%
Housing Loans	90%
Rates*	83%

* As per Draft Annual Financial Statement (AFS), 2019 – Appendix 7, after allowing for specific doubtful arrears relating to:

- Vacancy applications pending or criteria not met, and
- Accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation, and no communication.



Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the council and forwarded to the Finance Department.

These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of 'Professional Services' and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.

Invoice Statistics

No of Invoices Processed in 2019		Value
Quarter 1	11,872	20,342,239.75
Quarter 2	12,498	31,569,871.00
Quarter 3	11,016	22,777,146.00
Quarter 4	12,235	36,707,026.00
TOTALS	47,621	111,396,282.75

Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2019, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit continued to review the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.

Procurement

The Procurement Section has a role in ensuring that Tipperary County Council has good purchasing practices in place. Procedures are designed to maximise value for money and to provide that all potential suppliers have a fair opportunity to tender.

The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality. The procurement sections works to provide high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement guidelines and legislation.

It is government policy that all contracts above €25,000 for goods and services and over €50,000 works are formally advertised on eTenders. www.etenders.gov.ie is the key national website where potential suppliers and service providers need to be registered in order to be kept informed of upcoming tenders. There is a range of guides on the www.tipperarycoco.ie website to assist potential suppliers find where to register and maximise their opportunities to tender for public sector contracts.

Agresso Financial Management System

The Agresso Support Team maintains the Council's Financial Management System, helping to ensure proper control over the Council's financial records (an essential feature in the Council's system of Internal Control).

The Agresso system was implemented in 2001 and was upgraded to Agresso Milestone 4 (MS4) in October 2017, in line with 26 other local authorities.

Agresso MS4 introduced new features which assist in the achievement of our business goals, including; automated workflow, web service access, procurement checks and enhanced controls.



MOTOR TAXATION

Receipts - Offices Clonmel & Nenagh

	€	%
Private cars and motor cycles	6,186,481	67.63
Goods and other vehicles	2,396,460	26.20
Miscellaneous	564,401	6.17
Total Revenue 2019	9,147,342	100.00

Tax Discs issued

	No.	%
By Clonmel & Nenagh Motor Tax Offices 2019	54,639	26.53
On-Line	151,310	73.47
Total Number Issued in 2019	205,949	100.00

Postal Applications (Motor Taxation Transactions)

	No.	%
Total Postal Applications	10,089	4.89%

Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application

On the same day	9,886	97.99%
On the 2 nd or 3 rd day	178	1.76%
On the 4 th or 5 th day	8	0.08%
Over 5 days	17	0.17%

*M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:

	2017	2018	2019
Are dealt with over the counter	25.94%	23.94%	21.64%
Are dealt with by post	6.05%	5.06%	4.89%
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	68.01%	71.00%	73.47%

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application

	2017	2018	2019
(a) on the same day	12,065	10,115	9,886
(b) on the 2 nd or 3 rd day	396	219	178
(c) on the 4 th or 5 th day	17	6	8
(d) over 5 days	48	42	17

M.3 Public Opening Hours

	2017	2018	2019
Average number of opening hours per Week	20.00	20.00	20.00

Motor Tax On-line

The usage of the on-line motor tax facility www.motortax.ie continues to grow incrementally across all local authorities and Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting this facility.

The total number of Tax Discs issued to the 31st December 2019 amounted to 205,949. In percentage terms the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was 73% thereof.

A percentage of 71% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2018.

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 3,559 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

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.



► MAIN REPORTS PRODUCED BY FINANCE:

The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting, and undergoes an independent audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

Council & Management Reports

The management report provides details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the council, and is compared to Budget for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Management reports are provided to the Management Team on a monthly basis and to the Council on a bi-monthly basis.

Department Quarterly Reporting

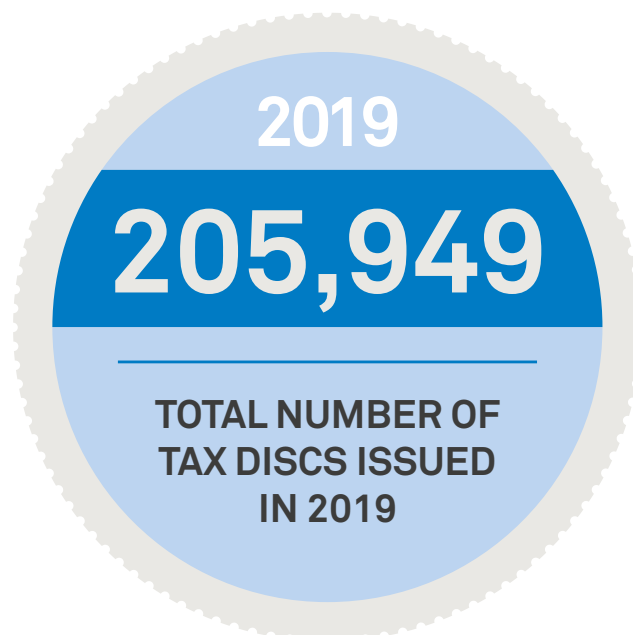
All Local Authorities report financial performance quarterly to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DPLG). These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the councils activities.

Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested. The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code for Tipperary County Council was published and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) on 31st May 2019.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT



The Revenue Account details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

1. Commercial Rates;
2. the provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;
3. the Local Property Tax and
4. Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.

The Council's Capital Account, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets, and various Projects having a multi-year timeframe. These include the building of council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account. _



NOTE: THESE ARE PRELIMINARY FIGURES, ALL FIGURES TO BE RE-CHECKED WITH FINANCE

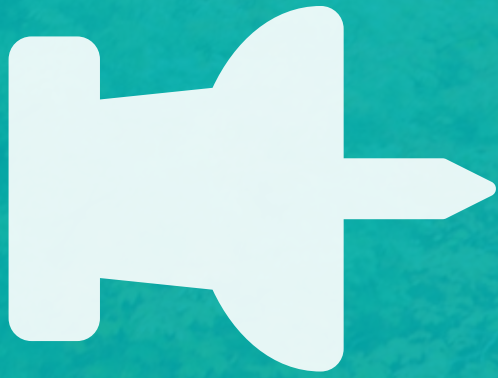
DRAFT REVENUE ACCOUNT 2019

	Expenditure €	Income €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
Housing & Building	37,374,044	38,079,441	705,397
Road Transport & Safety	50,904,294	35,047,676	(15,856,618)
Water Services	13,879,695	13,638,591	(241,104)
Development Management	13,406,746	5,214,245	(8,192,501)
Environmental Services	27,816,231	10,609,374	(17,206,857)
Recreation & Amenity	12,814,467	2,682,321	(10,132,146)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,585,006	1,049,940	(535,066)
Miscellaneous Services	15,391,600	8,832,886	(6,558,714)
Local Property Tax / LGF		25,951,602	25,951,602
Rates		32,076,385	32,076,385
	173,172,083	173,182,461	
Surplus for Year			10,378
General Reserve at 1 st January 2019			5,555,516
General Reserve at 31 st December 2019			5,565,894

