



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council



ADOPTED BUDGET 2017

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S
REPORT**



10th November, 2016

To: Cathaoirleach and Members of Tipperary County Council.

Re: Draft Annual Budget, 2017

Dear Councillor,

The Draft Annual Budget presented to the Members of Tipperary County Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 2017 has been prepared in the prescribed format and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001, Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and Regulations made under that legislation. The Draft Budget process was outlined and considered by the Corporate Policy Group on the 11th July, 2016. The Draft Budget was considered at a meeting of the Corporate Policy Group and at a Budget Workshop with the Members of the Council on the 7th November, 2016. Draft Budget Plans for the Borough/Municipal Districts were considered at meetings held as follows:

Clonmel Borough District	26 th October, 2016
Carrick on Suir Municipal District	27 th October, 2016
Cashel-Tipperary Tipperary Municipal District	24 th October, 2016
Nenagh Municipal District	25 th October, 2016
Templemore- Thurles Municipal District	1 st November, 2016

The Statutory Budget Meeting of the Council will be convened on the 18th November, 2016 which is within the prescribed period set out in Circular Fin 05/2016 of the 5th September, 2016 from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government i.e. the 1st November, 2016 to 30th November, 2016. The meetings of the Borough/Municipal Districts to consider the Draft Budget Plans were also convened within the prescribed period of the 12th October, 2016 to 18th November, 2016.

This Draft Budget 2017 sets out the:

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

The Budget Process

The budget process can be summarised in four steps as follows:

Step 1	<i>Decision by the Council on the adjustment factor to the Local Property Tax (LPT) following a public consultation process.</i>	<i>Decision made at the Council Meeting on the 12th September, 2016.</i>
Step 2	<i>Allocation of the General Municipal Allocations (GMA)</i>	<i>Considered at Borough/District Meetings on dates outlined above.</i>
Step 3	<i>Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and Adoption of the Draft Budget by Council.</i>	<i>Budget Process and Strategy presented to CPG at Meetings held on the 11th July, 2016 and 7th November, 2016.</i> <i>Statutory Budget Meeting scheduled for the 18th November, 2016. Budget Workshop held on the 7th November 2016 (non-statutory)</i>
Step 4	<i>Consideration and adoption of the schedule of Municipal Works by each of the Borough/Municipal Districts.</i>	<i>Borough/Municipal District Meetings to be convened in early 2017 following the adoption of the Budget.</i>

The model for funding local government has been substantially revised in recent years. Prior to 2013, each local authority was notified of its Local Government Fund (LGF) General Purpose Grant by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. In 2014, the funding model was revised to take account of the establishment of Irish Water. Local Authorities received an allocation towards the cost of operating water services from Irish Water and the LGF was reduced accordingly to take account of this. Since 2015, allocations are based on the Local Property Tax (LPT) which contains an equalisation measure to ensure that the overall allocation available to the county is in line with previous years. Tipperary is heavily dependent on this source of income

The Council was notified by Circular Letter Fin 04/2016 of the 27th July, 2016 from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government of our provisional LPT allocation for 2017. Following the decision of the Council on the 12th September 2016 not to vary the adjustment factor for the LPT, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has confirmed by Circular Fin 07/2016 of the 20th October, 2016 that the LPT allocation to Tipperary County Council in 2017 will be €25,951,602.

The main change in the mechanism around LPT allocations for 2017 will be the inclusion of Pension Related Deductions (PRD) in a revised LPT baseline. The allocation for 2017 is therefore in line with the LPT allocation and PRD provision for 2016.

At your forthcoming Budget Meeting, the Members will be asked to make the following decisions:

- adopt the Budget with or without amendment
- adopt the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) which will be in compliance with the decision of the Council made at your Budget Meeting on the 20th November, 2015 on rates harmonisation
- determine the proportion of rates refunds applicable on vacant commercial premises.

Economic Forecasts

National economic forecasts predict that the gross domestic product (GDP) will grow by 3.5% next year with an estimated outturn of 4.2% for 2016. The forecast for economic growth generally in Ireland in 2017 is characterised by uncertainty arising from the decision in the UK referendum in June, 2016 to exit the European Union, more commonly referred to as “*Brexit*”. Currency fluctuations have already been witnessed and at local level this uncertainty is presenting challenges for producers who are selling into the UK market. Producers within the food sector are particularly vulnerable and Members will be aware of the immediate impact of currency fluctuations in this sector in Tipperary.

Employment growth and reductions in the number on the live register in the County remain positive. Latest figures from the Central Statistics Office show that while there are over 11,300 persons claiming some form of social welfare assistance in Tipperary, the month to month trend indicates consistent reductions.

Initial feedback from those engaged in the tourism sector is positive with many providers reporting an increase in bookings throughout the course of the 2016 season. Recent statistics announced by Fáilte Ireland indicate that while the number of international visitors to the county has reduced, the spend has increased. In 2015, Tipperary was ranked 15th with 184,000 international visitors and 12th in terms of visitor revenue worth €66 million. Trends from the domestic market indicate that in 2014 Tipperary was ranked 16th with 142,000 domestic visitors and 13th in terms of domestic revenue worth €26 million. In 2015 Tipperary was ranked as 16th with 217,000 domestic visitors and 15th in terms of domestic visitor revenue worth €37.5 million.

As noted in previous Budgets, local factors give rise to disparities in the rate of recovery across the country and within the county. Factors including commercial rate collection, activity on planning applications and the creation of new employment opportunities suggest that the rate of recovery in Tipperary is lagging behind national trends. However, there are encouraging signs in areas such as consumer spend and third quarter collection figures across the major income sources are positive in comparison with previous years. The collection performance in the final quarter of 2016 will however be critical if this trend is to be maintained.

Budget Strategy and Objectives

The key objectives of the 2017 Budget are to:

- Maintain essential and other local authority services across the county.
- Continue our programme of supports to our communities.
- Support the economic recovery process locally.
- Continue to seek efficiencies in service provision, cost reduction and value for money.
- The Draft Budget has been prepared on the principle of a “balanced budget” based on the overall level of resources available to the Council and the requirement to meet statutory, contractual, legal and other obligations. It incorporates the decisions made by the Council in relation to the local property tax and general municipal allocations. Under the Local Government Act, 2001, the Draft Budget is required to set out the expenditure necessary to carry out the functions of the Council and the income estimated to accrue to the Council.

The twin objectives of increased inward investment and job creation are priorities for Tipperary County Council at this time. The Council has been particularly active with local, regional and national enterprise and tourism agencies in supporting these objectives.

Examples include:

- The establishment of a Tipperary Economic and Enterprise Forum which brings together all of the enterprise, education and local development agencies in the county to identify and support inward investment opportunities.
- The development of a suite of marketing materials to actively promote the county as a destination of choice for job creation.
- The development of the Tipperary Tourism brand through the Tipperary Tourism Company.
- Active participation at Regional level in the Action Plan for jobs.
- The identification and purchase of lands which have the potential to support the development of local enterprise.

Recognising the particular strengths in our local indigenous enterprise, the Council has been working closely with the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office which acts as a First Stop Shop for anyone seeking information and support relating to starting or growing a business.

- In the period January to September 2016, the Local Enterprise Office considered 37 business proposals and approved grant assistance of €533,921 for 31 projects which will leverage a capital investment in excess of €2.2m. Projects supported included 13 start ups, 12 business expansions and 6 feasibility studies and will yield 80 jobs for the County over the next 2-3 years. To the end of September the LEO paid out €522,347 to 34 projects.
- LEO portfolio firms surveyed at the end of last year highlighted a net increase in employment levels of 114.5 jobs on the previous year and the 2016 employment survey will be completed by end of November.
- Portfolio Development is ongoing with 282 firms to assist with their development, expansion and in some cases graduation to Enterprise Ireland.
- In the current year to date, 1,290 individuals have participated in 140 Measure 2 - Entrepreneurial & Capability Development initiatives such as training courses, management development programmes, mentor assignments or have availed of web site development, export market assessment, exhibition and other grants. Dedicated programmes were designed and delivered to support target groups such as the food, steel fabrication, women in business, ICT, young entrepreneurs etc.

Budgetary Challenges

In previous budgets, I have expressed my concern on the capacity of Tipperary County Council to respond to increasing demands for enhanced and additional local services and to meet ever increasing co-funding opportunities. These demands can only be met through broadening the income base of the budget. In the absence of increased central government grants, the primary mechanisms by which the flow of income to support expenditure can be increased include the raising of commercial rates, the application of an adjustment increase to the local property tax and increased local charges. Given that commercial rates income will remain static during the harmonisation period and the decision of the Council not to vary the local property tax adjustment factor, the scope for expanding service provision is challenging.

The Council has successfully pursued and leveraged funding opportunities in a number of areas including:

- Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ) : Four REDZ proposals have been rolled out across the county to maximise the CEDRA grant and to generate a spend of €500,000.
- CLAR : An application has been submitted by the Roads and Transportation Directorate to the Department seeking funding of €394,000 for roads projects within CLAR areas.
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme: The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has approved grants amounting to €380,000 for projects in five towns valued at €653,000.
- Funding for EU co-funded projects amounting to almost €117,000 was secured in 2016 and a further two projects approved with a budget of circa €409,000.
- Allocation of €2.9m for the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme representing the fifth highest allocation to local authorities under this heading.

