



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 1 June 2021

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 1 June 2021 and the following items were considered:

- Draft Policy on the Provision of Disabled Parking Spaces in Residential Areas. Policy to be presented to Plenary Council for approval at June meeting.
- INTERREG NORTH WEST EUROPE SMART SPACE PROJECT – Presentation by Tipperary Energy Agency and Roads Department.
- Irish Water Transformation – Presentation by Denis Holland, Senior Engineer.
- Next meeting scheduled for 6 September 2021.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>Submission on N24 to NPF. Two no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2027: <u>Waterford to Cahir.</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Website launched in February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in April 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction.</u> Arup appointed on 22 October 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Website launched in August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020.</p>	<p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced with the Constraints workshop for Councillors on Tuesday 4th May 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: Option selection has commenced and is due to be completed by April 2022.</p> <p>Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation launching 25 June to August 2021.</p>
Capital Programme 2021	Implementation of Capital Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.



Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2021	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	<p>CLÁR 2020 – 3 schemes approved, to be completed in 2021.</p> <p>CLÁR 2021 – Applications for Measure 1 submitted to Department of Rural and Community Development – allocation awaited.</p> <p>2021 CIS Scheme – applications on hand for 2021 and schemes being offered at present. Allocation 2021 €1,194,000. The Council expects to advertise CIS for new applications during 2021, an instruction from the Department of Transport is awaited.</p> <p>2021 LIS Scheme – 45 applications received which have been referred to Districts for investigation. 2021 Allocation notified as €619,969.</p>
Consultation	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing.
Road Safety	Strategy adopted in June 2018	Implement Strategy in conjunction with Road Safety Together Working Group. New strategy to be developed in 2021. Meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group to be scheduled for July.
2021 National Roads Allocations	Initial allocation €8,307,116	Circulated to members
2021 Regional and Local Roads Allocations	Initial allocation €29,526,858	Circulated to members
2021 Active Travel Allocation	Initial allocation €4,633,000	Circulated to members
2021 Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works	Initial allocation awaited	
2021 Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund	Initial allocation €457,190	Circulated to members



Department of Transport (DoT)
REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2021

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2021 (Initial)	
Restoration Improvement	€15,221,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,820,000
Discretionary Grant	€4,772,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€695,000
Specific Imp. Grants	€150,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€500,000
Safety Improvement Works	€560,000
Speed Limits	€27,900
Cycle Signs	€6,500
Active Travel	€168,405
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€1,194,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€500,000
Total Allocation	€29,526,858



2021 GRANT ALLOCATIONS
FOR NATIONAL ROADS

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2021 (Initial)	
Improvement	Allocations 2021
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€250,000
Major Schemes	€1,025,000
Pavements	€900,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€500,000
Minor Works	€2,000,000
Pavements	€2,480,000
Engineering Support to Local Authorities for National Primary and National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision	€300,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2021	€7,455,000
Maintenance	
Total National Primary Maintenance	€370,481
Total National Secondary Maintenance	€393,335
Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2021	€852,116
Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads	€8,307,116



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works	Construction commenced in November 2018 and reached substantial completion in January 2021.	Final snag items are expected to be completed in Q2 2021.
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. Ground investigation is underway which will further inform the design team of available options.	The next stage will be decided after completion of the ground investigation.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme was originally intended to be a realignment of 0.6km section of the N65 on the southern approach to Carrigahorig village. The scheme has since developed into a pavement improvement scheme which deals with a number of road safety issues in the village and will also involve the provision of an extension of footpath from the village to the R493 Terryglass Road. Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition is currently underway for the provision of the footpath extension to the R493 Terryglass Road.	Preliminary design work will continue in 2021.
Thurles Municipal District		
Thurles bypass	Response received from TII to Plenary Council letter of September 2018, Thurles bypass is not on the National Capital Plan.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves improvement of National Secondary route between the Dunnes Roundabout and junction with Liberty Square. Topographical and Pavement Condition Surveys complete. Consultants appointed, draft design 95% completed.	Design to be completed and Part 8 to be advertised in Q4 2021.
N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. N62 Templemore (Thurles Road) – The scheme started at the junction of the N62 and the R501 continuing south for approximately 2km. Works commenced in November 2020 and are substantially completed.	Final snag items are being completed.
N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. N62 Templemore (Roscrea Road) – The scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 400m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road on the northern approach to Templemore.	Design work is underway and it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q3 2021.



N62 Crescent to new roundabout Roscrea	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 0.5km of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road within the town of Roscrea. Works commenced in November 2020 and this scheme is now completed.	The scheme is now completed.
N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 5.5km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	Consultants are currently being appointed to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that construction on this scheme will commence in Q1 2022.
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	It is anticipated that design will be completed in 2021 and subject to the availability of funding that construction will commence in Q1 2022.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. Part 8 Planning approved at Carrick on Suir Municipal District meeting in July 2020. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office.	Detailed design and contract documents are in preparation for Tender.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Part 8 Planning published on 13 th May and is currently open for submissions.	Part 8 submissions to be received by 25 th June. Following consideration of all submissions the CE report will be prepared and presented to the members for decision.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A Compulsory Purchase Order was advertised in September 2020 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval.	CPO has been approved, Notice to Treat and Notice to Enter has been issued to landowners. Tender Documents are being prepared. Land acquisition negotiations will begin in June.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74. The Part 8 for the scheme was passed in January 2021, but the Municipal District Council decided not to proceed with the N24 Main Street element of the scheme. The Fr Mathew Street element of the scheme is at final design stage.	It is anticipated that works will commence in Q1 2022.



N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74. The scheme is located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	Consultants are currently being appointed to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that construction on this scheme will commence in Q2 2022.
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. Feasibility report submitted to TII.	Awaiting TII response.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. Draft Preliminary design report prepared, Draft Part 8 documents being prepared.	Complete preliminary design for submission to TII for approval, followed by Part 8 planning process.
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Clonmel Inner Relief Road Pavement Improvement	This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 7.3km of pavement on the N24 National Primary road in county Tipperary. Construction commenced in October 2019 and works have now been completed.	12 months Defects period commenced.
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.



Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020, and Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December 2020. The CPO was confirmed on April 16 th 2021 without modification.	It is anticipated that, subject to the availability of funding, work on the scheme will commence in 2022 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures, the Oral Hearing and design have been completed. The tender competition for the works contract will be completed in Q3 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is substantially complete.	It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q4 2021 and subject to availability of funding work will commence early in 2022 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction, a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access. The scheme includes a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir along with ancillary drainage, attenuation ponds (2 no.), ducting, water mains, public lighting and flood alleviation works along the River Suir.	Negotiations for land acquisition are ongoing. Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. Lidl commenced construction of a section of the road for access to new store which is now substantially complete.

IMPACT OF COVID 19 ON SERVICE DELIVERY

The Covid -19 risk continues to be managed in line with government guidelines and Roads Response Plans. Roads section is now delivering a full range of services.

ROADWORKS PROGRAMME (2021) - TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Roadworks Programme 2021 is progressing. Surface Dressing of macadam overlays managed from the Clonmel Machinery Yard has commenced in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District with Restoration Maintenance (RM) Surface Dressing scheduled to commence in the third week of June across southern districts. The wet mix programme is complete in Thurles MD and 50% complete in Nenagh Municipal District. Surface dressing of macadam overlays managed from the Nenagh Machinery Yard will commence in early June with RM Surface Dressing expected to commence in the first week of July.