DRAFT CAPITAL ACCOUNT 2019

Programme	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	26,426,923	26,350,580
Road Transport & Safety	13,716,207	8,500,554
Water Services	4,355,078	5,332,928
Development Management	4,905,694	7,533,140
Environmental Services	3,808,644	1,058,499
Recreation & Amenity	2,172,041	1,138,712
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	1,876,582	2,436,779
Totals	57,261,169	52,351,192



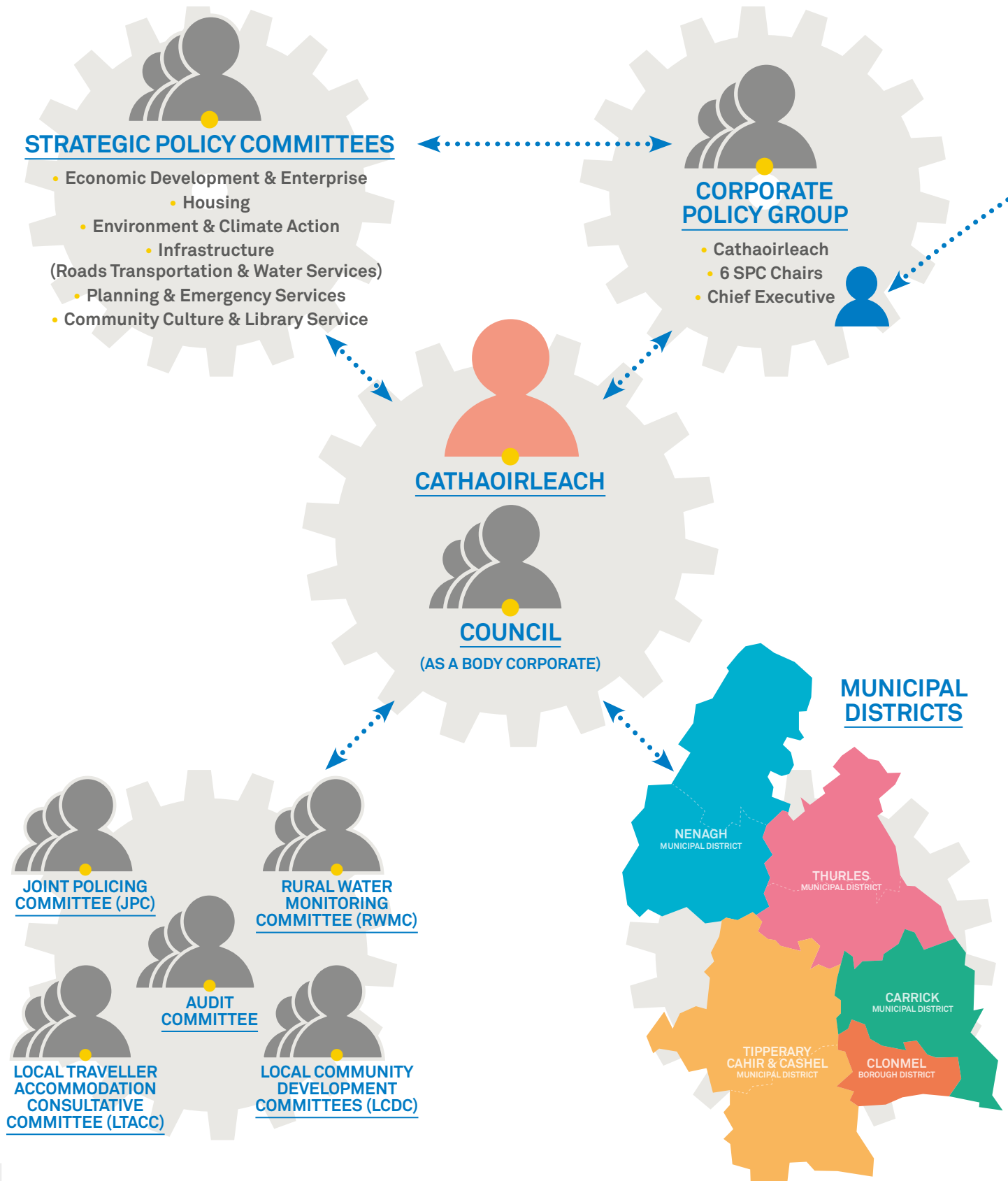


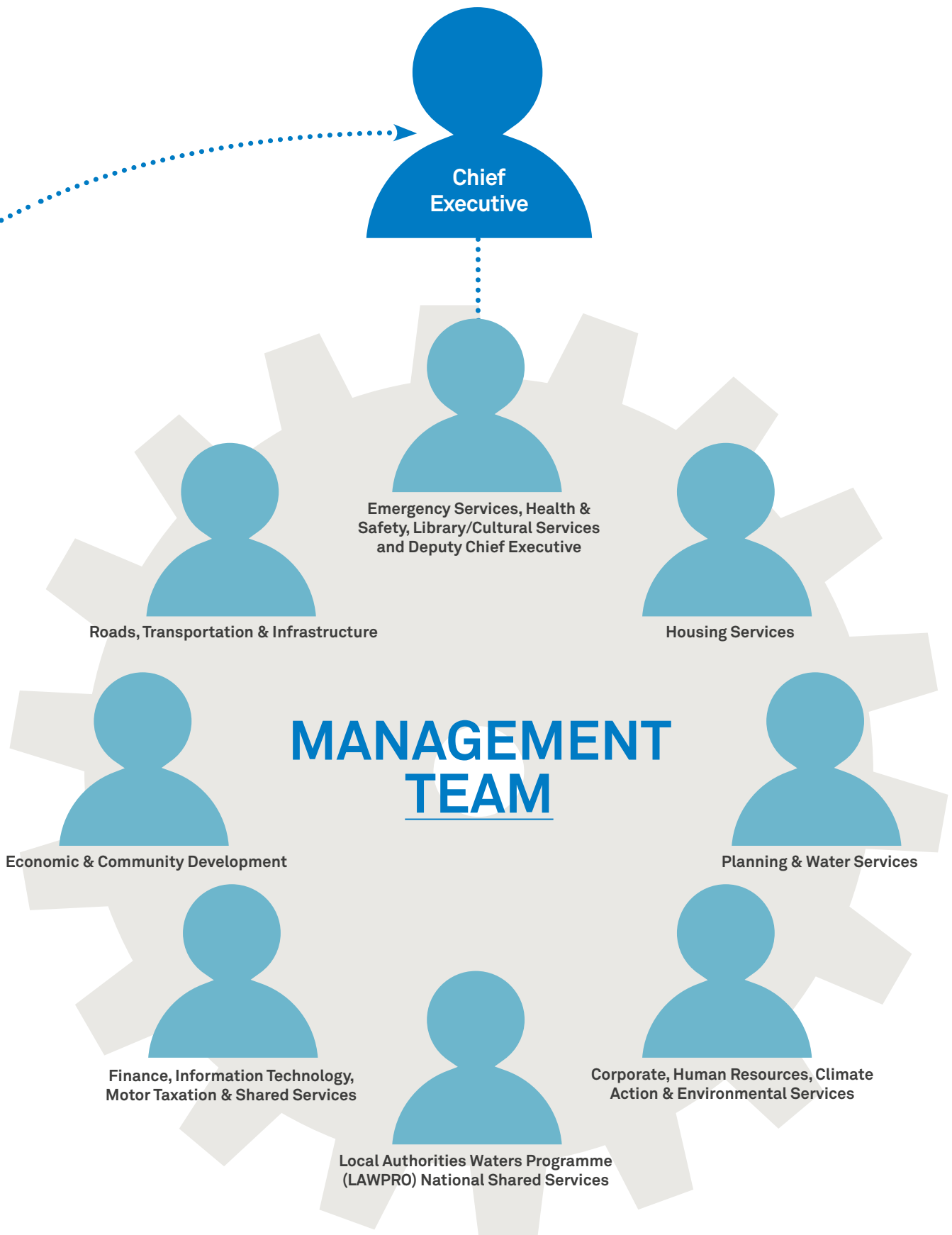
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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE - POLITICAL & SENIOR MANAGEMENT





LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS DETAILS BY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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- Housing SPC
- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)



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- Housing SPC
- LTCC (Local Traveller Consultative Committee)
- TJPC (Tipperary Joint Policing Committee)
- Privilege & Procedures Committees



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- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)
- RHFS(Regional Health Forum South)
- TJPC (Tipperary Joint Policing Committee)



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- Community, Culture & Library Services SPC
- STAC (South Tipperary Arts Centre)
- SRA (Southern Regional Assembly)
- TJPC (Tipperary Joint Policing Committee)
- TTCU(Tipperary Co-ordination Transport Unit)



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- Housing SPC
- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)
- Privilege & Procedure Committee
- TJPC(Tipperary Joint Policing Committee)



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- LTCC(Local Traveller Consultation Committee)
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- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)
- Privilege & Procedure Committee
- NTFEC(North Tipperary Food Enterprise Centre)
- TJPC(Tipperary Joint Policing Committee)



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- Planning & Emergency Services SPC
- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)
- NTFEC(North Tipperary Food Enterprise Centre)



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- Environmental & Climate Action SPC
- RHFWS (Regional Health Forum West)
- LCDC
- RWMC(Rural Water Monitoring Committee)



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- Community, Culture & Library Services SPC
- RWMC(Rural Water Monitoring Committee)
- THF (Tipperary Heritage Forum)
- North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services
- TJPC(Tipperary Joint Policing Committee)



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- LTCC(Local Traveller Consultative Committee)





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- MWRDAF(Mid West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Forum)



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- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)
- LAMA(Local Authority Members Assoc)
- LTCC(Local Traveller Consultation Committee)



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- LCDC(Local Community Development Committee)
- ETB(Education Training Board Tipperary)
- Comhairle na nÓg
- RHFS (Regional Health Forum South)



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- LTCC (Local Traveller Consultative Committee)
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- Tipperary Heritage Forum
- Privilege & Procedures Committee
- RHFS(Regional Health Forum South)



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COUNCILLORS MEETING ATTENDANCE 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
Ahearn, Garret (FG)	14	13	93%
Ambrose, Siobhán (FF)	26	21	81%
Anglim, Micheál (FF)	24	23	96%
Black, Tony (SF)	17	12	71%
Bonfield, Fiona (LAB)	29	26	90%
Bourke, Joe (FG) *	9	8	89%
Bourke, Kieran (FF)	25	20	80%
Browne, Martin (SF) *	11	11	100%
Bugler, Dr Phyll (FG)	32	28	88%
Burgess, Declan (FG)	18	15	83%
Carey, Catherine (SF) *	10	7	70%
Carroll, John (FF)	38	36	95%
Coonan, Noel (FG)	17	17	100%
Crosse, John (FG)	43	34	79%
Darcy, Ger (FG)	29	26	90%
Dennehy, Niall (NP)	12	12	100%
Doran, David (SF) *	12	12	100%
Dunne, David (SF)	32	25	78%
English, Pat (WUA)	26	22	85%
Fitzgerald, Mark (FG)	26	23	88%
Fitzgerald, Michael (FG)	30	29	97%
Goldsboro, Imelda (FF)	33	28	85%
Hanafin, Seamus (FF)	24	22	92%
Hannigan, Joe (NP)	35	31	89%
Hogan, John (FF) *	10	9	90%
Hourigan, Mary Hanna (FG)	33	28	85%
Kennedy, Roger (FF)	26	25	96%
Leahy, Denis (NP) *	12	7	58%
Lee, Shane (NP)	17	15	88%

Councillor Name	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Meetings Attended	Total % Rate of Attendance
Lonergan, Martin (NP) *	10	8	80%
Lowry, Micheál (NP)	27	26	96%
McGrath, Hughie (NP)	34	22	65%
McGrath, John(Rocky) (NP)	13	11	85%
McGrath, Máirín (NP)	15	14	93%
McLoughlin, Louise (FG) *	14	11	79%
Molloy, Richie (NP)	27	20	74%
Moloney, Andy (NP)	22	20	91%
Moran, Eddie (NP)	24	23	96%
Morris, Seamus (NP)	23	19	83%
Murphy, Marie (FG)	25	24	96%
Murphy, Michael (FG)	29	25	86%
O'Meara, Kevin (NP)	23	20	87%
O'Meara, Michael (NP)	27	26	96%
Ryan(Shiner), Ann Marie (NP)	16	16	100%
Ryan , Jim (NP)	30	29	97%
Ryan(Coole), Mattie (FF) *	16	14	88%
Ryan, Peter (FG)	13	10	77%
Ryan, Sean (FF)	24	22	92%
Smith, Michael (FF)	24	21	88%
Wood, Tom (NP) *	11	9	82%