These projects require co-funding from the local authority and it is vital for the future economic and social development of our local communities that we are in a position to chase and secure investment opportunities as they arise. Lack of buoyancy within the totality of the income budget will adversely impact on our capacity to secure investment of this nature.

A number of cost increases are provided for in the Budget. Members will be aware of the volatility generally within the insurance market with premium increases across all insurance product offerings. The IPB has notified Tipperary County Council of a 17.9 % increase in insurance premium for 2017 amounting to a financial increase of over €700,000. While it is expected that the short-term impacts of this increase will be partially offset by an increase in members` dividend, the longer term implications for the Council are significant. The Council is working closely with the IPB to ensure a more sustainable approach to insurance costs over a three year period and to adopt proactive measures to reduce the costs of claims against the Council. In addition payroll reversal costs under national pay agreements amounting to some €800,000 to be partly offset by central allocation must also be accommodated in the Budget.

Commercial Rates/Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV)/Rates Harmonisation

Members will recall that at your Statutory Budget Meeting held on the 20th November, 2015, the Council resolved:

“That in accordance with Section 103 (7) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and having regard to the Local Government (Financial & Audit Procedure) Regulations 2014 and the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations,

- a) *the Draft budget for the financial year ending 31st December 2016 as presented and as set out in Tables A, B and C, as amended, be and is hereby adopted, and*

- b) *subject to the Section 10 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1978, determine in accordance with the Local Authority Budget as so adopted, the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) to be levied at 56.77 and*
- c) *that in accordance with Section 29 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Tipperary County Council resolve in principle to harmonise the Annual Rate on Valuation in Tipperary County Council over 4 years commencing in 2016.*

This decision provides for a four year harmonisation of Annual Rates on Valuation across the former nine rating authorities in Tipperary commencing in 2016. The application of this decision in 2017 is set out in the Table below:

	Existing ARV 2016	Increase / (Decrease) 2017	Effective ARV 2017
North Tipperary	56.77	-	56.77
Nenagh	55.95	0.28	56.23
Thurles	56.77	-	56.77
Templemore	54.62	0.72	55.34
South Tipperary	56.77	-	56.77
Carrick on Suir	52.44	1.44	53.88
Cashel	57.36	-0.2	57.16
Clonmel	58.32	-0.52	57.8
Tipperary Town	53.34	1.15	54.49

The Draft Budget provides for a commercial rates income of €30,542,172 representing over 20% of all income. This is an essential source of income which is invested to ensure delivery of local services. Levels of income raised from this source must be maintained at current levels. The ARV for County Tipperary of 56.77 is very competitive by comparison with other local authorities remaining amongst the five lowest ARV's being applied by rating authorities across the country.

In 2016, Tipperary County Council introduced two schemes aimed respectively at incentivising the occupancy of vacant commercial premises and early payment of rates. Both schemes will be continued into 2017:

Commercial Incentives Scheme (CIS)

The Commercial Incentive Scheme (CIS) has been designed and developed to reduce the number of vacant retail units and to stimulate a differing and engaging retail mix, thereby increasing the overall attractiveness of towns and villages for shopping, leisure, and business purposes. The scheme applies to vacant units located on lands zoned for Town Centre or Village Centre use within the administrative area of Tipperary County Council.

The grant relief provided under the scheme for eligible vacant property is:

Year 1 - Grant payable equal to 75% of rates liability

Year 2 - Grant payable equal to 50% of rates liability

Year 3 - Grant payable equal to 25% of rates liability

Early Payment Scheme for Commercial Rates

The Early Payment Scheme for Commercial Rates was introduced by Tipperary County Council in 2016 to support small and medium businesses by incentivising the early payment of rates. A 5% reduction may be applied, as a financial support, to occupiers of commercial properties with total annual Commercial Rates bills of up to and including €5,000 in 2016, subject to a number of terms and conditions. A reduction of €250 may be applied, as a financial support, to occupiers of commercial properties with total annual Commercial Rates bills between €5,000 and €10,000 in 2016, subject to terms and conditions.

Section 31 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 contains new provisions in relation to the proportion of rates refund applicable on vacant properties. The Council currently applies a refund of 100% subject to compliance with certain conditions. The Act provides that, as a reserved function, the Council may specify a local electoral area (or areas) where owners of vacant premises shall be entitled to claim and receive a refund of a differing proportion of the county rate and determine the proportion of the refund to apply in respect of each local electoral area. The Draft has been prepared on the basis of continuing existing arrangements. However, this will be reviewed in 2017 having regard to the prevailing economic environment, the application of the Commercial Incentives Scheme and the need to incentivise occupancy of commercial and retail premises, particularly in town centres.

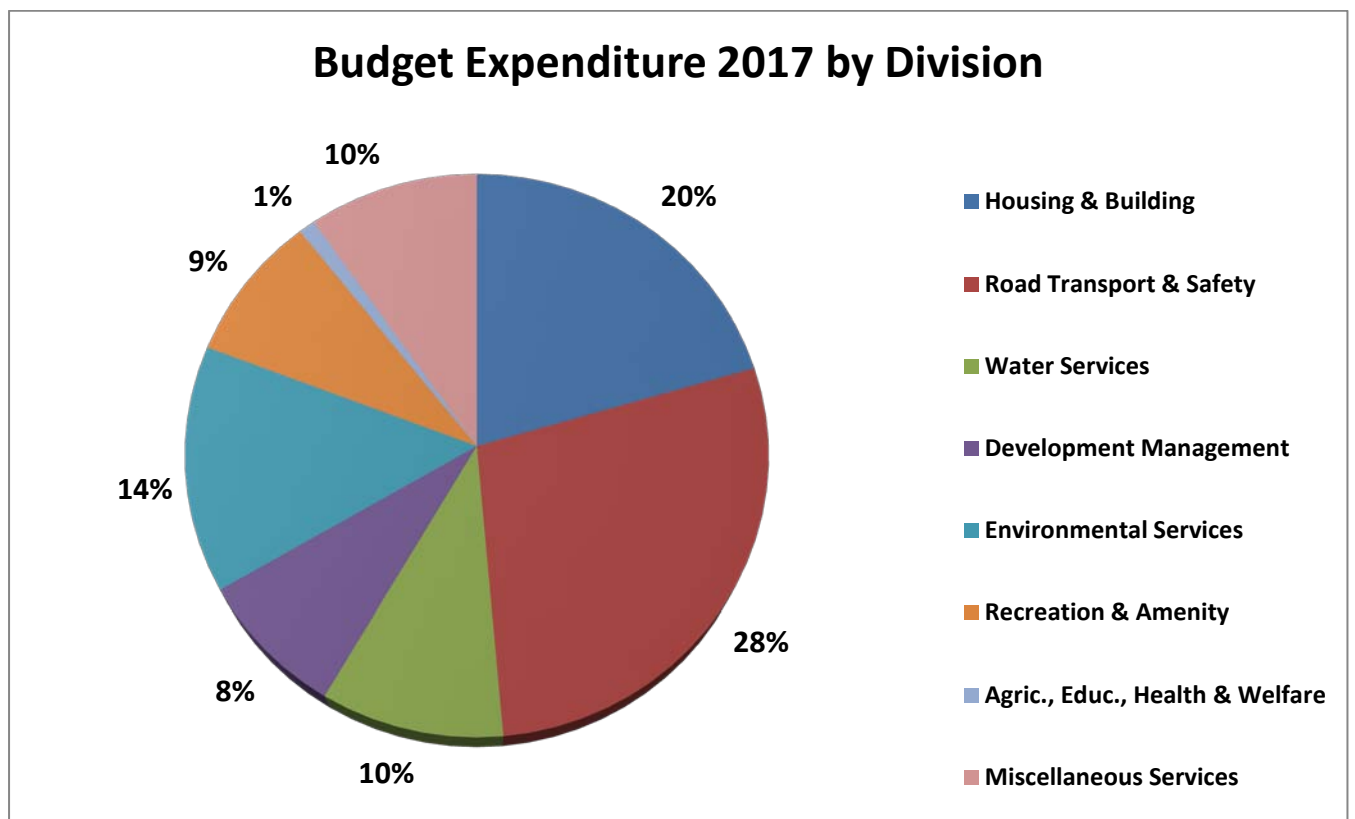
Expenditure and Income Provisions

The Draft Budget presented provides for an overall expenditure with a corresponding income. The following chart gives a breakdown of expenditure by each Division:

Expenditure by Division

Housing and Building	28,436,702
Road Transport & Safety	39,056,268
Water Services	13,677,192
Development Management	11,342,185
Environmental Services	19,683,747
Recreation and Amenity	11,834,958
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,308,642
Miscellaneous Services	13,536,905
TOTAL	€ 138,876,599