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin / Licensing Process During 2021	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	284
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	214
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	74
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	73
Road Opening Licence applications received	358
FOI requests processed	6
AIE requests processed	0
Estates Taken in Charge 2021	
Ash Court, Cahir Road, Clonmel	
Springfield Grove, Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town	
Springfield Crescent (part of), Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town	
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 1)	
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 2)	
Proposed Estates in progress for Taking in Charge	
Meadowlands, Moangarriff, Clonmel	
Cluain Orga, Golden Road, Cashel	
West Meadows, Boherlahan, Cashel	
Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process	
Ard Abhainn, Ballina	

CLÁR MEASURE 1

The Council, under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding for 6 projects in 2020. Three applications under Measure 1 received approval to proceed with an allocation of €79,628 notified. These projects are in progress and will be completed in 2021.

Applications for CLÁR 2021 have been submitted and allocations details are awaited.

ROAD SAFETY

In March in co-operation with our colleagues in Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny County Councils Roads Section ran a very successful competition in conjunction with Beat 102 103 asking listeners to create a road safety video on 'Tik Tok'.

The target audience of Beat 102 103 is the 15-34 age group. This competition ran for three weeks with the winning entry being chosen by Beat 102 103 at the end of March.



With this campaign it was possible to encourage young people to think about road safety through a medium on which they are spending an increasing amount of time.

The road safety message was spread far and wide and the campaign was a great success, reaching 68,542 people on Facebook, 25,696 on TikTok, 34,166 on Twitter and 22,782 on Instagram.

The winners of the €1,500 in prize money, Daryl and Scott hail from Tipperary and Daryl himself had over 20,000 views for his Tik Tok video.

In May, Road Safety Section ran an advert with Spin South West targeting walkers/runners urging road users not to become complacent, to wear hi-vis at all times, to keep their eyes on the road and not on the phone, to be extra vigilant if using headphones and not to become another statistic on Tipperary roads.

NENAGH MACHINERY YARD SITE RE-DEVELOPMENT

The Part 8 Planning application for the re-development of the Nenagh Machinery Yard and Civic Amenity Site was submitted on 26 March 2021.

A presentation on the project was made to the Members of the Nenagh Municipal District on 18 March 2021.

The closing date for submissions has passed. A total of 4 submissions were received.

The Chief Executive's report is being prepared by Planning with the intention of the Part 8 being put before the Members of the Nenagh Municipal District at their meeting on 17 June 2021.

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Winter Maintenance Service programme has now finished for the first part of 2021.

A total of 5,898 Tonnes of salt have been spread over 68 callouts. This is an increase of 1,600 Tonnes and 7 callouts on the 2020 season. There were 48 days requiring callouts, and 20 of these required double treatments. The average rate of spread is up on 2020.



PUBLIC LIGHTING

A Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in May 2018. All public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. SSE Airtricity is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17, 288 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing throughout Tipperary. Applications for funding to upgrade lights on the National routes in 2021 have been sent to TII who are now assessing these.

The Council will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects.

Tipperary County Council and SSE Airtricity have reviewed all work practices to comply with the working recommendations for dealing with Covid-19 and its related restrictions.

Tipperary County Council has advertised the Public Lighting Maintenance Contract and is currently in the process of assessing the responses received. This contract is for a two-year period with options to extend by two further periods of 12 months each.

For the benefit of Councillors, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Phone: Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre - 1850 372 772**
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0761 06 5000**

ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 50% more energy efficient by 2030.

The southern region project has gone out to tender and work is ongoing on the preparation of the tender documents for the Eastern Region.



Smart-Space aims to facilitate the uptake of smart lighting in small/mid-size towns to enhance energy-efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space project along with three other European cities Sint-Niklaas France, Middleburg Netherlands and Ostend, Belgium respectively.

In Tipperary, the project will replace 600 standard street lights with LED street lights. These new LED lights will be equipped with smart technology motion detectors which will allow lights to dim down if there is no movement in the area and light up again once the system detects cars or pedestrians approaching.

The three pilot areas which have been chosen in Tipperary to take part in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan.



The Project in Tipperary was advertised on e-tenders, with SSE Airtricity being awarded the tender. The Smart-Space Project retrofit of Public Lights will commence in Q2/Q3 2021.

The SMART-SPACE project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the transnational cooperation programme Interreg North-West Europe.

www.nweurope.eu/smart-space

INVASIVE SPECIES

Regulations 49 and 50 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 make it an offence to plant, disperse, allow dispersal or cause the spread of invasive plant species. Further information regarding the control and management of invasive plant species can be found on www.invasivespeciesireland.com

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME 2021



The Programme for Government published in June 2020 includes significant and ambitious targets for the development of walking and cycling schemes.

As part of that overall Programme, €50 million has been made available to the National Transport Authority for the funding of walking and cycling projects in local authorities across the country during 2021.

The aim of this funding is to support the development of high-quality urban cycling and walking infrastructure outside of our cities and so this investment is specifically targeted at towns and villages across the country.

Tipperary County Council has secured an allocation of €4.633m for Active Travel projects in 2021, with all Districts now commencing the projects approved in their areas.

The Council applied for further NTA funding under the Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund to provide Covid friendly short-term measures to create safe urban public spaces where people can walk, cycle and gather outdoors this summer as society opens up, in line with the expected easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

An allocation of €457,190 for a range of projects was notified by the NTA on 26 May 2021. Work on implementation of these projects will commence immediately



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

New Policy/Strategic Issues			
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Commenced	The Chief Executive's Report was considered at March 8 th Plenary Council whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan.	The Draft Plan is now being prepared and will be issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on the 3d May. Workshops with the Elected Members will be scheduled in June 2021.
Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027	Under preparation	Plan adopted by Elected Members on 12 th April 2021, came into effect on Monday 24 th May 2021.	Cahir Local Area Plan now made and has effect.

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

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Tipperary Town Regeneration	<p>Market Yard - Detailed Designs completed. Approval received from the Department for the Final Business Case in order to proceed to implementation stage. Contractor appointed for the construction stage.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway – Approval received to appoint the Design Team under Decision Gate 2. Tenders received for the construction of the bridge.</p>	<p>Market Yard –Construction to commence in the coming weeks and duration of works is estimated at 14 weeks.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway –Detailed designs completed this week for the walkway. Prepare tender documents for the construction stage and advertise for tenders. Prepare Final Business Case for the Department. Main works must be undertaken between July, and September, 2021.</p>
Fethard Town Park	Final design completed. Groundworks and pitches which are being funded by Coolmore recommenced in May following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. Final Business Case pertaining to the pavilion and public realm reviewed by the Department in	A decision by the Department on the revised costings submitted for the pavilion and public realm is expected shortly.



March, 2021. Value Engineering exercise undertaken with revised costings submitted to the Department in April, 2021 and ongoing discussions are taking place with them. Project Manager appointed in the District end of May, 2021.