*Councillors not re-elected following Local Election 2019



PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS 2019

Councillor Name	Representational Payment	Annual Allowance	Cathaoirleach's / Leas Cathaoirleach Allowance	Municipal District Allowance	Borough/MD Chair Allowance	SPC Chair Allowance	Conference Expenses	Training Expenses	Mobile Phone Expenses	Other Expenses	Cathaoirleach Invitations Expenses	Gratuity	Total Amount Paid to Councillors 2019
Ahearn, Garret	€9,573.37	€4,929.61	€0.00	€555.79	€6,347.44	€0.00	€250.00	€1,738.19	€0.00	€329.33	€0.00	€0.00	€23,723.73
Ambrose, Siobhan	€17,093.34	€8,101.48	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€531.23	€3,073.38	€1,091.49	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€30,887.50
Anglim, Micheál	€17,093.34	€8,384.76	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€514.52	€4,335.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€31,324.20
Black, Tony	€9,573.37	€4,917.13	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€15,046.29
Bonfield, Fiona	€17,093.34	€8,273.08	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€37.87	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,400.87
Bourke, Joe *	€7,519.96	€3,480.95	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€770.45	€127.36	€0.00	€0.00	€21,315.70	€33,655.22
Bourke, kieran	€17,093.34	€8,600.80	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,129.91	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€27,820.63
Browne, Martin *	€7,519.96	€2,948.75	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€19,411.04	€30,320.55
Bugler, Dr Phyll	€17,093.34	€8,809.92	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€2,874.75	€205.00	€3,546.54	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€33,526.13
Burgess, Declan	€9,573.37	€4,240.55	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,059.02	€267.10	€1,122.90	€0.00	€0.00	€16,818.73
Carey, Catherine *	€7,519.96	€2,866.57	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€231.14	€0.00	€0.00	€17,078.77	€28,137.24
Carroll, John	€17,093.34	€8,275.08	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€2,874.75	€314.48	€5,383.94	€0.00	€412.25	€0.00	€0.00	€35,350.42
Coonan, Noel	€9,573.37	€4,570.86	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,700.02
Crosse, John	€17,093.34	€8,183.28	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€5,634.51	€0.00	€2,950.90	€0.00	€360.00	€0.00	€0.00	€35,218.61
Darcy, Gerard	€17,093.34	€8,317.36	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,407.28
Dennehy, Niall	€9,573.37	€4,892.44	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€250.00	€1,647.07	€92.77	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€17,011.44
Doran, David *	€7,519.96	€2,948.75	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€507.64	€72.50	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€11,489.65
Dunne, David	€17,093.34	€8,600.80	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€171.15	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,861.87
English, Pat	€17,093.34	€8,086.72	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,176.64
Fitzgerald, Mark	€15,785.52	€7,168.19	€0.00	€919.92	€0.00	€0.00	€600.00	€1,221.79	€500.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€26,195.42
Fitzgerald, Michael	€17,093.34	€8,055.52	€0.00	€996.58	€5,956.49	€2,759.76	€388.70	€4,243.28	€438.55	€799.97	€299.61	€0.00	€41,031.80
Goldsboro, Imelda	€17,093.34	€8,246.56	€0.00	€996.58	€3,127.73	€0.00	€455.00	€3,761.63	€411.10	€285.89	€0.00	€0.00	€34,377.83
Hannafin, Seamus	€17,093.34	€7,412.44	€3,242.72	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€207.04	€253.42	€0.00	€0.00	€29,205.54
Hannigan, Joe	€17,093.34	€8,668.20	€0.00	€996.58	€3,150.73	€0.00	€394.09	€4,140.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€34,442.94
Hogan, John *	€7,519.96	€2,967.85	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€1,789.06	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€65,762.61	€78,480.28
Hourigan, Mary Hanna	€17,093.34	€8,055.52	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€2,874.75	€500.00	€4,119.99	€224.60	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€33,864.78
Kennedy, Roger	€17,093.34	€7,504.24	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€705.92	€0.00	€0.00	€26,300.08



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Leahy, Denis *	€7,519.96	€3,536.35	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€517.22	€583.99	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€47,109.76	€59,708.08
Lee, Shane	€9,573.37	€5,032.93	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€250.00	€166.63	€144.42	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€15,723.14
Lonergan, Martin *	€7,519.96	€3,517.85	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€11,478.61
Lowry, Micheál	€17,093.34	€7,412.44	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€2,874.75	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€28,377.11
McGrath, Hughie	€17,093.34	€8,101.48	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€474.97	€1,515.56	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€28,181.93
McGrath, John Rocky	€9,573.37	€4,852.26	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€250.00	€1,194.83	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€16,426.25
McGrath, Máirín	€9,573.37	€4,880.84	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€756.74	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€15,766.74
McLoughlin, Louise *	€7,519.96	€2,987.00	€0.00	€440.80	€2,644.78	€0.00	€250.00	€825.10	€321.45	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,989.09
Molloy, Richie	€17,093.34	€8,101.48	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€6,025.48	€306.49	€1,810.54	€229.02	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€34,562.93
Moloney, Andy	€17,093.34	€7,715.56	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€512.47	€2,760.53	€637.32	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€29,715.80
Moran, Eddie	€17,093.34	€7,711.00	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€500.00	€1,379.39	€348.20	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€28,028.51
Morris, Seamus	€17,093.34	€7,988.15	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€250.00	€4,247.45	€158.04	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€30,733.56
Murphy, Marie	€17,093.34	€8,476.84	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€298.37	€4,481.63	€512.47	€97.20	€0.00	€0.00	€31,956.43
Murphy, Michael	€17,093.34	€8,101.48	€2,759.76	€996.58	€16,213.59	€2,805.76	€250.00	€3,138.69	€144.25	€0.00	€3,664.16	€0.00	€55,167.61
O'Meara, Kevin	€17,093.34	€8,420.16	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€0.00	€445.39	€732.40	€88.58	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€27,776.45
O'Meara, Michael	€17,093.34	€8,526.48	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€2,759.76	€0.00	€3,406.39	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€32,782.55
Ryan (Shiner), Annemarie	€9,573.37	€4,937.68	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€38.97	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€15,105.81
Ryan Coole, Mattie *	€7,519.96	€3,178.45	€13,223.85	€440.80	€2,644.78	€0.00	€0.00	€781.45	€589.18	€0.00	€633.19	€71,447.10	€100,458.76
Ryan, Jim	€17,093.34	€7,504.24	€0.00	€996.58	€0.00	€5,634.51	€0.00	€250.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€31,478.67
Ryan, Peter	€9,573.37	€4,450.25	€0.00	€555.79	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€14,579.41
Ryan, Sean	€17,093.34	€7,435.36	€0.00	€996.58	€3,012.74	€0.00	€455.00	€3,312.78	€143.33	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€32,449.13
Smith, Michael	€17,093.34	€10,699.20	€0.00	€996.58	€3,104.74	€0.00	€0.00	€2,609.81	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€34,503.67
Wood, Tom *	€7,519.96	€2,948.75	€0.00	€440.80	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€72,910.02	€83,819.53
Totals	€682,425.68	€324,023.64	€19,226.33	€39,786.64	€46,203.02	€37,118.78	€9,162.93	€79,448.54	€7,151.06	€4,366.88	€4,596.96	€315,035.00	€1,568,545.46

*Councillors not re-elected following Local Elections 2019



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC) MEMBERSHIP

Councillors	Economic Development & Enterprise	Housing	Environment & Climate Action	Infrastructure/Roads Transportation and Water Services	Planning & Emergency Services	Community Culture & Library Services
Fiona Bonfield, LAB						√
Dr. Phyll Bugler, FG	√				√*	
John Carroll, FF			√*		√	
Gerard Darcy, FG					√	√
Joe Hannigan, NP	√				√	
Hughie McGrath, NP				√	√	
Séamus Morris, NP	√					
John (Rocky) McGrath, NP		√	√			
Michael O'Meara, NP				√	√	
Noel J. Coonan, FG		√				
Seamus Hanafin, FF	√					
Shane Lee, NP		√				
Micheál Lowry, NP					√	√*
Eddie Moran, NP			√			
Jim Ryan, NP				√*		
Peter Ryan, FG	√		√			
Sean Ryan, FF			√			
Michael Smith, FF		√				
Kieran Bourke FF		√		√		
David Dunne, SF		√		√		
Imelda Goldsboro, FF	√					



Councillors	Economic Development & Enterprise	Housing	Environment & Climate Action	Infrastructure (Roads Transportation and Water Services)	Planning & Emergency Services	Community Culture & Library Services
Kevin O'Meara, NP				√		
Mark Fitzgerald, FG			√	√		
Garret Ahearn, FG	√					√
Siobhán Ambrose, FF	√					√
Niall P. Dennehy, NP						√
Pat English, WUA		√	√			
Richie Molloy, NP			√			
Michael Murphy, FG			√			
Micheál Anglim, FF				√		√
Tony Black, SF	√					
Declan Burgess, FG			√	√		
John Crosse, FG	√*					√
Michael Fitzgerald, FG				√	√	
Mary Hanna Hourigan, FG	√	√*				
Roger Kennedy, FF		√			√	
Andy Moloney, NP						√
Máirín McGrath, NP	√					
Marie Murphy, FG		√			√	
Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), NP						√
Total	12	10	10	10	10	10