% Budget Expenditure by Division 2017

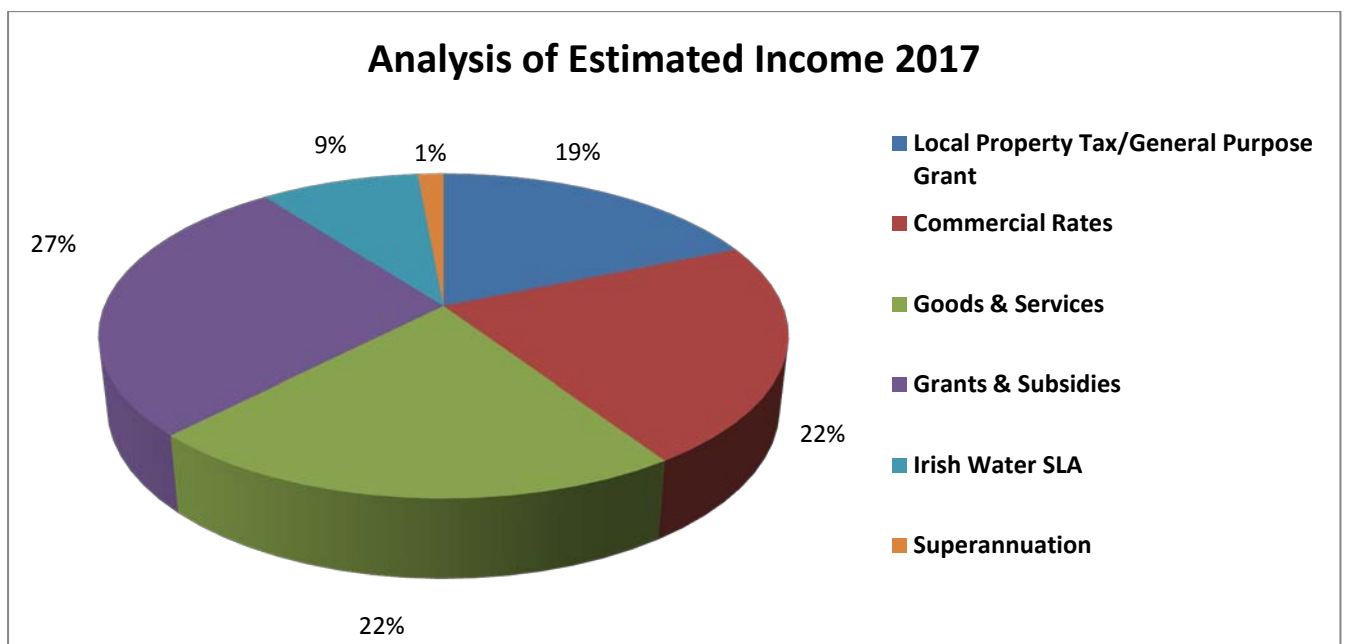


The sources of income available to meet the expenditure requirements of the Council for 2017 are as follows:-

Sources of Income

1	Commercial Rates	30,542,172	22.0%
2	Local Property Tax/General Purpose Grant	25,951,602	18.7%
3	Other State Grants/Subsidies	20,681,110	14.9%
4	Road Grants	17,331,907	12.5%
5	Housing Rents / Annuities	14,470,534	10.4%
6	Goods & Services – Other	12,823,593	9.2%
7	Irish Water Agency Works	12,323,102	8.9%
8	Local Authority Contributions - inc. LAWCo	2,752,579	2.0%
9	Superannuation Contributions	2,000,000	1.4%
	TOTALS	138,876,599	100%

% Estimated Income by Source 2017



The main expenditure elements of the Draft Budget include:

Housing and Building

€4,213,033 for maintenance of local authority housing.

€2,187,425 for housing grants/disabled persons grants.

€10,951,005 for the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Long Term Leasing

Road Transport and Safety

€ 8,366,256 towards "own resources" roads funding.

Note: The Council will be informed of our roads grants allocations in early 2017 following which adjustments will be made to the estimated grants provision in the budget.

Water Services

€10,628,218 for the operation of water and waste water services.

Development Management

€790,714 for the preparation of statutory plans and policies.

€740,659 for planning enforcement costs.

€276,438 towards Tourism Promotion.

€500,000 for General Municipal Allocations.

€395,733 provided for unfinished housing estates.

€2,205,569 towards economic development and promotion.

Environmental Services

€912,663 for the operation of recycling centres and bottlebanks.

€783,314 towards litter control initiatives.

€1,411,670 for street cleaning.

€ 1,096,212 for burial ground grants, maintenance and minor capital works.

€4,755,520 for direct costs of operating the Fire Service.

€2,900,500 for the Tipperary Library Services.

Acknowledgements

My thanks also to the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, the Members of the Corporate Policy Group and the Management Team for their input in the preparation of this Budget.

The preparation of this budget for presentation to the Members of the Council would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of staff throughout the organisation but in particular Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance and all his staff in the Finance Department.

I recommend consideration and adoption of this Draft Annual Budget, 2017 at your Statutory Budget meeting to be convened on the 18th November, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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COMMENTARY

BY

DIVISION

HOUSING AND BUILDING

MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENT OF L.A. HOUSING UNITS

Maintenance of LA Housing Units

Tipperary County Council has a sizeable stock of houses which require significant resources to maintain. In general, the Council is responsible for repairs to the exterior of the house while the tenant is responsible for the maintenance of the interior. The focus in 2017 will be on delivering essential maintenance, through the use of direct labour staff and contractors, and ensuring that change of tenancy repairs are completed as soon as possible. The Council will continue to avail of any funding under the 'Voids' programme made available by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government to supplement this budget.

Energy Efficiency Programme – The DHPCLG continue to fund an Energy Efficiency Programme, the focus of which is on a fabric improvement policy for tenanted stock, directed towards a 'comfortable living' baseline of 300mm roof insulation, wall insulation and draught proofing. The Council will continue to prioritise activity under this programme during 2017.

Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units

The Council continues to work with traveller families, representatives and other agencies to address traveller needs within the county. Tipperary County Council pursuant to Section 8 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998 prepared a Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2014 – 2018. The Council is committed to using the various Social Housing Options available to provide accommodation including Council owned and Traveller Specific accommodation, RAS and Social Leasing Schemes, and the Housing Assistance Payment. Halting site caretakers, in conjunction with housing staff, continue to address routine maintenance and management issues in halting sites and group housing schemes. 50% of the routine maintenance costs of halting sites are recoupable from the DHPCLG.

Traveller Accommodation Management

This provision is for salary costs of Social Workers who continue to support traveller families in the provision of their accommodation needs and help to promote links between the Council and statutory/voluntary organisations providing services for travellers. 90% of this item is recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. Also includes Supervisor costs for Halting Sites, 75% recoupable from the DHPCLG.

HOUSING ASSESSMENT, ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER

Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocations and Transfers

This provision relates to the cost involved in the employment of investigation officers, and of administrative staff engaged in offering housing advice, liaising with the Department of Social Protection, the HSE, other relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies, assessing housing need and making recommendations in the allocation of individual tenancies.

HOUSING RENT & TENANT PURCHASE ADMINISTRATION

Debt Management and Rent Assessment

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

HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Housing Estate & Tenancy Management

There are 5 Community Liaison Officers employed by Tipperary County Council to encourage and support the ongoing participation of our residents in the estate management function. Having our tenants and resident committees working in partnership with the Council to help enhance and maintain our Local Authority estates is of the utmost importance. With a small financial incentive, we see communities taking responsibility for their areas and working towards creating safe and secure neighbourhoods for all to enjoy.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOMELESS SERVICE

Homeless Service

This includes the operation and running cost of Homeless Services provided in the county. 90% of these costs are recoupable from the DHPCLG. Also includes salaries of staff in the Homeless Persons Centre, communication and travel expenses.

SUPPORT TO HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Technical & Administrative Support

Provision is made for payment of Maintenance and Management grants to Voluntary Housing Bodies and loan charges, both of which are fully recoupable from the DHPCLG.

RAS PROGRAMME

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Operations

The purpose of the RAS Scheme is to transfer responsibility for housing Rent Supplement recipients who are deemed to have a long term housing need to local authorities. The scheme provides an additional source of good quality rented accommodation for eligible persons. Provision is made for payments to Landlords and Voluntary Bodies – these are recoupable from the DHPCLG and from rents charged to tenants. As part of the RAS programme, each potential property is inspected to determine if it meets the Standards for Rented Houses Regulations.

Social Leasing Schemes

Provision is made for the leasing of suitable properties by the local authority to meet long term housing needs. The scheme provides an additional source of good quality rented accommodation for eligible persons on the waiting list. Payments to Landlords are recoupable from the DHPCLG and from rents charged to tenants.

HOUSING LOANS

Loan Interest and Other Charges – includes SDA, Shared Ownership and Reconstruction Loans.

HOUSING GRANTS

Housing Grants – Housing Adaptation Grant, Mobility Aids Grant and Housing Aid for Older People

Tipperary County Council administers three grant schemes on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.

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

These schemes are funded through an exchequer contribution of 80% of scheme costs and provision is made for required matching funding of 20% to be met from the Council's resources.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP is a new form of housing support provided by local authorities. The introduction of HAP will mean that local authorities can now provide housing assistance for households who qualify for social housing support, including many long-term rent supplement recipients. Under HAP, local authorities will make the full rent payment on behalf of the HAP recipient directly to the landlord. The HAP recipient will then pay a rent contribution to the local authority. The rent contribution is a differential rent - that is, a rent based on income and the ability to pay. HAP is being introduced on a phased basis and commenced in Tipperary County Council on 29th June, 2015. HAP provides a more integrated system of housing supports and aims to:

- allow all social housing supports to be accessed through one body – the local authority, and
- allow recipients to take up full-time employment and still keep their housing support.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Tipperary County Councils Corporate Plan aims to develop a vibrant economy while enhancing quality of life and quality of environment in the county. The development of high quality infrastructure is seen as central to these objectives. The Policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as planning and resources permit.