Templemore Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza	Design team appointed September, 2020. Part 8 Planning completed. Presentation on design options delivered to Thurles MD Members and Consultative Group in February, 2021. Preferred design agreed. Opening up works completed. Detailed designs almost complete.	Completion of detailed designs within next few weeks. Advertise for tenders for the construction stage June, 2021. Anticipate completion of the construction stage by March, 2023.
Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers-Thurles Market Quarter	Project was awarded €2,893,861 in April, 2021. Council match funding of €321,540 committed to the project. Total project costs - €3,215,401. Documentation completed in compliance with the verification and due diligence phase and returned to the Department in May, 2021.	Awaiting feedback from the Department on completed verification tables submitted in May. Progress to design phase of project.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter	Steering Group and Implementation Group established. Design team appointed on 20 th . April, 2021. Site visits undertaken. Video completed in May, 2021 for social media purposes to launch the project. Online questionnaire developed. Stakeholder consultations commenced.	Meeting scheduled to take place between the design team and Steering Group on 14 th , June, 2021. Stakeholder consultations being progressed. Publish online questionnaire for input by the public. Date to be agreed for the design team to brief the Nenagh Elected Members on the project. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning to be completed by end of November, 2021.



**Carrick-on-Suir
Regeneration Plan**

Design team appointed on 22nd December 2020. Preliminary design stage almost complete with significant engagement and input from the public. Dedicated website assisted with facilitating public engagement. Draft designs also presented to the Elected Members.

Complete preliminary design stage. Part 8 Planning process will commence in June with detailed designs commencing in July. Programme is on track for completion in November, 2021.

**A Pathway to the
Regeneration of
Cahir Town Centre**

Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning approved 15th December 2020. Approval received from the Department to appoint the design team which has been completed. Preliminary Designs completed.
Cahir Town Centre Public Realm:- Tenders recently received for the design stage for the public realm. Tenders for the design of the car park assessed.

Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Detailed designs have commenced and will be completed by end of Q3 2021.
Cahir Town Centre Public Realm:- Tenders being assessed for the design stage of the public realm. Prepare Final Business Case for the Department in order to receive approval to appoint consultants for both the public realm and car park. Purchase of two opportunity sites being finalised. Detailed designs and Part 8 to be completed by November.

**Kilsheelan Cluster
Housing Serviced
Sites**

Project was awarded €551,854 under the fund with match funding of €€61,317 committed by the Council towards the project. Total project costs are €613,171. Documentation completed in compliance with the verification and due diligence phase and returned to the Department in May, 2021.

Awaiting feedback from the Department on completed verification tables submitted in May. Progress to design phase of project.

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

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2	<p>Phase 1: - The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1st October, 2020. Works are in progress on Liberty Square with site clearance, service diversions and shared infrastructure completed to date.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Additional €1m in funding secured from the Department in March, 2021 for Phase 2 improvement works to the Western end of the Square and approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Work has commenced on the replacement of footpaths in Liberty Square. Expected completion of Phase 1 is early 2022.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Complete topographical survey. Preliminary designs to be undertaken. Work to commence on the Park 8 Planning process.</p>
Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration	<p>Regional Sports Hub - Approval received from the Department to the appointment of the contractor for the construction stage.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 - Approval received from the Department to the appointment of the contractor for the construction stage. Works on the car park complete.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Appointment of contractor is being progressed. Programme duration is approximately 13 months.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration - The contract for Kickham Barracks Phase 1 was awarded on 18th May, 2021 and it is anticipated that works will commence by end of June, 2021. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p>
Nenagh: Centre of Excellence	<p>Project has been awarded €9,525,000 under the Fund. €3,175,000 committed by the Council towards the project in match funding. Total project costs are €12,700,000. Project Deliverables Review Meeting held on 26th. May, 2021.</p>	<p>Awaiting formal Approval in Principle from the Department with arrangement and conditions attached to the funding support. Steering Group to be established with first meeting to take place in July, 2021.</p>

PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18th September to 16th November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and have been summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15th January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members was held on 17th February 2021. The Chief Executive's Report was considered at the March 8th Plenary Council Meeting whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan. The Draft Plan is now being prepared and will be issued to the Elected Members for their consideration by 31st May 2021. Workshops with the Elected Members will be scheduled in June 2021.



A dedicated website was set up on the Council planning website; this can be accessed at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>, and will remain available as a key source of information over the two year process of plan-making. In addition, the planning section dedicated Twitter page @planningtipp will be constantly updated.

Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027

The Proposed Cahir LAP was published on 25th Sept 2020 and submissions were invited until 9th Nov 2020. 143 submissions (from 129 individuals) were received. A Chief Executive's Report was prepared which summarised each of the submissions and provided responses and recommendations on foot of these submissions for the consideration of the members of the Council. On 11th Jan 2021, the Council considered the Proposed LAP and the CE Report and resolved to amend the Proposed LAP in accordance with the CE recommendations subject to 2 further amendments. The Proposed Material Alterations to the Cahir LAP were published on 22nd Jan 2021 and submissions invited until 22nd February 2021. 22 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's Report was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members on 18th March 2021 for consideration. Members considered the Chief Executive's Report and the Proposed Material Alterations to the Cahir Local Area Plan at the Council Meeting on 12th April 2021, where the Plan was made. The Plan came into effect on Monday 24th May 2021.



Killaloe-Ballina Enhancement and Mobility Plan

Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council have commenced the preparation of a Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan. The Plan will facilitate a coordinated approach to public realm enhancements within Killaloe and Ballina, providing a clear vision for Killaloe and Ballina as linked settlements. Specific measures, designs and schemes will promote the towns' complementarity, and create an overall focus on their joint strengths and opportunities in terms of functionality, aesthetics and the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing. A Draft Plan is expected to be published in Summer 2021.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

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

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



Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works on the car park were completed in December, 2020. The contract for Kickham Barracks was awarded on 18th May, 2021 and it is anticipated that works will commence by end of June, 2021. Programme duration is 12 months. Regional Sports Hub - The Council is currently progressing the appointment of the contractor for the sports hub as Level 5 Covid-19 Restrictions have now lifted. Programme duration is 13 months. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**

Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Phase 1 :-The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1st October, 2020. Works on Liberty Square are being progressed with expected completion by early 2022.

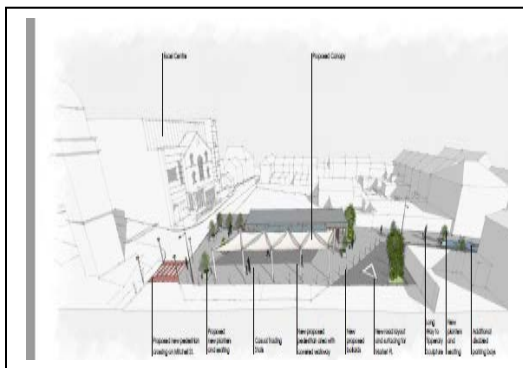


Phase 2: - Scheme designs to be undertaken to facilitate the Park 8 Planning process which is due to commence in Q4 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,675,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,000.**

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Project was approved for funding in March, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, an 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. **Market Yard** –Contractor has been appointed with construction works to commence in the coming weeks. Programme duration is approximately 14 weeks. **River Ara Walkway** – Planning Permission granted by An Bórd Pleanála on 1st November, 2020. Bridge design has been completed. Detailed designs completed. Tender documents to be drawn up for the construction stage. Main works must be undertaken between July and September, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €800,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €600,000.**



Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Final design for project completed. Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches recommenced in May, 2021 following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. Phase 2 – Pavilion



and Public Realm – There are ongoing discussions taking place with the Department on the revised costings submitted for the pavilion and public realm and a decision is expected shortly. **Total project costs approved are €5,094,969 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,600,000.**