*Chairs Designate Strategic Policy Committee



Sectoral Representatives	Economic Development & Enterprise	Housing	Environment & Climate Action	Infrastructure/Roads Transportation and Water Services	Planning & Emergency Services	Community Culture & Library Services
Seamus Hoyne, LIT	√					
Imelda Walsh, Agriculture	√					
Laura Jones, Business/Commercial	√					
Tom McGrath, Business/Commercial	√					
Jim Sheehan, Development & Construction	√					
Clare Cashman, PPN Social Inclusion	√					
Noel Byrne, PPN Environment	√					
Mary Spillane, PPN Community & Voluntary	√					
Jonathan Gleeson, Business/Commercial		√				
Tom Gallahue, Dev/Const.		√				
Moira Merrigan, PPN Social Inclusion		√				
James Byrne, PPN Community & Voluntary		√				
Helen Butler, PPN Community & Voluntary		√				
Lalor McGee, Trade Union		√				
Vacant - PPN						
Erica O'Keeffe, Agriculture			√			
Emer Leahy, PPN Social Inclusion			√			
Mary McMahon, PPN Environment			√			
Charles Lamb, PPN Community & Voluntary			√			
Mairead O'Donnell, PPN Community & Voluntary			√			
Vacant Business/Commercial						



Sectoral Representatives	Economic Development & Enterprise	Housing	Environment & Climate Action	Infrastructure/Roads Transportation and Water Services	Planning & Emergency Services	Community Culture & Library Services
Peter Farrell, Agriculture				√		
David Shanahan, Business/Commercial				√		
Sean Reidy, Dev/Const.				√		
Brian Pope, PPN Environment				√		
Philip Brett, Trade Union				√		
Ger Shanahan, PPN Social Inclusion				√		
Vacant - PPN						
John O'Shaughnessy, Dev/Const.					√	
Tim Harty, Agriculture					√	
Mike Edwards, PPN Social Inclusion					√	
Patti O'Neill, PPN Environment					√	
Clare Ryan O'Keeffe, PPN Community & Voluntary					√	
Vacant - Business/Commercial						
John Butler, Business/Commercial						√
Evelyn Norton, PPN Social Inclusion						√
Matt O'Meara, PPN Environment						√
Peggy O'Brien, PPN Community & Voluntary						√
Patrick Hanley, PPN Community & Voluntary						√
Eamon Clancy, Agriculture						√
Total	8	6	5	6	5	6
Total Committee	20	16	15	16	15	16



COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES

Councillors	A.I.L.G	South Regional Assembly	IPBMI	LAMA	Education and Training Board	Local Traveller Consultative Committee	Audit Committee	South Tipperary Arts Centre	Thurles Regional Arts Centre	North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Centre	Rural Water Monitoring Committee	Regional Health Forum South
Fiona Bonfield, LAB			√		√							
Dr. Phyll Bugler, FG					√							
John Carroll, FF											√	
Gerard Darcy, FG										√	√	
Joe Hannigan, NP										√		
Hughie McGrath, NP						√				√		
Séamus Morris, NP												
John (Rocky) McGrath, NP											√	
Michael O'Meara, NP		√										
Noel J. Coonan, FG		√										
Seamus Hanafin, FF									√			
Shane Lee, NP					√							
Micheál Lowry, NP												
Eddie Moran, NP	√											
Jim Ryan, NP									√			
Peter Ryan, FG									√			
Sean Ryan, FF												
Michael Smith, FF												
Kieran Bourke FF					√							
David Dunne, SF						√						
Imelda Goldsboro, FF												





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Kevin O'Meara, NP												
Mark Fitzgerald, FG					√							√
Garret Ahearn, FG								√				
Siobhán Ambrose, FF		√						√				
Niall P. Dennehy, NP												
Pat English, WUA					√	√						
Richie Molloy, NP												√
Michael Murphy, FG												
Micheál Anglim, FF				√	√	√						
Tony Black, SF												
Declan Burgess, FG					√							√
John Crosse, FG						√						
Michael Fitzgerald, FG	√										√	
Mary Hanna Hourigan, FG	√				√							
Roger Kennedy, FF					√		√					√
Andy Moloney, NP												
Máirín McGrath, NP					√						√	
Marie Murphy, FG							√					
Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), NP					√							
Total	3	3	1	1	12	5	2	2	3	3	5	4



Councillors	Regional Health Forum West	Local Community Development Committee	UCC Governing Body	County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee	Comhairle na nOg	Tipperary Sports Partnership	Tipperary Heritage Forum	Tipperary Transport Coordination Unit	Privilege & Procedure Committee	North Tipperary Food Enterprise Ltd	South East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force	Mid West Regional Drugs Alcohol forum
Fiona Bonfield, LAB									√	√		
Dr. Phyll Bugler, FG										√		
John Carroll, FF	√	√										
Gerard Darcy, FG				√			√					
Joe Hannigan, NP		√						√				
Hughie McGrath, NP				√								
Séamus Morris, NP	√											√
John (Rocky) McGrath, NP												
Michael O'Meara, NP				√				√				
Noel J. Coonan, FG				√								
Seamus Hanafin, FF						√						
Shane Lee, NP				√								
Micheál Lowry, NP									√			
Eddie Moran, NP												
Jim Ryan, NP				√								
Peter Ryan, FG	√					√					√	
Sean Ryan, FF								√				
Michael Smith, FF												
Kieran Bourke FF												
David Dunne, SF				√								
Imelda Goldsboro, FF								√				
Kevin O'Meara, NP												
Mark Fitzgerald, FG				√								
Garret Ahearn, FG												





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Pat English, WUA				√					√			
Richie Molloy, NP				√								
Michael Murphy, FG									√			
Micheál Anglim, FF												
Tony Black, SF				√								
Declan Burgess, FG		√			√							
John Crosse, FG				√								
Michael Fitzgerald, FG			√									
Mary Hanna Hourigan, FG									√			
Roger Kennedy, FF							√		√			
Andy Moloney, NP												
Máirín McGrath, NP					√							
Marie Murphy, FG				√								
Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), NP				√				√				
Total	3	3	1	15	2	2	1	6	6	2	1	1



CONFERENCE/TRAINING & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED DURING 2019



Date	Conference Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
1/11/2019	Celtic Conferences -The Finance Act	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth	10
1/27/2019	Institute of Professional Training - Insolvency Services in Ireland	Gold Coast Hotel, Dungarvan	1
2/8/2019	Celtic Conferences - Guide to Education Programme	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth	1
3/8/2019	Celtic Conferenses - Ireland and Plastic Waste	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth	1
7/5/2019	Institute of Professional Training- From Ballot Box to Council Chamber	Whitford House Hotel, Wexford	2
9/5/2019	The Brexit Food Summit	Croke Park, Dublin	1
10/11/2019	Celtic Conferences - A Practical Guide to Budget 2020	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth	8
10/25/2019	Celtic Conferences - Ireland & Plastic Waste	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty	2
11/8/2019	Celtic Conferences - Freshwater Biodiversity	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty	2
11/15/2019	Celtic Conferences - Entitlement to Health Services	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty	3
12/6/2019	Celtic Conferences - Irish Social Welfare System	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty	5
12/13/2019	Celtic Conferences - First-time Home Buyers Incentives	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth	2