“Investing in our Transport Future – A Strategic Investment Framework for Land Transport” which was published by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in 2015 and sets out the broad investment programme for land based transport in Ireland including the national road infrastructure. With ongoing funding limitations, investments will be over a longer time frame than were envisaged in previous plans.

Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects in County Tipperary.

MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

N24 Western Corridor – Waterford to Limerick: All work on this scheme is currently suspended by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), formerly National Roads Authority - NRA.

NORMAL IMPROVEMENTS ON NATIONAL PRIMARY AND NATIONAL SECONDARY ROUTES

The following works were carried out, or are to be completed, during 2016:-

National Primary Road Safety Schemes

- N24 – Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Pedestrian Facilities Improvement – Prelim. Design complete. Design revision required following meeting with Schools last year & need for revised parking layout etc.
- N24 - Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Traffic Calming – Part 8 complete, contract documents to be completed & scheme to go to tender in 2016. (Significant delay pending Advance Works Contract by Irish Water)
- N24 - Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Rail Bridge Advanced Warning Signage. Fixed warning signage erected & variable detection sign currently being procured. (TII & Iarnród Éireann subsequently agreed to raise the Bridge to standard clearance – works due to progress on site in Jan 2017 and as a result there is no longer a need for Advanced Warning Signage)

National Secondary Road Safety Schemes

- N74 – Thomastown Traffic Calming Scheme – Works completed.
- N76 – N76/R706 Junction Sight Distance Improvement at Ormonde Stores. Works Completed.
- N52-N65 Junction Borrisokane. Interim scheme to improve visibility at the junction together with the completion of the culvert repair is being progressed by TII through the Consultants RPS.

National Primary Road Improvements

- N24 – Knockacurra Pavement Reconstruction Design - Works Completed
- N24 – Arrigan’s Boreen Realignment Design – Works Completed
- N24–Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Pavement Strengthening. Contract documents to be completed & scheme to go to tender in 2016.(Significant delay pending Advance Works Contract by Irish Water)
- N24 – Bohercrowe Pavement Strengthening. Works completed.

National Secondary Road Improvements

- N74 – Ballyhusty Realignment – Design completed. Part 8 Planning commenced in October 2016.
- N74 – Garranacanty Pavement Strengthening – Works completed
- N62 Kilkilahara. Design completed and the construction contract is currently out to tender.

Proposals for Normal Improvements on National Primary and National Secondary Roads in 2017:

PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Allocation of TII Budgets for Pavement Works in 2017 will be based on a needs assessment currently being undertaken by the TII. The Council has no clear indication as yet of the level of funding it will receive in 2017 for NP or NS Pavement Strengthening Works.

Subject to funding from TII, the following works are proposed for 2017 but no approvals have yet been received:-

National Primary Pavement Strengthening and Realignments

- N24 – Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Pavement Strengthening – Construction (subject to completion of Advance Works Contract by Irish Water)
- N24 Ballydrehid Bends to Toureen Cross – Design stage

National Secondary Pavement Strengthening and Realignments

- N74 Ballyhusty Works –Detailed Design/Construction subject to the satisfactory completion of current Part 8 Planning process.
- N52 Birr Road Borrisokane (0.5km) - Design substantially completed. Tender for construction is expected to be advertised in November 2016 subject to TII approval.
- N65 Carrigahorig. Flood study is in progress. The main scheme design will progress in 2017.
- N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles. Scheme to be designed & constructed in 2017.
- N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement. Submissions received under the Part 8 consultation process are currently being examined and are expected to lead to some modifications to the original design.
- N65 Carrigahorig Bends. The TII have made a small allocation available to commence design on a minor improvement scheme at this location.

NATIONAL ROADS SAFETY SCHEMES

National Primary Road Safety Schemes

- N24 – Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Works – Redesign and Part 8
- N24 – Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Traffic Calming Works – Construction in 2017 (subject to completion of Advance Works Contract by Irish Water).

NON-NATIONAL ROADS:

It is anticipated that grant receipts from the Department of Transport (DOT) in 2017 will be similar to those provided for in the 2016 Budget. The three principal types of grants allocated by the Department are:

- Restoration Maintenance grant,
- Restoration Improvement grant,
- Discretionary grant.

Strategic Non-National Roads Projects

- Thurles Inner Relief Road – An Bord Pleannala approval granted.
- Killaloe Bye pass - Shannon Bridge Crossing & R494 Improvement Scheme. Approval granted by An Bord Pleannala. A third party brought a judicial review of the decision to the High Court and this was dismissed on the 4th May by the Court. A further appeal was brought to the Court of Appeal & this has also been dismissed. Notices to treat have now been served on landowners and occupiers.

- R498 Nenagh to Thurles upgrade - Knockalton-Kilconane section improvement; Land Agreements have been completed with 5 no. landowners. Interim measures have been undertaken to repair the road surface pending the carrying out of the general improvement works.
- R498 Nenagh to Thurles at Latteragh: Funding allocated in 2015 to advance the design of the Scheme. Tobin Consulting Engineers were appointed in September 2015. Route Option 14 has now been selected as the preferred route and approved by the Department of Transport. We are about to commence a detailed survey and ground investigation works to facilitate the detailed design. We have written to all land owners seeking permission to access lands for the surveys only.

BRIDGE REPAIRS

An allocation for bridges of €444,000 on regional and local roads was received from the Department of Transport in 2016. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be made for 2017. Additional funding has also been requested for Ardfinan Bridge.

LOW COST SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON NON-NATIONAL ROADS

A grant allocation of €314,000 was received in 2016 for Low Cost Safety Improvement Works on Non-National Roads in county Tipperary. It is estimated that similar grants will be available in 2017.

SEVERE WEATHER FUNDING

As a result of damage to the Roads infrastructure from the severe weather events that occurred from December 2015 to January 2016 Tipperary County Council made a number of funding applications to assist with the clean-up & repair to the Road Network across the County.

The County Council was allocated €703,000 by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to assist with the immediate clean-up in the aftermath of the severe weather. An allocation of €5.35m was provided by the Department of Transport to repair damaged Regional & Local roads & bridges and TII provided an amount of €289,000 to repair National Roads in the county.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Public Lighting maintenance has been carried out for a number of years by Airtricity Utility Solutions under an agreement with the other Local Authorities in the South East. A competition process will commence shortly for the procurement of a Lighting Maintenance Contractor for the next 3 year period.

Over the past number of years the Council has introduced LED lighting in a number of new & replacement public lighting projects where appropriate. This will help to reduce energy usage & assist the Council in achieving its 2020 energy reduction targets. It is intended to continue with this in 2017 subject to funding being available.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEMES

A specific allocation was not received in respect of CIS schemes in 2016. The Council allocated a sum of €400,000 towards CIS schemes from the overall RI allocation referred to above. A number of road projects were undertaken where local contributions have been paid. It is intended that projects will be undertaken in 2017 subject to a grant allocation being received.

ROAD SAFETY

For 2017, the main focus under road safety for Tipperary County Council is to ensure that the objectives, as set out in the National Strategy on Road Safety, are achieved at local level. This will involve cooperation with Gardaí, Schools, the Road Safety Authority (RSA), Department of Transport, the Tipperary Sports Partnership, neighbouring local authorities, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the media and the general public with a focus on:

- Promoting National Campaigns discouraging speeding, driving while intoxicated, driver fatigue, etc.
- Working with the Gardaí & the RSA to promote the National SLOWDOWN initiatives.
- Working with the RSA to engage with young people in Primary & Post Primary schools across the county.
- Assisting with the provision of cycling training in primary schools in the county

SMARTER TRAVEL – ACTIVE TRAVEL TOWNS (2014 – 2016)

In 2014, the Department awarded funding to Tipperary County Council for two new projects in Clonmel & Thurles under the 2014-2016 scheme. These schemes were

designed and contracts awarded in 2015. The works were satisfactorily completed in 2016 & surveys of usage are underway.

NATIONAL CYCLING NETWORK FUNDING SCHEME (2014 - 2015)

Following a successful bid for funding, consultants were appointed to develop designs for works on the Greenway between Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir along the River Suir towpath. The Part 8 Planning Process was completed in 2014 & a contract was awarded by May 2015. There have been significant delays on site partly due to flooding in winter 2015/16. Construction is currently approx 60% completed.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

The Winter Maintenance period lasts from mid October to end of April each year. The aim is to keep priority routes safe and as free as possible from winter hazards.

Having regard to the Council's capabilities in terms of finance, equipment and staffing levels, to maximise benefit to road users, Winter Maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis & will continue from 2016 into 2017:-

- 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.

WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE WATER

IRISH WATER

Background:

The Programme for Government for National Recovery, 2011-2016, published on 6th March 2011, committed to the creation of Irish Water, a state company which would take over the water (including waste water) investment and maintenance programmes of the 34 county and city councils (reduced to 31 with effect from 1st June 2014) with the key aim of supervising and accelerating the significant investment needed to upgrade the state's water and waste water infrastructure.