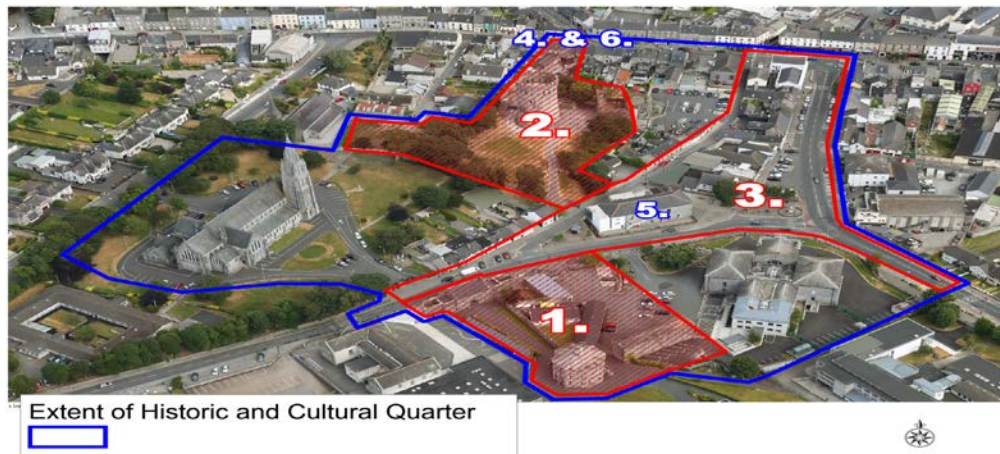
Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Preliminary designs agreed. Detailed designs are almost complete. Advertise for tenders for the construction stage June, 2021. Anticipate completion of the construction stage by March, 2023. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



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

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Design team has been appointed and project launch completed. Consultation phase has commenced. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning to be completed by end of November, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €866,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €650,034.**



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

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Design team appointed on 22nd December, 2020. Part 8 Planning process will commence in June with detailed designs commencing in July. Programme is on track for completion in November, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



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

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir's historic

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

Cahir Market House Business Centre: –Detailed designs have commenced and will be completed by end of Q3 2021. **Cahir Town Centre Public Realm:-**

Tenders being assessed for the design stage of the public realm. Prepare Final Business Case for the Department in order to receive approval to appoint consultants for both the public realm and car park. Purchase of two opportunity sites being finalised. Detailed designs and Part 8 to be completed by November, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €842,987 and RRDF grant amounts to €632,987.**



Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers

is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for

local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students' Union. Project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. **Total project costs are €3,215,401 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,893,861.**



Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council's '**Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing**'. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. Project was awarded RRDF funding in April, 2021. **Total project costs are €613,171 and RRDF grant amounts to €551,854.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 2021

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The closing date for new applications was extended to the 22nd February 2021 due to the Level 5 Lockdown.

Tipperary County Council had 32 applications for funding under the BHIS. Following review by our Consultant Conservation Architect 16 Applications were nominated to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage with grants ranging from €2,500 to the maximum of €9,000. The Department have approved the projects. Tipperary County Council are now in discussion with each applicant regarding the conditions of offer. The proposed funded projects are;

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| • Croke Street, Thurles | €3,000 |
| • Old Parochial House, Borrisokane | €8,500 |
| • Southpark, Rahinane, Ballingarry | €3,800 |
| • The Old Convent, Clogheen | €4,500.00 |
| • O'Donnells, 45 O Connell St, Clonmel | €9,000.00 |
| • Knockkelly Castle, Fethard | €8,000.00 |
| • Former AIB, Templemore | €2,500.00 |



• Corner House Borrisoleigh	€2,500.00
• St Pauls Church, Cahir	€7,500.00
• Glenleigh House, Clogheen	€9,000.00
• Garden Cottage, Patrickwell, Clonmel	€9,000.00
• Cassestown, Thurles	€2,500.00
• Milford House, Borrisokane	€9,000.00
• St Marys Church, St Marys Avenue, Thurles	€5,000.00
• Corabella House, Newcastle	€2,500.00
• St Marys, Clonmel	€8,500.00

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

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally significant assets; and
- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.

The scheme is had a closing date for new applications of the 22nd February 2021.

Tipperary County Council received 14 applications under the HSF and following review by our Consultant Conservation Architect 6 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Having assessed the projects the Department have chosen to financially support 4 projects. Tipperary County Council are now in the process of preparing the Conditions of Offer for each grant. The 4 proposed funded projects are as follows;

- Burke Street, Fethard – awarded €50,000.
- Tipperary Town Court House – awarded €50,000.
- DW Parkes Chemist, 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel- awarded €40,000.
- Vernacular Structure at Peahill, Ballylooby awarded €10,000.

Town Walls

Works complete for 2020 in Carrick on Suir and a presentation on Carrick on Suir was given by TCC at the AGM and launch of the 2021 Funding programme by the Heritage Council. Works in Cashel have been postponed until Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.



Figure 1: Works complete at Carrick on Suir

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/21 to 31/05/21

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	104	103	1	4	0
Housing Development	15	12	3	3	0
NIA/EIA	7	7	0	1	1
Other Applications	342	335	7	10	0
Total	468	457	11	18	1

Planning Agents' Webinar Workshop

A Planning Agents' Webinar Workshop was held on 28th May, items covered were Covid-19 updates, the piloting of E-Planning in Tipperary County Council with update regarding on-line lodgement of planning applications, guidance on submitting a planning application and update on the new EPA Code of Practice, 2021 for domestic waste water treatment systems which will come into effect on 7th June, 2021. 61 attended including architects, engineers, architectural technicians, planning



consultants, etc. The workshop was recorded and will be available for viewing on the Council's website.

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 75 complaints received from the 1st January to the 30th April 2021. During this period 47 Warning Letters and 5 Enforcement Notices issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge 2021	Advertised	New applications 2021
49	5	3 + 1 due to be advertised.	9

FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL DIRECTORATE



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with both the SE and MW regional steering groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Final workshop with supplier and delivery of the system - on hold due to travel restrictions from UK.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections have recommenced.</p> <p>New Regulations have issued allowing for online submissions of Fire Safety Certificates and Disability Access Certificates</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2021 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Ongoing evaluation of all work practices with regard to the Covid-19 situation</p> <p>Training Centre, including HYDRA Suite reopened in Clonmel</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Deliver a pilot course for line managers with HR via the HYDRA Suite.</p>
Fire Safety	<p>-----</p> <p>Delivery of those elements of our annual strategic plan which can be delivered through the various stages of this Covid-19 emergency.</p>	<p>Prepare for completion of targets set out in 2021 annual plan.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Templemore Fire Station	Works completed.	Arrange official opening.
Cashel Fire Station	Tender process completed and recommendation issued to Department.	Receive approval to proceed and appoint contractor.
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team.
New appliances	Department have approved provision of two new Class B fire appliances for Tipperary	Arrange preparation of procurement documents once approval to proceed to this stage is given.

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 24th May 2021
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	299
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	17
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	19
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	15
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	15
Number of Commencement Notices Received	67



HYDRA Suite – Clonmel Training & Development Centre

A recommendation is going before the Management Board of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management (NDFEM) from the National Director that the HYDRA Suite in Clonmel Fire Training & Development Centre be designated as the first '*Centre for National Training*' in the Irish fire service. This will pave the way for the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between NDFEM and Tipperary County Council (TCC). Under the SLA the Centre will be tasked with developing and delivering training aimed at improving the decision making skills of fire service officers in crisis situations. The SLA will provide for TCC to have its identified costs recouped to it.