Date	Training Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
1/19/2019	AILG - Module 1 "Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies"	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar	7
1/24/2019	AILG - Module 1 "Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies"	Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles	6
2/2/2019	Meath County Council - Tidy Towns Conference 2019	Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim Co Meath	7
2/8/2019	TASC - Thinking Outside the Ballot Box	Hilton Hotel, Dublin	6
2/13/2019	Southern Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Southern Region	Strand Hotel, Limerick	1
2/15/2019	Southern Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Southern Region	Tower Hotel, Waterford	6
2/21/2019	AILG - Annual Training Conference	Longford Arms Hotel, Longford	20
3/7/2019	LAMA - Spring Training Seminar	The Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	21
3/14/2019	Centre for Local and Regional Gov - Who runs Local Government	UCC, Cork	1
3/21/2019	AILG - Module 2 "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities"	Park Hotel, Dungarvan	2
3/23/2019	AILG - Module 2 "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities"	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow	8
3/27/2019	SEAI Energy Show 2019	RDS, Dublin	3
4/3/2019	Irish Planning Institute - Annual Planning Conference 2019	Landmark Hotel, Leitrim	1
4/10/2019	Dundalk Chamber of Commerce - Major Tourism Conference	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth	2
5/31/2019	Heritage Council - Climate Change and Historic Towns	Deebert Hotel, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick	1
6/20/2019	SEAI - Irish Wind Energy Network	UCC, Cork	1
7/5/2019	Climate Action Forum	The Dome, Thurles	10
7/11/2019	AILG - Elected Member Induction Training	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar	1
7/13/2019	AILG - Elected Member Induction Training	Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles	8
8/20/2019	Energy in Agriculture	Gurteen College, Co. Tipperary	8
9/5/2019	Brexit Food Summit	Citywest, Dublin	1
9/11/2019	AILG - Autumn Training Seminar	Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan	27
9/26/2019	Cooperation Ireland - Death of Rural Ireland	Ballymacscanlan House Hotel, Dundalk	11
9/27/2019	Brexit - Practical steps to keep agri-food trade moving	Johnstown Castle, Wexford	2
9/30/2019	Brexit - Practical steps to keep agri-food trade moving	Radisson Blu, Little Island, Cork	7
10/9/2019	Creating Economic and Business Opportunities from Climate Change	Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	2
10/10/2019	AILG - "The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator"	Radisson Hotel, Limerick	7
10/12/2019	AILG - "The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator"	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk	11
10/17/2019	LAMA - Autumn Training Seminar	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon	24
10/18/2019	NFLA - Sustainable Energy Forum	Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin	2
10/21/2019	Tusla South Stakeholder Engagement	Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork	1
10/21/2019	Energy Action - Fuel Poverty Conference	Croke Park, Dublin	4
11/6/2019	Housing Agency Annual Conference 2019	Aviva Stadium, Dublin	7
11/12/2019	Pobal - Managing Better	Iontas Centre, Castleblaney	4
11/14/2019	Pobal - Athlone - 14th November, 2019	ATK St. Kierans, Athlone	2
11/21/2019	AILG - "Climate Action, The Local Authority Response"	Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone	3
11/23/2019	AILG - "Climate Action, The Local Authority Response"	Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork	16

Date	Councillor Workshop Details	Location	Councillors in attendance
1/22/2019	Workshop - Economic Development & Enterprise SPC / Planning & Emergency Services SPC	Thurles Municipal District Office	12
1/25/2019	Workshop - GDPR & Local Election Boundary Changes	Thurles Municipal District Office	19
2/27/2019	Workshop - REVAL	Thurles Municipal District Office	13
4/3/2019	Workshop - Irish Water - 3 April, 2019	Thurles Municipal District Office	7
5/31/2019	Workshop - Induction	Thurles Municipal District Office	24
9/2/2019	Workshop - Budget	Thurles Municipal District Office	30
9/9/2019	Workshop - Development Contribution Scheme	Thurles Municipal District Office	24
9/19/2019	Workshop - Mayor Training	Thurles Municipal District Office	3
9/30/2019	Workshop - Irish Water	Thurles Municipal District Office	17
10/7/2019	Workshop - Induction for Councillors	Thurles Municipal District Office	14
10/11/2019	Workshop - Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel District workshop	Tipperary Municipal District Office	9
10/21/2019	Workshop - Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel District workshop	Tipperary Municipal District Office	8
10/30/2019	Workshop - Tipperary- Cahir-Cashel District workshop	Tipperary Municipal District Office	8
11/11/2019	Workshop - Rates and Development charges	Thurles Municipal District Office	24



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Roisin O’Grady
Heritage Officer

Marie McMahon
Museum Curator



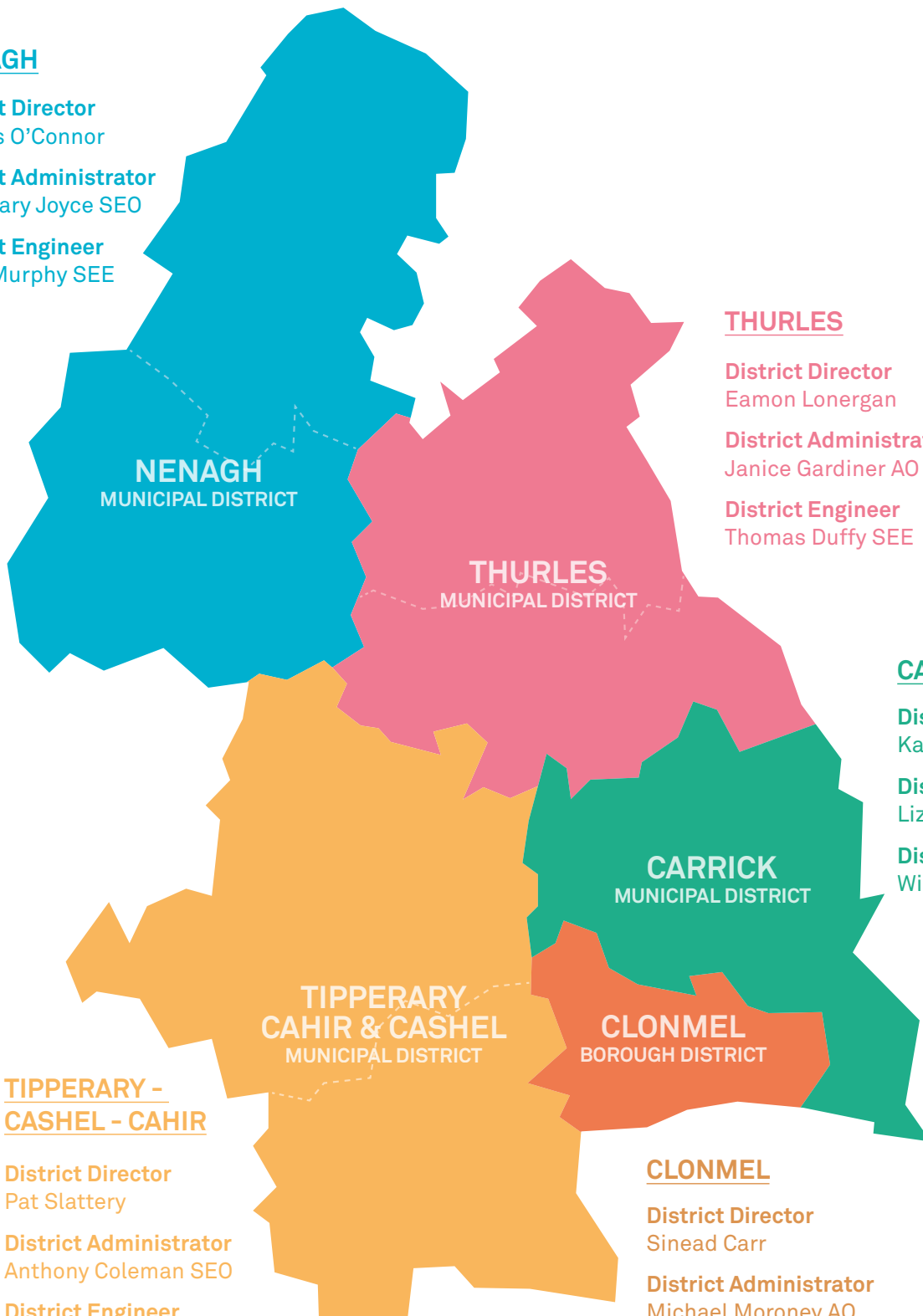
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ASSOCIATED COMPANIES REGISTER FOR TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