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

Legislation:

- (a) **Water Services Act 2013:** this enabling legislation established Irish Water and empowered it to commence the installation of domestic water meters.
- (b) **Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013:** this enduring legislation provided for the transfer of principal water services functions, which are set out in the Water Services Act 2007, from local authorities to Irish Water, with effect from 1st January 2014, and other related matters. Functions particular to the Rural Water Programme and to domestic waste waters disposed of through septic tanks and other individual waste water treatment systems were excluded from this transfer.
- (c) **Water Services Act 2014:** this legislation related to a number of matters, including domestic water charges, a water conservation grant, the public water forum and other related matters.
- (d) **Water Services (Amendment) Act 2016:** this most recent legislation related to the suspension of domestic water charges and provided for matters connected therewith.

Economic regulation:

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

Service Level Agreement:

While statutory responsibility for water services passed to Irish Water on 1st January 2014, local authorities continue to remain very involved in the sector,

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

Tipperary County Council (as the successor of the former North Tipperary County Council and the former South Tipperary County Council) has entered into a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, with effect from 1st January 2014. This is a binding agreement and will remain in place for a period of 12 years, with reviews after 2 and 7 years, respectively. It provides for the following:

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

Annual Service Plan:

In conjunction with the Service Level Agreement, an Annual Service Plan must be prepared through a joint planning process between the Council and Irish Water. An Annual Service Plan (ASP) for 2016 was prepared in relation to Tipperary County Council. The ASP 2016 focuses on such matters as:

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

Preparations are underway in relation to the ASP 2017 for County Tipperary.

Capital Investment Plan:

On 13th May 2014, Irish Water published its Proposed Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for 2014 to 2016. Investment is prioritised where it can deliver the most urgently needed improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, water availability, waste water compliance, efficiencies and customer service.

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

Irish Water Capital Investment Plan - Tipperary

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Contractor	Current scheme Status
Burncourt and Fethard RWSS	Burncourt and Fethard RWSS DBO Contract	Glan Agua Limited	Contract started in August 2014 and is near completion.
Water Conservation Stage 3 Fethard RWSS and Fethard Sewerage Scheme Advance Network Works	Fethard RWSS Network Rehabilitation – Contract No. 3 Watermain Rehabilitation (Fethard, Coalbrook and Ballingarry) and Sewer Upgrade Fethard	David Walsh Civil Engineering	Contract started in January 2015 and is in progress.
Clonmel Town and Rural WSS (Advance Works)	Graigie Watermain and Borehole Contract No. 3	Wills Brothers	Contract started January 2015 and is near completion.
Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh	Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh	Balfour Beatty	Contract started in January 2016: 78 week contract.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Advance Network Works)	Advance Network Upgrades to Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Balfour Beatty	Contract started in January 2016: 78 week contract.
Thurles RWSS Contract No. 2 DBO (WTP and Pipelines)	Clodiagh River Intake Advanced Works	Glan Agua Limited	Contract started in May 2016: 26 week contract.

B. Review Scope and commence construction (Irish Water Reviewing)	Contract Name	Current scheme status
Clonmel Town and Rural WSS (Advance Works)	Reservoir Storage North of Clonmel and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointed. Design review ongoing.
Thurles RWSS Contract No. 2 DBO (Water Treatment Plant and Abbey Road pipelines)	Thurles RWSS Contract No. 2 DBO (Water Treatment Plant and pipelines)	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointed. Design review ongoing. Pre-qualification complete. Planning application submitted on 28 September 2016 for water treatment plant and outfall to River Suir at Killeenyarda, Holycross.

B. Review Scope and commence construction (Irish Water Reviewing)	Contract Name	Current scheme status
Fethard RWSS	Mullenbawn Springs	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointed.
Ardfinnan RWSS/Burncourt RWSS	Mechanical and Electrical Works Ballylooby Springs including Drumroe and Kilroe Reservoirs	JB Barry Consultant appointed.
Clonmel Town and Rural WSS (Environmental Impact Statement and Water Abstraction Order)	Clonmel Town and Rural WSS -WTP, Reservoirs, Intake Works and Pipelines DBO	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointed. Design review ongoing.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	WWTP and Network Upgrade	Consultant to be appointed.
Water Conservation Stage 3 Burncourt RWSS	Burncourt Watermain Network Rehabilitation	Irish Water reviewing
Grangemockler Sewerage Scheme	WWTP and Network	Irish Water reviewing

C. Continue Planning and Business Case Review (Irish Water reviewing)	Contract Name	Current scheme status
Fethard Sewerage Scheme	Fethard Sewerage Scheme	Irish Water reviewing
Ballina/Killaloe Sewerage Scheme	WWTP and Network Upgrade	Irish Water reviewing
Templemore Sewerage Scheme	Network Upgrade	Irish Water reviewing
Borrisoleigh Sewerage Scheme	WWTP Upgrade	Irish Water reviewing

Irish Water has commenced the process of preparing the CIP for 2017-2022. It is understood that Irish Water has submitted same to the CER for approval. Publication of the CIP for 2017-2022 is awaited.

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 waste water 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 watermains rehabilitation.

Irish Water is acutely aware of the importance of water conservation to the delivery of water services and recognises that the Water Conservation Project Team forms an integral part of Water Services. Water conservation will be a key feature of the ASP 2017 as agreed by the Council with Irish Water.

Minor Capital Programme:

As part of the CIP, Irish Water delivers an ongoing Minor Capital Programme. This consists of programmes aimed at optimising the performance of existing assets with targeted low level investment.

The Minor Capital Programme is a key element of the delivery of water services by Irish Water. Of particular interest and relevance are:

- works required to address the Remedial Action List (RAL) as prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is the environmental regulator of Irish Water, and works to address other drinking water compliance issues; and
- works to address the EPA's waste water discharge authorisation (licence or certificate of authorisation) requirements and other compliance works.

As part of the ASP, the Council continues to engage with Irish Water in respect of the identification of appropriate measures to be undertaken at specific water and waste water treatment plant locations to progress outstanding issues under the above categories. Business cases have been submitted in respect of proposed works and progress on the development and execution of these works will be monitored in the light of emerging circumstances, having particular regard to the budget available to Irish Water.

Water Quality:

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

The maintenance of high standards of water quality, together with full regulatory compliance, will be a key feature of the forthcoming engagement by the Council with Irish Water in relation to ASP 2017.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Focus:

The focus of the Rural Water Programme for 2016 in respect of group water schemes has been to address remaining inadequacies in the quality of drinking water so as to ensure compliance with the priorities set down in the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014 through:

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

Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

The Council's Rural Water Monitoring Committee consists of 5 members of the Council and representatives of the group water schemes and of rural organisations in the county in addition to a representative from the National Federation of Group Water Schemes. The Rural Water Monitoring Committee, under the chair of Councillor Mattie Ryan, has met in Thurles on 3 occasions in 2016 with the next meeting scheduled for 17th January 2017.

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

Expenditure in County Tipperary in 2016 in respect of group water schemes covers the following areas:

- (i) an initial block grant allocation;
- (ii) a supplementary block grant allocation and
- (iii) annual subsidy for the maintenance of group water schemes (which is recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG)).

In consultation with the Rural Water Monitoring Committee, the Council will be shortly preparing its submission to the DHPCLG for a block grant allocation for 2017.

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

To date in 2016, 50 applications have been approved and 33 grants in the sum of €63,280 have been paid to applicants. It is expected that a sum of €86,080 will be paid in 2017 as responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme will remain with Tipperary County Council. Grants paid are recouped from the DHPCLG.

Grants payable pursuant to the domestic wastewater treatment systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013:

To date in 2016, 1 application has been approved and a grant in the sum of €3,790 has been paid to the applicant. It is expected that a sum of €10,000 will be paid in 2017 as responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme will remain with Tipperary County Council. Grants are recouped from the DHPCLG.

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

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

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

To date in 2016, no applications have been received or approved. However, it is expected that a sum of €10,000 will be paid in 2017 as awareness increases in relation to the availability of the scheme. Responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme is with Tipperary County Council. Grants are fully recouped from the DHPCLG.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE

Water:

The ASP submitted to Irish Water has included estimated revenue expenditure for 2016. This provides for the operation and maintenance of all public water supply schemes in the county. The Council operates 45 no. town and regional water supply schemes. It has a network in excess of c. 3,265 kilometres of public watermain.

Waste Water:

The ASP submitted to Irish Water has included estimated revenue expenditure for 2016. This provides for the operation and maintenance of all public waste water facilities in the county. The Council’s portfolio covers 91 no. waste water treatment

plants, including pumping stations and the associated sewer network serving towns and villages throughout the county. Each of these plants is subject to either a licence (where the population equivalent exceeds 500) or a certificate of authorisation (where the population equivalent is less than 500) from the EPA.

CONNECTIONS

Water Connections:

It is estimated that 90 water connections will have been made in 2016. A similar number is anticipated for 2017.

Waste Water Connections:

It is estimated that 11 waste water connections will have been made in 2016. A similar number is anticipated for 2017.

General:

Responsibility for the provision of water and waste water connections has transferred to Irish Water with effect from 1st January 2014. The Council continues to assess all such applications and carry out the required connections on behalf of Irish Water. The existing connection charges will continue to apply until Irish Water, in consultation with the CER, introduces revised arrangements.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER ACCOUNTS

Engagement between the Council and Irish Water in respect of the migration of non-domestic water accounts is ongoing. In particular, the migration is anticipated to occur on a date in late November 2016. On that date, the Council will transfer to Irish Water account information, including account name, address, billing history, account balance and transaction history.