Clonmel Fire Brigade Swiftwater Rescue Team

On Thursday 20th May last at 19.14 a call was received advising that a child had entered the River Suir and had been swept downriver. Within 17 minutes Clonmel Swiftwater Rescue Team and Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Ms Carol Kennedy (the only Female Swiftwater Rescue Technician at Instructor grade in the country) were in attendance. The casualty was located approx. 1 mile downriver from where he had entered the river clinging to a branch near the opposing bank to where the team were positioned. A decision was taken to commit one of the more experienced swimmers to the water to assess conditions and evaluate where would the rescue

swimmer have to enter the river in order to be able to swim across making allowances for they too being swept downriver. The initial swimmer attempted to cross the river but was swept downriver as predicted but this enabled Carol and her team to now predict the optimum spot for the rescue swimmer to enter the water. The decision was made to commit sub-Officer Paddy Pyke to the water (Paddy is our most experienced swiftwater rescue technician and is also qualified to instructor grade). Paddy managed to reach the casualty and was joined by fire-fighter Nigel Wall to assist in keeping the child afloat. Both Paddy and Nigel kept the child afloat under extremely difficult conditions until Rescue Helicopter 117 reached the scene – under direction from our shore-based team R117 lowered its winchman and brought the child to the crew on the bank for medical attention (he was removed to hospital by ambulance). Our swimmers were subsequently recovered from the water by their downstream support crew in accordance with their protocols. R117 made a point of subsequently landing in the racecourse as they wanted to meet the swiftwater team and congratulate them on their efforts – as far as they were concerned it was a textbook operation. It's worth pointing out that the Team underwent a 4 day re-certification course under the tutelage of Carol and Paddy only a fortnight before this incident. While 3 of our team entered the water this was a huge team effort with all members of the crew having in a role effecting the rescue under the command of ACFO Kennedy and Station Officer Steve McEvoy.

Library Service

Library Re-Opening



- The Library Service re-opened all main branches on Monday 10th May. In accordance with public health guidelines, part time branches are operating a contact and collect service for the time being. Currently, we are operating a book lending service and it is anticipated that full services will be restored in line with the national resilience and recovery plan guidance which will be updated in the coming weeks.

- Staff in Cashel Library organised an online workshop for children to demonstrate how to make an accordion book.



- Cashel Library organised a five-week photography course with photographer Barry O'Carroll. This was part of the Creative Ireland programme.

Learn How to Take Better Photographs

5 part online photography course with travel photographer and author of *Outdoor Photography Essentials* Barry O'Carroll

- 6th May - The Exposure Triangle
- 13th May - Camera Settings
- 20th May - Composition
- 27th May - Light and Weather
- 3rd June - Critique Session

The course will be delivered using Zoom. Notes will be provided via PDF before each session. Suitable for beginner to intermediate levels. Each session begins at 7pm and ends at 8.30pm. Email info@bocphotos.com to book your place.

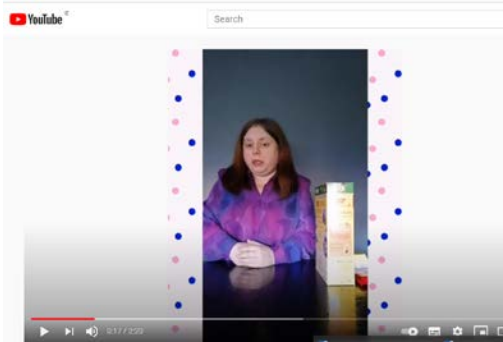
Barry O'Carroll
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Get involved in Cashel Library's Yarn Bombing Project!
Suitable for beginners and experienced knitters
Call in to Cashel Library today to collect a craft bag!

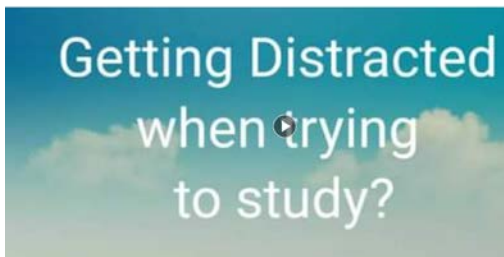
- Staff at Cashel Library have organised a yarn bombing project which will run over the summer. Participants can pick up a craft bag

in the Library which contains wool, needles and patterns.

- Thurles Library organised an online Easter Treats workshop. This class was given by Library staff member, Miriam McMahon



- Staff in Thurles Library organised a series of online story times in April as part of the Spring into Storytime initiative. These were read by Library staff members Aoife Moore and Cathal Malone.



- Thurles Library organised a series of mindfulness classes with Tipperary Mindfulness during May. These were organised for exam year students.
- Nenagh Library organised a Lego challenge entitled *Awesome Lego Creation inspired by your Favourite Book* during the month of April.

'Protecting Our Citizens and Our Values'

The European Union and Security

Talk by Professor Andrew Cottey
Department of Government and Politics, UCC

Hosted by Nenagh EDIC
Tuesday 27th April @ 7pm

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"The Prospects for a Post Covid Irish Economy"

Online Talk
Professor Brian Lucey
Trinity School of Business, TCD

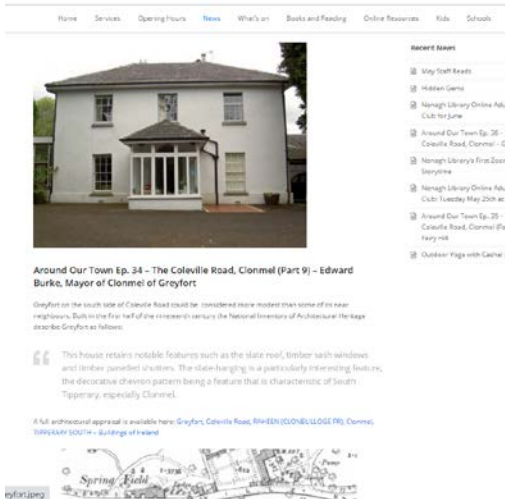
Hosted by Nenagh EDIC
Thursday 29th April
7pm

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- Staff at Nenagh Library staff organised two online lectures in April as part of the EU Direct programme. The first lecture entitled *Protecting our citizens and values – the European Union and Security* was given by Professor Andrew Cottey, UCC and took place on 27th April. The second lecture entitled *The prospects for a post Covid Irish economy* was given by Professor Brian Lucey, TCD and took place on 29th April.



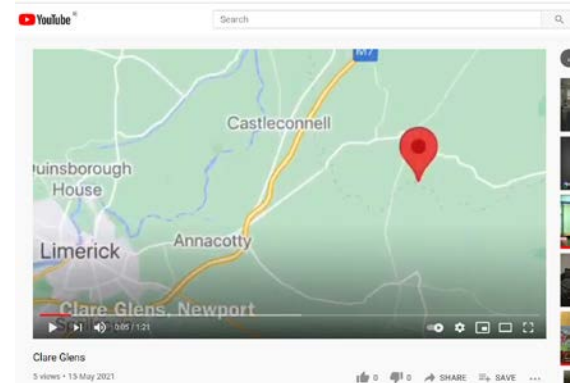
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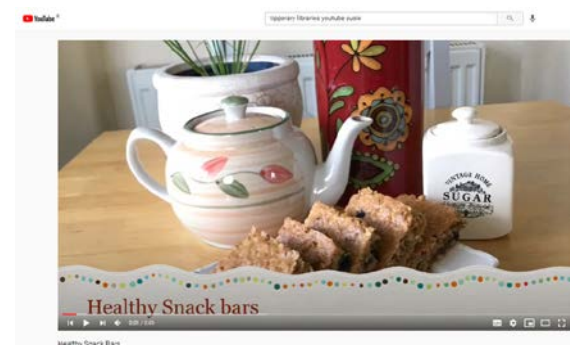
- Staff at Clonmel Library continue to work on the “Around our town” series. This series explores the historical sites of Clonmel and can be viewed at the Library YouTube Channel.
- The staff in Clonmel Library continue to add to the online book review podcast which has proven

very popular. These reviews can be heard at the following link:

<https://soundcloud.com/tipperary-libraries/popular-tracks>



- Staff at Tipperary Town Library have continued the **Hidden Gems** initiative which encourages citizens to explore the beautiful scenery of County Tipperary within 5km of their homes. Library staff and users are encouraged to take photographs of the area they live in while on walks. These photos are then submitted to staff in Tipperary Town Library who publish them on the Library Facebook page and YouTube Channel.