Company Name	Company Secretary	Directors
Nenagh Arts Centre Ltd	Nora O'Connor	Fiona Bonfield, Tom Moylan, Bernadette Slattery, Marcus O'Connor, Tom Ryan, Nora O'Connor, Melanie Scott, Seamus Morris, Rosemary Joyce, Hugh McGrath, Viginia O'Dowd, and Joe Hannigan
Thurles Swimming Pool Ltd	Michael Ryan	Seamus Hanafin, David Doran, Sean Keating, Deirdre O'Shea, Michael Ryan and Matt Shortt
Thurles Regional Arts Centre Ltd	Michael Ryan	Joseph Burke, Sinead Carr, Damien Dullaghan, Denise Hanley, Martin Healy, Liam McCarthy, Jim Ryan, Michael Ryan, Sean Ryan, Melanie Scott, Matt Shortt, Jess Codd and John Hogan
Roscrea Swimming Pool Ltd	Sharon Kennedy	Eileen Doherty, John Guilfoyle, John Hogan, John Jones, Sharon Kennedy, Liam McCarthy, Edward Moran, Deirdre O'Shea, Pat Slattery and Michael Smith
North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Services Ltd	Rosemary Joyce	Hughie McGrath, Marcus O'Connor, Jess Codd, Damien Dullaghan, Joe Hannigan, Roisin O'Grady, Gerard Darcy and Rosemary Joyce
South East Regional Craft Centre Ltd	Ita Horan	Liam Ahern, Ita Horan, Mary Whelan, Michael Moroney, Michael Anglim, Ciaran Cullen, Siobhan Ambrose, Sinead Carr, Mattie Ryan, Marie Murphy, Cyril Cullen.
Clonmel Business Development Park Company Ltd	Ita Horan	Anthony Coleman, John Doyle, Walter Heneghan, Johathan Cooney, Don Davern, Ita Horan, Iam Cooke, Michael Campbell and Ger Walsh
Shannon Broadband Ltd	Jenifer Kearns	Ger Lynch, Urban McMahan, Jim Dore, Ray O'Driscoll and Ray Bell



PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Data is draft only for 2019 and final report will be available through NOAC on publication of Performance Indicators Report 2019 at the end of 2020.

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
Housing: H1, H2 & H4 Approved	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2019	4994	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2019 (whether constructed or acquired)	110	Includes 6 Traveller houses at Cabragh Thurles which are not included in the Quarterly Return
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2019	26	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2019	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2019	5078	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2019	4.61 %	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2019	234	
	A. Expenditure during 2019 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2019, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€564.31	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes).	€2865577	
Housing: H3 & H5 Approved	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2019 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2019	40.09 wk	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2019, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2019	€8669.29	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2019 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	194	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	7777 wk	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1681842	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2019		
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2019	1063	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	74.32 %	
	D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2019	170	
	The number of dwellings inspected in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations	790	
Housing: H6 In Progress	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2019	Not available at present	This information is provided by the Regional Homeless lead Authority - Waterford Co Co
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2019 as recorded on the PASS system	Not available at present	This information is provided by the Regional Homeless lead Authority - Waterford Co Co
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2019, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months	Not available at present	This information is provided by the Regional Homeless lead Authority - Waterford Co Co

TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
Roads: R1 & R2 In Progress	The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
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	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	C1. Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Roads Management Office)



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Motor Tax: R3 In Progress	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2019	76.48%	
Water: W1 & W2 In Progress	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Environmental Protection Agency)
	The number of registered schemes monitored by each local authority as a percentage of total schemes registered	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Environmental Protection Agency)
	The number of registered schemes monitored in 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Environmental Protection Agency)
	Total number of registered schemes in 2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Environmental Protection Agency)
Waste: E1 To Be Approved	A. The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2019	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (National Waste Collection Permit Office)
	B. The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (National Waste Collection Permit Office)
Environmental Pollution: E2 To Be Approved	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2019	1372	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	1552	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2019	66	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2018	246	
Litter Pollution: E3 To Be Approved	A1. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was unpolluted or litter free	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Tobin Cantwell Engineering)
	A2. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was slightly polluted	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Tobin Cantwell Engineering)
	A3. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was moderately polluted	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Tobin Cantwell Engineering)
	A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was significantly polluted	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Tobin Cantwell Engineering)
	A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2019 was grossly polluted	Not available at present	Data to be entered by external source. (Tobin Cantwell Engineering)
Green Flag Status: E4 Approved	A. The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2019	53.48 %	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2019	3	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2019	35	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2018 and therefore do not require renewal until 2020	62	
Energy Efficiency: E5 To Be Approved	A. The cumulative % of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2019 relative to baseline year (2009)		
Planning: P1 Approved	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	25.38 %	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 by a builder or developer on the local authority	327	
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2019 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2019 undertaken by the local authority	83	

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Planning: P2 & P3 To Be Approved	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2019	29	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	75.86 %	
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	22	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 that were investigated	202	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2019	168	
	C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	57.14 %	
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0 %	
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	42.86 %	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2019	641	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	96	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	72	
Planning: P4 & P5 Approved	A. The 2019 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€56.79	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2019	€9061597	
	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	51.76 %	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	48.24 %	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	85	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	44	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	41	