The effects of this migration will principally be as follows:

- (i) Irish Water will become a customer's contact point for account services, including customer service, account management and billing;
- (ii) all customers will be notified by Irish Water in advance in relation to the migration;
- (iii) there will be no change to the scale of charges or billing frequency (until revised arrangements are put in place by the CER); and
- (iv) the Council will no longer accept payment of the account as all payments will be made directly to Irish Water.

However, meter reading will continue to be carried out by the Council on behalf of Irish Water for a period of time.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

SECTION 1: WORKS COMPLETED IN 2016

DEVELOPMENT PLANS / LOCAL AREA PLANS

Variations No 3 of the North Tipperary County Development Plan and South Tipperary County Development Plan

This Planning Authority completed Variation No. 3 to harmonise County-wide Renewable Energy policies and objectives by the incorporation of a new renewable Energy Strategy and Wind Energy Strategy. Variation Number 3 of the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010 and Variation Number 3 of the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009 were adopted at the September Council Meeting.

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)

A review of the North and South Tipperary LCAs was carried out in order to put in place a consistent assessment of the landscape character and to set out sustainable landscape management guidelines for Tipperary. The LCA was endorsed at the September Council meeting.

ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES / MASTER PLANS

Roscrea Enhancement Plan

The Planning Section continued to work with the Roscrea Town Centre Enhancement Plan Committee to facilitate the delivery of priority projects identified in the Roscrea Enhancement Plan. These include proposals for improvements to the public realm, a signage strategy and the Birr-Roscrea Greenway. The Roscrea Signage Plan and also the Enhancement Plan for Gantly Road/Chapel Lane Green Area will be completed by the end of 2016.

Lookout project

Background work has been prepared and a submission made to Fáilte Ireland under the large scale Capital Grant Scheme for the project entitled 'Lough Derg – Ireland Ancient Highway: Lough Derg's Iconic Lookout Point and Lakeside Park'.

CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE

Built Heritage – Structures at Risk Scheme

Funding was provided for the conservation of two protected structures in the County to a total sum of €21,000.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Funding was provided to a total sum of €50,000 for conservation works on 11 protected structures in the County.

Town Walls Programme

The Council continued to participate in the Irish Walled Town Network (IWTN) which seeks to co-ordinate the strategic efforts of local authorities involved in the management, conservation and enhancement of historic walled towns. 4 towns are members of the IWTN. The Council undertook the following projects in 2016 with funding from the IWTN:

Carrick on Suir: A grant of €30,000 was received from the Heritage Council to carry out works to address the structural condition of the remaining up-standing section of the Town Wall at Ormond Park.

Cashel: A grant of €10,000 was received from the Heritage Council to undertake works on a section of the Town Wall at Roselawn.
A grant of €5,000 was received to carry out a survey of section 1.

Heritage Forum

A Planning Official participates in the Heritage Forum.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Planning Website, Twitter Account & General

Works continued in 2016 to up-date and develop Planning IT systems in order to provide improved customer service to the public. The Planning Website is used interactively to assist in public participation and consultation, and allows members of the public to make submissions on-line and also via an on-line form system.

A dedicated planning Twitter Account (@planningtipp) was set up in March 2015 and is actively used for promotional and consultation purposes. This account has over 500 followers.

Planning Section will continue to engender a good relationship with the Public Participation Network - PPN and the Strategic Policy Committee - SPC.

The Section hosted workshops with the Elected Members in 2016.

The Section also facilitated and participated in community steering groups i.e. the Town Walls Steering Groups, Roscrea Town Centre Group, Carrick on Suir Tourism Working Group etc.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENT

Energy Committee

Planning Officials attended the Energy Committee and participated in achieving energy targets for the Council in 2016. All planning targets were achieved.

Climate Action

A Planning Official attended the new Climate Action Committee and offered support and guidance in the preparation of a new Climate Action and Adaptation Plan 2017 for the Council.

Energy in Agriculture Conference

The Planning Section was one of the lead partners in the 'Energy in Agriculture Conference' held in Gurteen Agricultural College on 23rd August. The event included seminars and practical demonstrations. There were over 40 exhibitors at the event which was attended by more than 1200 people.

SEAI Research Project – Community Investment in Renewable Energy

The Planning Section was partnered with TEA, Future Analytics and Philip Lee Solicitors, to research the capacity for offer of community investment opportunity in large scale renewable energy projects. This was grant aided by the SEAI. The project was delivered on time.

MONITORING

The Planning Section continued to carry out monitoring of Development Plans and key development indicators. Monitoring carried out included the following:

- SEA Monitoring of county-wide Development Plans.
- Retail health checks have been carried out in the 9 main towns in the County during the summer of 2016. The Health Checks assessed the vibrancy and vitality of the town centres and included an assessment of vacancy rates.
- Architectural Heritage Returns to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs.
- Section 15(2) reporting.
- Wind Energy Planning Status

SECTION 2 – WORKS PROPOSED 2017

DEVELOPMENT PLANS/LOCAL AREA PLANS

Variation No. 4 of the South Tipperary County Development Plan

The Fethard LAP 2011 is due to expire in March 2017. Therefore, it is proposed to incorporate a new settlement plan for Fethard by way of Variation No. 4 to the South Tipperary County Development Plan. The Draft Variation will be published in November 2016. Variation No. 4 is expected to be completed in March 2017 and will become effective immediately.

Variation No. 4 of the North Tipperary County Development Plan and Variation No. 5 of the South Tipperary County Development Plan.

The village statements for the settlements of the following status; Service Centres, Local Service Centres and Settlement Nodes will be reviewed and incorporated into the planning framework by way of proposed Variation of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans. It is anticipated that Variations will be complete by Quarter 3 of 2017.

National Planning Framework

The Council will continue to work with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in the preparation of the National Planning Framework.

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES)

The Council will continue to work with the Southern Regional Assembly in the preparation of the RSES. The Council is represented on the South East and Mid West Strategic Planning Area Technical Working Groups.

Extension of Lifespans

1. The lifespan of the Templemore and Environs Development Plan 2012 is to be extended in accordance with the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013.
2. Consideration to be given to the extension of the timeframes of Roscrea Local Area Plan 2012-2018.

ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES / MASTER PLANS

Lookout Project

In the event that funding application is successful to Fáilte Ireland under the large scale Capital Grant Scheme for the project entitled 'Lough Derg – Ireland Ancient

Highway: Lough Derg's Iconic Lookout Point and Lakeside Park', this project will be further developed in 2017.

Castletown / Portroe Feasibility Study

A feasibility study is to be carried out to determine the development potential of the area and to support applications for funding.

Roscrea Town Centre Enhancement Plan

The Council will continue to work with the Roscrea Town Centre Steering Committee. It is intended to further progress work by commissioning an architectural design for Town Centre Open Space and Laneway Public Enhancement Works. The Enhancement Committee intend to lodge an application for funding under the LEADER Programme. It is intended to explore funding options for the implementation of the Roscrea Signage Plan and also the Enhancement Plan for Gantly Road/Chapel Lane Green Area.

Carrick on Suir Public Realm Plan and Ormond Castle Quarter

The Council will seek to work with relevant stakeholders and local community associations to deliver the objectives of the Ormond Castle Quarter Improvement Scheme. It is intended, in particular, to progress the preparation of a public realm plan for the Castle Street/Town Centre link to the Ormond Castle and Kickham Square. Funding for design works for these areas to be sought under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Village/Cluster Housing Guidelines

It is intended to prepare a set of cluster/village housing guidelines to assist in the sustainable provision of rural housing in the County's villages. There will be a particular emphasis on waste water treatment, energy efficiency and appropriate layout and design.

Pilot Trans-disciplinary National Town Centre Health Check (TCHC)

Cashel has been chosen as one of 10 towns in the Country to partake in a Pilot Initiative by The Heritage Council of Ireland and RGDATA. The 'pilot' capacity-building programme designed by, and for, Local Authorities, town centre businesses and local citizens/community groups with close mentoring support from professional practitioners will be ongoing in 2017.

CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE

Built Heritage – Structures at Risk Scheme

In the event that funding is received, this Scheme will be offered.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

In the event that funding is received, this Scheme will be offered.

Town Walls Programme

The Council will continue to participate in the Irish Walled Town Network (IWTN) for the 4 towns as current members of the IWTN. Funding will be sought for conservation works in 2017 with the agreement of the relevant steering groups.

Heritage Forum

A Planning Official will continue to participate in the Heritage Forum.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENT

LECP and Economy

The Planning Section will continue to assist and support the Community and Enterprise Section as required and support economic growth in Tipperary as opportunities arise.

Planning and Energy

Officials from the Planning Section will continue to attend Meetings of the Energy Committee and seek to achieve the actions for planning as set out in the Energy Action Plan 2017. In particular, the Planning Section will seek to investigate opportunities for community investment in Renewable Energy Projects and assist in training of staff and stakeholders in the areas of Energy and Climate Change.

Climate Action and Adaption

Planning Section will support planning related responsibilities that may arise as a result of the enactment of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill 2015 and will support the Climate Action Committee.