- Staff in Tipperary Town Library have continued with the initiative entitled Sunday Bakes. A new video demonstrating how to bake snacks and treats is broadcast online every Sunday morning.



Carrick-on-Suir Library Present The Gruffalo
Tipperary County Council Library Service

- Staff in Carrick-on-Suir Library organised a series of online story times in April as part of the Spring into Storytime initiative. These were read by Library staff member Stephanie O'Shea.
- Carrick-on-Suir Library was the local partner in a new national campaign entitled *Grow It Forward*. This is a key part of the Eating Well Pillar under the Government *Keep Well 2020-2021* campaign during Covid-19. Staff in Carrick-on-Suir Library distributed 100 seed packs and a further 820 packs were distributed safely through 3rd party partners such as Civil Defence, Meals on Wheels, Tidy Towns, Lions Club, Silver Arch Family Resource Centre, ETB, Youth Work Ireland and Tipperary Age Friendly initiatives.



- Cllr Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council officially launched the digital collection of Poor Law Union records, comprising Workhouse Minute Books from Borrisokane, Cashel,

Clogheen, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Thurles and Tipperary, 1839 – 1852. These Famine records provide a unique weekly insight into pre-Famine relief and distress in County Tipperary, the emergence of the potato famine itself, and what it meant in the day-to-day workings of the various Poor Law Unions. This collection can be viewed at <http://www.tipperystudiesdigital.ie/>

Bealtaine

- Bealtaine is a festival celebrating creativity throughout our lives and the Tipperary theme of this year's Bealtaine Festival was "Give Me Shelter", echoing the fact that we have all been cocooning at home but looking to each other, for comfort, reassurance and conversation. The Library Service held a series of online zoom events throughout May in collaboration with the Arts Service. These events included:
 - Green Cleaning Life Hacks with Michelle Fallon
 - Jean O' Donoghue IDTA – Beginners Ballet
 - Beauty and Skincare for Mature skin
 - with Fionnuala English
 - Walks with Stories in County Tipperary
 - Carmen Cullen - Meet the Writer
 - Talk by Martina Durkan, Regional Advocate with Sage Advocacy]
 - Baritone Derek Ryan accompanied by Pat Marnane
 - A 5-part series documenting the lives of five Artists

Arts Service

- Every year, the Arts Office and Library Service work together with our partners throughout the county to present a programme of events to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival during the month of May. Bealtaine is a festival celebrating creativity throughout our lives and the Tipperary theme of this year's Bealtaine Festival was "Give Me Shelter", echoing the fact that we have all been cocooning at home but looking to each other, for comfort, reassurance and conversation. With over 40 events planned across an active and varied programme, this year, our aim was to reach as many people as possible in the comfort of their own homes, be that in care or domestic settings in our first online Tipperary Bealtaine Festival. We were especially committed to older adults who may have had limited access to or knowledge of the internet. We would normally visit groups or care home with an event or activity during May, this time we visited them online, promoting the programme widely and through the network of nursing homes and care centres, encouraging them to engage with our online offer, all located in one place at www.tipperarybealtaine.ie. We had a huge response to many of our programmes such as this response from one participant. *"Thank you Tipperary County Council for having the foresight in arranging, organising and effort that must have been needed in providing*

such a great service and realising the need for it."



- Many artist led projects were facilitated and took place via zoom in the lead in to May such as the **Lockdown Demons** project in Holycross led by Philip and Liz Quinn. Lockdown Demons played with the rich monastic heritage in Holycross and a much beloved feature of these buildings, Gargoyles and Grotesques. Phillip and Liz

Quinn worked with a mixed aged group via zoom workshops to produce 21st century Gargoyles, 3-D figures complete with embellishments such as earrings and nose-rings. A temporary exhibition was held at The Green in Holycross once restrictions eased where each gargoyle was exhibited, mounted on a stake. After the exhibition each Gargoyle was returned to the makers for their own gardens.



- ***Around Each Bend*, a collection of poetry and prose by Tipperary writers** was launched on 1st June by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Smith and Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian. This collection brings together the work of forty-eight Tipperary writers. Margaret Galvin, Editor proudly acknowledges that “This collection brings together the work of forty-eight contemporary Tipperary writers. A few are internationally regarded figures with

a number of acclaimed collections to their credit; others are appearing in print for the first time. All are serious practitioners, tirelessly working to develop and hone their craft”. The collection was edited by Margaret Galvin, a writer originally from Cahir who now lives in Wexford and who has worked with many writers in Tipperary through her creative writing workshops facilitated by Tipperary Libraries. Through an open call and invited process, she collected an impressive body of work by writers the length and breadth of the County at a time when we needed such initiatives more than ever. These stories and poems bring us on journeys of the imagination when we cannot travel far and have had a huge response from readers and writers alike.



- **Artist support schemes** support artist’s professional development across the artforms and encourage artists and creative practitioners to live and work in Tipperary which is central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. Applications to the Tipperary Artists Awards Scheme, The Blas Bursary and the Local Drama Scheme were assessed in early April. Direct grant support to 22 artists has been awarded for 2021

in Visual Arts, Literature, Theatre, Circus and Music. In addition, 3 bursaries to the Blas summer school were awarded which supports attendance at the International summer school of traditional Irish Music and Dance which will take place virtually this year and 2 Local Drama Scheme Awards were made to support development within local drama groups.

- The aim of the **Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme** is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. Due to remote learning for the early part of 2021 as a result of COVID-19 we extended the deadline for the scheme this year and applications were assessed in early April. 9 artists residencies in schools throughout the county have been selected by an independent selection panel for 2021. Projects across a range of artistic disciplines ranging from theatre to printmaking and music to animation will take place in Tipperary schools from September 2021.

[Heritage Service](#)

County Heritage Plan Actions Update:

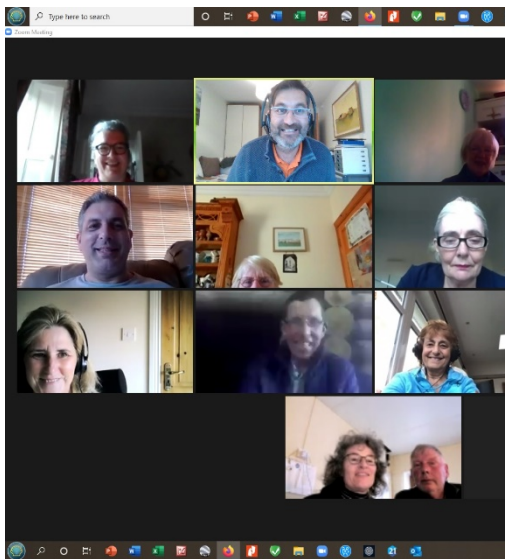


Images from inside the Bridwell Building

- **Raising Awareness Programme:** Options Analysis took place on Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell on Friday 21 May. Commissioned by the Heritage Office, Alan Hill hosted 2 workshops to discuss possible uses for the Courthouse and Bridewell in Tipperary Town with a number of stakeholders. A site visit had taken place earlier in the day in line with Public Health guidelines to see the condition of the

site. A report is to follow in early June.