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Fire Service: F1 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2019 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports	€56.53	
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2019	€9061597	
Fire Service: F2 & F3 Approved	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	0 min	
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	5.6 min	
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	0 min	
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	5.6 min	
	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes	45.43 %	
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	40.0 %	
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	14.57 %	
	D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	29.82 %	
	E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	52.24 %	
	F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	17.94 %	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	939	
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	368	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	324	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	118	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	505	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	133	
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	233		
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	80		
Library Service: L1 To Be Approved	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	2.83	
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers in the year	380625	
	C. Library Registered members per head of population	0.17	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	451750	
	Number of registered library members at 31 December 2019	27472	
Library Service: L2 In Progress	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2019 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census		
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 1/01/2019 to 31/12/2019		
	A. AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2019	€4305022	
	B. The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€137990	

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Youth and Community: Y1 & Y2 Approved	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	66.67 %	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2019	30	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2019	20	
	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register and the proportion who opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	12.19	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2019	878	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2019	114	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	107	
Corporate: C1, C2, C4 & C5 In Progress	A. The wholtime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2019	1071.98	
	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019		
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019		
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019	9186.69 day	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019	610.63 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2019	4 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2019	46 day	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	96: 61 Males_35 Females	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019, divided by the WTE no.		
	Total ICT expenditure in 2019	€3402261	
Total Revenue expenditure from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 before transfers to or from reserves			
A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure			
Corporate: C3 To Be Approved	A. Total page views of the local authority's websites in 2019	2100068	
	B. Total number of followers at end 2019 of the LA's social media accounts	76695	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	30	



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Finance: M1 & M2 To Be Approved	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5542326	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5547270	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5550224	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS		
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5565894	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2019 as a percentage of Total Income in 2019 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	3.21 %	
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2019	€1085.36	
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2019 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure	€1085.36	
	The 2019 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€173182461	
	The 2019 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€173172083	
	The 2019 Revenue expenditure excluding county / shared service expenditure for the service providers of HAP, MyPay, DRHE and Dublin Fire Services	€173172083	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	78.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	81.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	81.5 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018		
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	83 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	95.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	97.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	98.7 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018		
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	95 %	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	77.0 %	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	79.0 %	
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	84.4 %		
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018			
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2019	90 %		
Economic Development: J1 to J4 Approved	A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	870	87 Jobs Created
	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2019	40	40 approved
	B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2019	24	24 drawn down in 2019
	A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	456	456 clients availed of mentoring
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	TCC has 4 full time tourism staff. A Tourism Development Officer, 2x Tourism Marketing Officers of which one is a shared service with 3 other LAs and 1 x Clerical Officer.



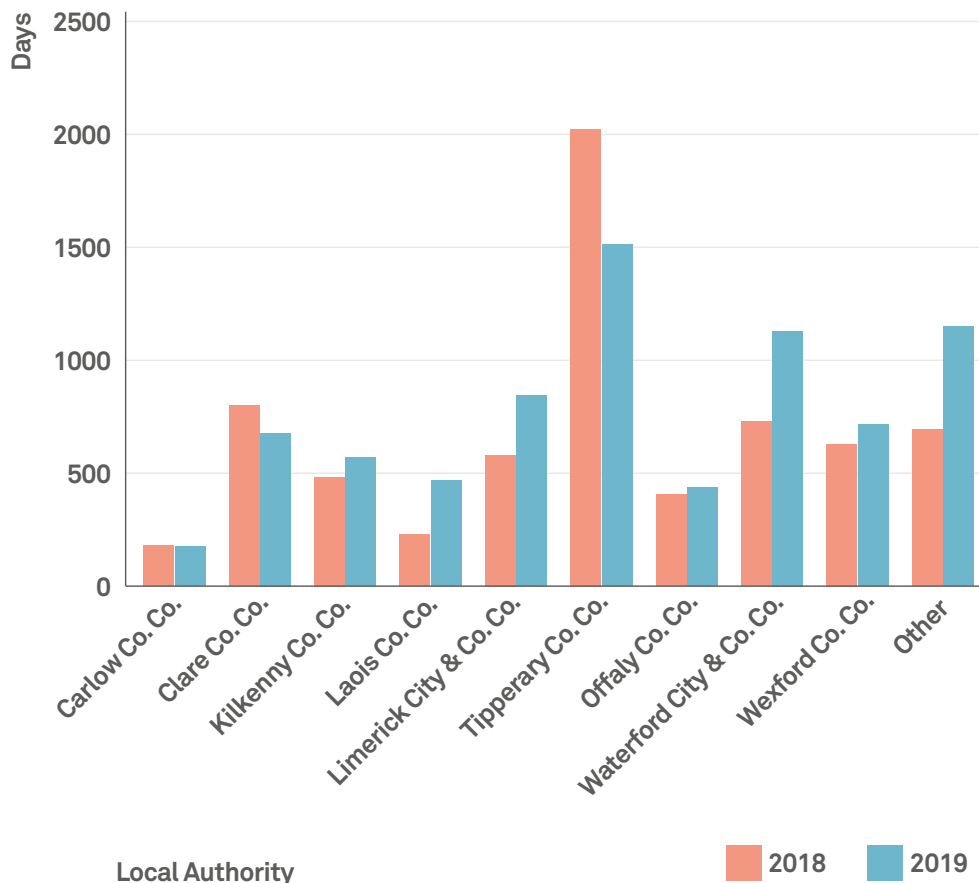
REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE ROSCREA

The Roscrea Regional Training Centre continued with its commitment to providing quality training and development to both Public Sector Staff and the Private Sector. Training grant assistance for Roads, Water and Environmental sectors all contributed to another successful year. Continued expansion of our training programmes ensured our workforce received current knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their duties in a professional and safe manner.

► TRAINING STATISTICS

A total of 7,681 person training days were delivered in 2019 to both public and private sector employees. This represents an increase of 13.7% increase on 2018 and is a new record for Roscrea R.T.C.. Outturn for each constituent Local Authority is shown in graph below.

Person Training Days



► TIPPERARY LOCAL AUTHORITY TRAINING

653 employees from Tipperary County Council attended courses run by the centre

	2018	2019
Person Training courses received	1,645	1,075
Person Training days received	2,024	1,510

Tipperary County Council employees completed accredited courses as follows:

C.S.C.S.	
Signing, Lighting & Guarding at Roadwork's - Completed by -	4 employees
Health & Safety at Roadwork's	- 38 employees
360o/180o Excavator	- 9 employees
Locating Underground Services	- 16 employees
Telescopic Handler	- 3 employees
Q.Q.I. Certificate:	
Waste Water Plant Operators Course	- 4 employees
Water Plant Operators Course	- 4 employees
Safe Use of Herbicides and Pesticides	- 8 employees
Certificate in Roads Programme Management	- 5 employees
Fire Fighting Programme	- 11 employees
Site Suitability	- 2 employees
I.O.S.H.	
Safety Rep. /Coordinator Training	- 19 employees
City & Guilds	
Confined Spaces	- 17 employees
Funding	
Training Grant assistance for the constituent Local Authorities was available as follows:	
UISCE Éireann (water training grant)	= €357,750
Tipperary County Council allocation	= € 69,000
DTAS (regional & local roads training grant)	= €472,500
Tipperary County Council allocation	= € 97,500
Environment Training Grant	= € 30,000

With the continued support of Management, Tipperary County Council employees can look forward to further training in 2020, leading to improved personal development and a healthier / safer work environment for all.





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