Energy in Agriculture Conference

Owing to the success of this event in 2016 it is proposed to run it again in 2017.

Retail Health Checks

Retail Health Checks will be carried out in the 9 main Towns in the County during the summer of 2017. The Health Checks will assess the vibrancy and vitality of the town centres and include an assessment of vacancy rates.

MONITORING

The Planning Section will continue to carry out monitoring of Development Plans and key land use development indicators. Monitoring in 2017 will include the following:

- SEA Monitoring of County-wide Development Plans.
- Retail health checks will be carried out in the 9 main towns in the County to assess the vibrancy and vitality of the Town Centres and vacancy rates.
- Wind and Solar Energy Planning Status
- Architectural Heritage Returns

SECTION 3: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The chart below details the number of applications decided by the Tipperary planning authorities (now Tipperary County Council) by category from the year 2010-2016.

Year	Individual houses – no. of applications decided	Housing developments – no. of applications decided	Non-housing not requiring EIA - no. of applications decided	Requiring EIA - no. of applications decided	Total applications decided
2010	340	27	691	12	1070
2011	249	18	667	12	946
2012	153	6	611	10	780
2013	169	8	554	17	748
2014	145	8	504	15	672
2015	126	5	674	12	817
2016*	134	3	597	12	746

*2016 figures up to 31st October only

ENFORCEMENT

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

2016 Statistics (up to 31st October)

Warning Letters	Enforcement Notices	Cases Closed
125	73	177

TAKING-IN-CHARGE AND UNFINISHED HOUSING ESTATES

Up to the 30th September 2016, the following housing estates have been Taken in Charge by the Council:-

Municipal District	Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Nenagh	Arravale	21 st April 2016
	Fairgreen	18 th February 2016
Templemore-Thurles	Ard Carrig	23 rd March 2016
	Elmwood	
	Hazelwood	
	Parkmore Manor	
	The Willows, Clongour	25 th May 2016

There are a number of formal applications currently on hands for estates to be taken-in-charge and these are currently being processed.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

LANDFILL OPERATIONS AND AFTERCARE

This service covers the cost of rehabilitating landfill sites. Remediation work has commenced at Ballaghveny landfill site.

At the Donohill landfill site, consultants were selected to carry out the final restoration works and the upgrade of the civic amenity.

Consultants have been appointed to carry out tier 3 assessments at the Carrick-on-Suir landfill site and restoration works at the old landfill site in Tipperary Town will commence in 2017.

RECOVERY & RECYCLING FACILITIES OPERATIONS

These service costs contribute to the maintenance and operations of the five recycling centres at Cashel, Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh and Roscrea and 105 bring banks.

Visitors to our civic amenity sites for the January to September period total 100,729. For 2017, services at the sites will be standardised commencing with the upgrade of the Roscrea Centre.

PROVISION OF WASTE TO COLLECTION SERVICES

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

LITTER MANAGEMENT

The budget allocation for Litter Management covers the following:

- provision of the litter warden service,
- illegal dumping,
- supports the Environment Awareness Programme which includes grant aid to 86 Tidy Towns Committees to enhance our towns and villages,
- assists 395 groups participating in the annual Spring Clean Campaign and
- public awareness campaigns targeting dog fouling and waste segregation

Two new initiatives introduced in 2016 to address litter on our approach roads were the **Gateway Programme** and the **Litter Sweeper Device**.

WASTE REGULATIONS, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

The Enforcement Unit monitors compliance with Waste Management Regulations, including waste permit applications and inspections, monitoring and control of waste movement and producer responsibility obligations - which relate to

packaging waste, waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), batteries and accumulators and End of Life Vehicles (ELV's) .

A Fixed Penalty Notice will apply in 2017 to operators in breach of:

- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations
- Batteries and Accumulators Regulations
- End of Life Vehicles Regulations
- Packaging Regulations

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

This cost covers the Council's contribution towards operating the Southern Region Waste Management Office. Tipperary County Council along with Limerick City and County Council were appointed as the joint lead authorities for the development of the Regional Waste Plan, which was adopted in 2015.

Projects undertaken include two pilot initiatives on the Pay by Weight and collaborating with ten Men's Sheds Groups on a recycling project.

MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS

Grants were awarded to 159 burial ground committees towards upkeep and maintenance. Other costs relate to caretaker fees for rural burial grounds and the maintenance and caretakers salaries for the larger town's burial grounds.

Minor capital works were undertaken at Rockvale, Cloughjordan, Ballinree and Kilmore burial grounds.

SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES

This service area covers costs associated with the management and enforcement of the Derelict Sites Act & Dangerous Structures and engagement with owners to render properties non derelict.

In 2017, a levy will apply to properties listed on the Derelict Sites register that are located in prescribed areas.

WATER QUALITY AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

The budget allocation provides for monitoring the water quality, implementing the water catchment management plans, the implementation and enforcement of legislative requirements in regard to water, air and noise pollution.

Other associated service costs are the

- Processing and monitoring of licenses permitting discharges of trade and sewage effluent to waters and sewers,
- Air pollution licenses,
- Farm inspections,

- Investigation of pollution incidents/complaints.

AGENCY & RECOUPABLE SERVICES

This service covers the costs associated with Environment Health and Safety Management and recoupment costs from the South East Services Contracts for:

- bring banks and civic amenity sites,
- Veterinary costs associated with inspections of abattoirs,
- operation of the dog warden service, and
- control of horses.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The Environment Section of Tipperary County Council was awarded ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification and OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management certification in May 2016.

Staff received training in Chemical and Biological Agents Awareness, Water Safety, manual handling and safe pass.

LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS AND COMMUNITIES OFFICE - LAWCO

The Local Authority Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO) was set up in February 2016 by Local Authorities to assist with the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in Ireland. The office is managed jointly by Kilkenny and Tipperary County Councils and operates as a shared service on behalf of all 31 Local Authorities.

LAWCO is tasked with two key objectives:

- (i) to coordinate the WFD activities of all Local Authorities through agreed regional structures.
- (ii) to promote community participation in the WFD process and the management of our natural waters.

FIRE SERVICE

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

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

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

The Fire Training and Development Centre based at Heywood Road, Clonmel continues to provide a high quality service for a large number of fire authorities and some private sector training companies. Capital funding from the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management has been secured to develop an incident Command Training Suite at Heywood Road in 2017 which will further consolidate the centre as the premier fire service training facility in the Country. The income generated from the centre's activities contributes towards the overall running of the service.

Tipperary Fire Service won the overall award for "Best Public Service" at the annual National Irish Safety Organisation Safety Awards in 2016, for the third year running.

2016 also saw Tipperary Fire Service being certified to the international quality management standard ISO 9001 for the first time.

LIBRARY SERVICE

Tipperary County Council Library Service continued to deliver a high quality service during 2016. There were over 600,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary, 445,000 books were issued and 68,000 Internet sessions were booked.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's Services are a fundamental part of our remit and proved as successful as ever with over 200,000 books issued to children.

2016 was very busy and exciting for kids with numerous events and activities organised by library staff; author visits, book clubs, workshops, and storytelling.

Once again, our Summer Reading Programme and Children's Book Festival were a huge success. During Children's Book Festival, the Library Service played host to new and established authors with an added focus on bilingual events. Over 1,135 pupils enjoyed Children's Book Festival events during October.

MEMBERSHIP

2016 saw continued improvements to customer services. Membership is now free for all users.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The new national Library Management System, introduced in July, 2016 has immediately offered users access to the complete book stock of the national county library system – over 3,000 titles a month are being supplied to users.

OTHER SERVICES

The Schools Library van and the Inter-Library delivery van are now both on the road 5 days a week, making circulation of stock to our customers quicker and more efficient.

The library service provides users with an enhanced range of online services comprising:

- eBooks and eAudiobooks with BorrowBox – 1000s of titles to choose from - download the App to get started
- Digital magazines with Zinio for Libraries
- Online learning with Universal Class – over 500 courses to choose from to enhance life-long learning
- Language learning with Mango Languages
- Newspapers – access to the world's newspapers for researchers

Access is free for library members – just register with your library barcode.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.0 CULTURAL UNIT

1.1 TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM

The Museums Standards Programme of Ireland (M.S.P.I.) is a priority for Tipperary County Museum in 2016, as it raises museum standards & increases funding opportunities within the sector. The museum achieved 'Full Accreditation' in June 2013, and in 2016 we submitted 'Maintenance' of those standards through policy revisions and our 5 year strategic management plan

In 2016 Tipperary County Museum launched its 1916 programme. The additional funding received from the DAHG 1916 Fund provided the scope to create an exhibition equalling National standards. Staff worked with our local communities, historians, LIT students, secondary & primary schools to engage their vision for 1916. Within the collection, The Museum displayed significant artefacts including an Original Proclamation which was loaned to TCM.

Temporary exhibitions during 2016:

- Hair Hurling Ball Exhibition loaned from NMI May 16 – April 2017.
- The All Ireland Hurling McCarthy Cup was on display from 4th – 11th November 2016.