- **Know your Locality Course:** The course looked at aspects of archaeology, geology and local history and ran over 5 nights in May. Participants learned how to research their locality through a vast array of primary sources.



*Dr Stephen Mandal and participants on the **Know Your Locality-Tipperary Course***

Stephen Mandal who delivered the 'Know your Locality' Tipperary Course

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- Phase 1 of the Wetlands Survey of County (over 600 sites) has commenced. Phase 1 is a desk top survey but will collate valuable information on these sites. As part of our Heritage Week Offering a Public engagement map of our Wetlands will be produced.
- A webinar took place for Biodiversity Week on Monday

17th May on Barn Owls in Tipperary. A film project on conservation measure in this area will soon commence.



Commemorations Programme:

- The Landscapes of the Revolution project is underway with Abarta Heritage and Dr Damien Shiels. The pilot will focus on the Kilcommon Ambush that took place in December 1920. It is hoped that as the summer progresses that a public engagement element will be able to take place.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- The Creative Ireland Climate Fund application was submitted on May 30th
- A meeting has taken place with mural artist Maser in relation to his 32 Counties mural project
- Cultur, a programme with TG4 is currently in production and a programme featuring Tipperary will take place later this year.
- Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on 12 June this year. Full details available on <https://cruinniu.creativeireland>.

gov.ie/events/location/tipperary
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Royal Sites Bid

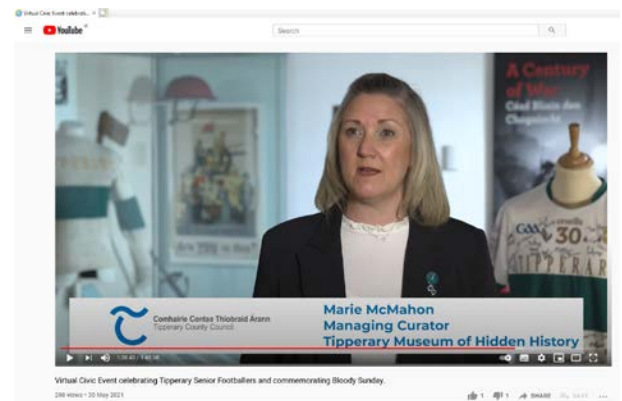
- Dr Christopher Young was engaged to work with the Steering Group on the application which is to be submitted in June.
- A presentation was delivered to Elected Members at their workshop on 28th April. A letter from the Cathaoirleach has been provided in support of the application.
- The Royal Sites Website was launched on May 5th and a survey went live to get public feedback on the Royal Sites bid. To date 1,550 responses have been submitted.

Museum Service

Museum Reopening



- Tipperary Museum reopened in May. Joan and Claire Quinlan were our first visitors to the Museum in 2021. They came all the way from Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.



Tipperary County Council Virtual Civic Reception

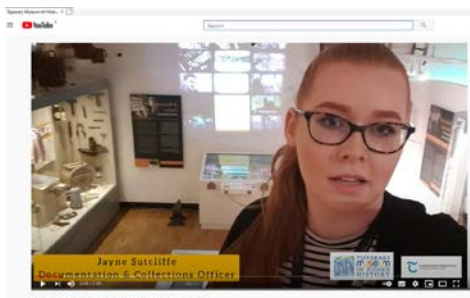
- Tipperary Museum’s curator Marie McMahon was delighted to focus attention on the Museum’s Bloody Sunday Collection during the successful and excellent first ever Virtual Civic Reception celebrating

Tipperary Senior Footballers and commemorating Bloody Sunday.

Museum’s War of Independence Exhibition opened Friday 28th May ‘21



- A full publicity campaign will be rolled out over the coming weeks to promote this unique exhibition and will include:
 - Installing Roadside Banners & posters across TCC sites to promote the Museums WOI exhibition working with Clonmel MD.



Museum Promotional Video

- Jayne Sutcliffe, Museum Collection Officer produced a short welcoming piece inhouse for the Museum. It received a huge reach of over 8k and

this has been added to the Museum’s YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haDVoCzao9w>



- **Project - International Museums Day** in association with International Council of Museums ICOM, Local Authority Museums Network LAMN & Irish Museum Association IMA took place on 18th May. The theme was *“The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine”*. Marie McMahon is working with the 12 Local Authority Museums Network LAMN to advance a National PR Campaign to promote our collection through objects pertaining to the Decade of Centenaries titled: ‘**Artefacts of Rebellious Ireland Stories from around the Country**’. Online exhibition is here: <https://www.icomireland.com/rebellious-ireland>
- **The Museum are collaborating with the Library Service across Tipperary** to publicise and promote their collections across the five Municipal Districts. This project will be rolled out on a phased basis **utilizing vacant shop fronts**, starting with Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel MDs.



Digital Resources Project:

- The Museum will launch its new website and online resources during the month of June to promote our active and vibrant museum activities. This will include a 360 virtual tour of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History's new development. The new website will promote our museum as a fun, engaging, interactive and safe space for travelling visitors.

War of Independence Lecture Series

- Lecture 7 presented by Darragh Gannon, Queen's University Belfast was uploaded and the links of the 6 other talks are available on the Museums YouTube Channel and will be posted over the next 6 weeks across social media.

International Museum Day Publicity:

Tipperary Museum received publicity in the Irish Examiner and Independent Newspapers week ending 21st May. The Hogan Jersey was strongly featured in both press releases.

<https://www.independent.ie/life/travel/travel-news/from-kevin-barrys-last-cigaretteto-michael-hogans-bloody-sundayjersey-irish-museums-celebrate-international-museum-day-40439669.html>



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th April 2021

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	
A	Housing & Building	12,835,183	34,559,408	37%	21,724,225	12,669,365	34,709,748	37%	22,040,383	(165,818)
B	Road Transport & Safety	16,046,545	59,048,543	27%	43,001,998	9,308,238	41,786,965	22%	32,478,727	(6,738,306)
C	Water Services	4,414,112	14,885,125	30%	10,471,013	4,051,194	14,444,814	28%	10,393,620	(362,918)
D	Development Management	4,851,206	14,611,039	33%	9,759,833	2,415,363	5,451,283	44%	3,035,920	(2,435,842)
E	Environmental Services	8,148,088	29,570,114	28%	21,422,026	2,933,706	12,402,770	24%	9,469,064	(5,214,382)
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,313,604	13,813,198	31%	9,499,594	577,935	2,605,159	22%	2,027,224	(3,735,670)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	553,238	1,929,188	29%	1,375,950	378,841	1,272,475	30%	893,634	(174,397)
H	Miscellaneous Services	9,891,952	16,486,224	60%	6,594,272	6,920,621	9,271,617	75%	2,350,996	(2,971,332)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	9,052,222	27,156,665	33%	18,104,443	9,052,222
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	11,933,781	35,801,343	33%	23,867,562	11,933,781
	Totals	61,053,928	184,902,839	33%	123,848,911	60,241,267	184,902,839	33%	124,661,572	(812,661)



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th April 2021

	Expenditure Expenditure YTD €	Income Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	5,125,837	4,931,812
B Road Transport & Safety	1,378,155	1,064,004
C Water Services	430,393	493,665
D Development Management	2,501,272	3,281,062
E Environmental Services	979,939	244,345
F Recreation & Amenity	157,711	48,716
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	24,321	18,148
H Miscellaneous Services	812,598	1,497,665
Total	11,410,226	11,579,417

Collection Rates	YTD 202104	YTD 202004	YTD 202012
Rates	23%**	15%	75%*
Rents	85%	77%	97%
Housing Loans	68%	66%	94%

* 2020 Year-end collection rate is as per AFS, and takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of April figures. The year-end collection rate also takes account of Rates Waiver Scheme in the sum of €12.5m.

** April 2021 figure takes account of Rates Waiver of €4.5m.

COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Demands for 2021 in the amount of €35,784,108 have issued to all customers.

At time of writing, receipts are €10,390,788 (26% of accrual + arrears). However, this includes deferred income in 2021 from 2020 in the amount of €3m – this arises where customer accounts were in credit due to the application of the waiver.

COVID 19 COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The 2021 Covid19 Rates Waiver Scheme for Q1 and Q2 of 2021 has been implemented and the waiver has been applied to the appropriate customer accounts, in the amount of €4,525,157.

The waiver for 2021 is more restrictive than the 2020 scheme, most offices and industrial premises will be in the excluded category for 2021 along with businesses that are categorised as vacant property, windfarms, global utility networks, banks, building societies and public services.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID (SBASC)

137 applications were received for the Q1 SBASC Scheme. At time of writing 72 applications have been paid, to the value of €288,000. 42 applications have been rejected, with 23 still being processed (mostly awaiting further information from the applicant).

The Department of Enterprise Trade & Employment has recently announced the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) for Q2 which has the same criteria as the first scheme, but has been expanded to allow some businesses who do not occupy rateable property to apply, e.g. photographers who work from home, businesses in hubs and enterprise centres. We are awaiting full details and opening date.

The grant, which is available as a contribution towards fixed costs to assist a business to keep operational for an eventual re-opening. The scheme covers the period 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021. Each eligible applicant will receive a payment of €4,000.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES 2021

Due to the unprecedented impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic fallout we have adopted our early payment scheme for Commercial Rates for 2021 as set out below.

- Applies to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €12,000 for 2021.

- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 5%, subject to a maximum of €500 pay your rates in full, (less the reduction under the Waiver Scheme*) by 30th September 2021.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates, net of waiver, by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.

Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	85% Vacancy Relief 15% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	70% Vacancy Relief 30% to be paid

No vacancy relief will be granted without a properly completed Application Form, signed and witnessed by a Garda, Commissioner of Oaths or a practising Solicitor, and relevant payment. The Application Form must be accompanied with appropriate evidence of efforts made to let the property, (evidence may include copies of online/newspaper advertisements, Letting Agents brochures, evidence of adequate “To Let” signage, etc), or, if the property is closed for refurbishment, evidence showing that substantial works were carried out during the period of vacancy.

Application Forms should be submitted when period of vacancy has ended, or if property remains vacant, at year end.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Web Site and eDevelopment

- Tourism Site Maintenance- Tipperary.com
- Travel & Subsistence system upgrade and reinstall.
- Outdoor Furniture Scheme – Form and back office system developed. Training and guidance provided to MD staff and admins involved.
- CIS Scheme for Vacant Properties (Commercial Incentive Scheme)- Form developed/back office system spec being discussed.
- Migrant survey developed on tipperarycoco.ie
- Development of Royalsites.ie to support bid for Unesco world heritage site application. Over 1,170 surveys captured in a week.
- General TCC content provision- Part 8's etc
- Proof of concept- Build out sample Family Friendly application system for HR.
- Support for Social media strategy & training requirements
- Continued management and support of a number of internal business systems and websites.

Service Indicators 2020- Website views and Social Media Followers

- 2.295m page views on 18 websites under TCC (up from 2.1m 2019)
- 1.396m page views Tipperarycoco.ie (up from 1.118m 2019)
- 105,733 SM followers up from 68,050 in 2019 (40 accounts)

Business Systems and GIS

Planning

- New test iPlan servers put in place to facilitate testing ePlan with v4.03.

- Continued GIS support for County Development Plan.
- Updated base maps with latest Geo directory and Bord Gais data .

Housing

- New version v3.7 of iHouse, compatible with Edge and Chrome, tested in UAT environment
- Further progress on the Choice Based Letting project.

Environment

- Environmental Complaints system progressed further, now under development

Finance

- Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid (SBASC) fully in place and running.
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption Awareness module is now available to all staff on eLearning Platform
- Entered eLearning Platform in Local Government Awards
- Testing of eInvoicing restarted

Roads

- Ongoing licencing support for Autocad and Mapinfo.
- Purchase of new GIS software and install as required.
- Mapping provided to 3rd parties as required

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- NOAC Service performance indicators provided to corporate.
- New full managed mobile device management in trial (separate work and personal profiles)
- Continue to support Vodafone\Eir billing and provide new phones when required.
- CRM in process of being upgraded to ver 2016
- Met with HR to plan part of the staff induction day that will be completed on eLearning module
- iReg upgraded

Networks & Infrastructure

- Completed the project to implement new IT infrastructure platform for the organisation. The infrastructure has been installed in the Nenagh

data centre, system tested and UAT tested and systems migrated over, with virtually no downtime to the Users..

- Continued to implement necessary security measures arising from the global MS Exchange email- Hafnium vulnerability.
- Reconfigured the web mail external channel into our email system to address additional security vulnerabilities.
- Rebuilt 2 CAS servers
- Disabled 'Outlook Anywhere'
- Continued to liaise with the national cyber security centre (CSIRT), other Local Authorities and our external email consultants regarding security measures.



- Reviewing the Actions proposed by the national cyber security centre (CSIRT) regarding security in the light of the HSE cyber security incident in particular- incident response plan, security awareness, backups, restore testing, access control, patching, anti-virus, two factor, business continuity and segregation
- Prepared a business case and received approval to proceed with a security operations centre service (SOC). This service will provide a 24/7 monitoring of external devices for suspicious activity and implement measures to address accordingly.
- Continued to support staff who have the facility to work remotely from home.

- Continued to upgrade our Microsoft Office estate to MS Office 2019.
- Continued to upgrade our Windows 7 PCs to Windows 10 in line with our Windows upgrade programme.

Phones

- Continued with the implementation of a new unified central phone system for the organisation. Phones have been placed on desks for the majority of our Users, and the majority of staff have now been migrated over on to the new system. This has occurred without virtually any down time for our Users. Approx 750 phones now on new system – this involved all new and existing phones installed or migrated to new server based system.
- PRA Legacy Lines in main offices being rerouted to new phone system,
- Organised training for CSD and IT Staff on ACR.
- Hands free phones in a number of locations being set up and currently under trial.
- Quantum routing streamlined – 4 Quintums being reduced to 2 Quintums
- Changed analogue lines to sim card technology, lifts Clonmel, visa Clonmel.

Technical Support

Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members, for business, web, geographical, desktop and network systems