Examples of a number of key Collaborative Projects during 2016 included

- **1916 'Road to the Rising' Exhibition** launched in April 2016 and other associated 1916 commemorative events included
- Museum 1916 lecture series 'Debating 1916' x 6 lectures
- LIT Colourisation exhibition based on Museum postcard collection & RTE images.
- PROCLAMATION lens based project in association with Tipperary Dance Platform & Tipperary Arts Office.
- 'Cumman na mBan' Exhibition by Aislinn O' Keefe
- Heritage in the Community Exhibition
- **The Butler series** and finale tour in June was hugely successful with a trip across Tipperary's Butler strongholds.
- During **Walled Towns Day** the museum scheduled a talk: 'Prostitution in Medieval Ireland' and a Bus Tour of Tipperary's Walled Towns in association with the Heritage Office and Planning.
- Museum celebrated **the 250th Anniversary of Fr. Nicholas Sheehy** with a display of artefacts in March and a talk during September 2016.

- Working with Rotary Clonmel to promote **CSAWs** Remembrance Garden and International **Polio Awareness** through primary schools.
- **Festival Cluain Meala & Clonmel Walled Towns Day** in association with Tipperary County Council, Suirvalley 3 Day Cycling Festival & Clonmel Busking Festival during August 2016. Over 20,000 people visited Clonmel during this Festival.
- **Archaeology Dig Programme** created in-house to outreach across community groups and schools around the county.

Projects completed in 2016

- Gallery re-Development - Phase 6 Civic Regalia display case fit out.
- Permanent Gallery New Exhibits – Municipal Art Collection.
- Developing a 1916 Mapped Trail of Artefacts and stories relating to 13 Local Authority Museums across Ireland launched in Dublin, November 2016.

Over €44,500 was secured in funding by the Museum from various initiatives during the year to assist in rolling out some of the above programmes.

Projects planned for 2017

1. Commission a feasibility study of the Museum gallery, collection and its tourism potential & links with Medieval Clonmel & Tipperary.
2. Documenting the Museum's backlog.
3. Create an exhibition themed around the museum's postcard collection.
4. Devise loan boxes for schools and community groups.
5. Set up a "Friends of Culture" to encourage greater supports to the museum, arts, heritage and culture in Tipperary.

1.2 ARTS

The key objective of The Arts Office is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We plan to work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county during 2017 in partnership with stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council through the recently adopted 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 and Advice
- Creative Infrastructure – Arts Venues & Festivals
- Creativity & The Public Realm – Public Art

2016 Activities

- The first all Tipperary Arts Strategy was developed during 2016. **A Creative County - Tipperary Arts Strategy 2017-2021** was adopted by Tipperary County Council on 12th September 2016. This strategic plan will guide arts development in the County over the next five year period.
- The first all county Festival Strategy will be brought to the full Council meeting in early 2017 and seeks to support and grow the festival heritage of the county. Numerous festivals with a strong artistic content were supported throughout the year including Dromineer Literary Festival; Terryglass Arts Festival and Clonmel Junction Festival. An All County Tipperary Festival Calendar was also launched and is regularly updated.
- 44 local groups received funding under the 2016 **Arts Act Grant Scheme**.
- A strong programme of **Arts in Education** Initiatives took place throughout the county including; **The Artist in Primary School Scheme** which placed 12 artists in schools working with students and staff. A showcase of the work completed under the 2015 scheme was exhibited in 2 locations (Nenagh & Clonmel) in advance of the closing dates for 2016 to demonstrate the high level of artistic practice which is being supported and developed through this initiative. The scheme supports direct access to the arts for children across a range of artforms and provides direct employment for artists.
- **The Tipperary Dance Residency** in partnership with Tipperary Excel saw Iseli-Chiodi Dance Company reach 3,919 people in a range of ways through the residency. Dance Residency activities include international and local professional dance performances, supports for dance artists and audience building initiatives such as the schools programmes, All Day Do Dance, a programme of free dance classes and shows with expert tuition in May and the curation and presentation of Tipperary Dance Platform, an International Dance Festival in Tipperary Town and four other locations around the county in October.
- The Arts Office, in partnership with Tipperary Libraries, put an all county programme of events in place for the **Tipperary Bealtaine Festival** which celebrates creativity in older age. Over 90 events took place throughout the county during May.
- **Tipperary Culture Night 2016** was co-ordinated by the Arts Office as part of the national initiative supported by The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. **26 venues** participated in **12 locations** across Tipperary, presenting **34 free events** ranging from the visual arts and crafts to music, film, lectures, literature and puppetry.
- The **Tipperary Youth Theatre Programme** continued to be delivered in Nenagh & Thurles over spring and autumn terms in partnership with local arts centres.
- 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 25 artists in 2016 across Opera, Visual Arts, Theatre, Literature and Music. In addition, three

professional development events took place in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland, Designfest Clonmel and local venues.

Proposed Arts Programme Priorities for 2017:

- Implementation of *A Creative County- Tipperary Arts Strategy 2017-2021*
- Implementation of Tipperary Festival Strategy & continual promotion of the all county on-line Tipperary calendar
- The Arts in Education – Initiatives to provide access for children and young people to the arts through formal and non-formal education.
- Co-ordination of cultural initiatives such as Culture Night and Bealtaine which celebrates creativity in older age.
- Creative Infrastructure – Supports to Arts Organisations and Festivals.
- Artists and Creative Practitioners – Investment in artistic development initiatives.

1.3 HERITAGE SERVICES

Activity in the heritage area continued in 2016 with a number of key activities including

- A built and natural heritage audit of the River Suir to the source of the river near the Devils Bit Mountain was commissioned which means approximately 80 kms of the river which has now been audited in the county in this way. Community engagement formed a significant part of this process and we have almost a completed audit for the river in county Tipperary.
- The Lough Derg Heritage Project continued this year in co-operation with the Heritage Officers in Galway and Clare County Councils. Work was ongoing with a number of partners such as Waterways Ireland, NPWS, Birdwatch Ireland and Inland Fisheries to progress an application for a LIFE project.
- Work has begun on an EU funded SWARE project (Sustainable Heritage Management of Waterway regions) which deals with the heritage management of waterways and will run until 2018.
- The Tipperary element of the Ireland 2016, a national commemoration programme for the centenary of the 1916 Rising, was launched in December 2015 and events have been ongoing throughout the year. A second scheme was launched in February following the 5 Municipal District schemes which extended the programme. Over 100 events have taken place around the county. Two capital schemes took place in Cloughjordan the birthplace of Thomas MacDonagh with additional funding from the Department.
- Heritage Plan 2017-2021 was drafted and went to public consultation and is expected to be presented to Council in December.

Proposed Heritage Priorities for 2017

- Launch of Heritage Plan 2017-2021 and implementation of actions contained therein.
- Promotion of Tipperary Heritage and raising awareness initiatives of same.
- Gathering and dissemination of information on Tipperary Heritage.
- Implementation of the SWARE project.
- Heritage Interpretation training for local groups.

1.4 TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Tipperary Sports Partnership's remit is to develop sport and increase physical activity in the county. In 2016, the Sports Partnership has delivered 39 individual programmes or initiatives with over 4,790 participants. In addition, the Sports Partnership has been successful in sourcing in excess of €350,000 to date in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2016 (to mid September) include:

- Tipperary Sports Partnership Board met on a regular basis and have recently adopted their all county Strategic Plan.
- The seventh Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held in Thurles on 25th September and had over 700 registered participants.
- A number of programmes targeting young people were facilitated, including a Sports Hall Athletics Programme delivered to 8 schools in North Tipperary; Teen 4 Fit was supported in Borrissleigh Community School; in conjunction with Triathlon Ireland, two Schools Aquaton Events (Splash & Dash) were held in Rockwell and Ballina, A Primary School Basketball League was supported through Nenagh Basketball Club for 16 Primary Schools, 200 participants. Currently, 2 Sports Leader programmes are being facilitated in Cahir & Nenagh with 44 students are participating.
- Cycling was strongly supported with the inaugural Sean Kelly Classic in Carrick on Suir hosting 511 participants. A Cycle League took place in Clonmel with 72 children taking part over 4 weeks. A Cycle for Life Programme was delivered to the High School, Clonmel as part of the Cycle Against Suicide campaign. In April and a Family Cycle was supported as part of the Nenagh Classic. In addition, as part of Bike Week, in conjunction with Tipperary County Council, 20 events were held across the County which included Family Cycles, Information evenings, Bike Maintenance, and Sportives with support from communities in the County. In total 1,245 people took part in the events.
- Child Welfare: Club Children Officer, and Designated Officer training and supports continue to be delivered throughout the year. To date, 111 volunteers received training.

- 26 sports grants totalling €10,000 was distributed to sports clubs in Tipperary in the form of Coaching and Club Development grants.
- Work is continuing on developing of the Blueway from Cahir to Carrick on the River Suir. As part of the Blueway, the Community Sports Hub which includes the development of a slalom course at Lady Blessingtons is nearing completion. In addition, an education and training programme aimed at developing and supporting canoeing and kayaking on the River Suir was held including; 2 programmes, 7 courses, and 6 Summer Camps - 69 participants. As part of this programme, a new instructor programme has commenced with 9 participants.

Tipperary Sports Partnership (TSP) also actively supports those groups who experience marginalisation, particularly from an active sport perspective. Some of the key activities include:

- 12 **'People with a Disability'** sports programmes were delivered under the Social Inclusion Programme 'Inclusive Communities through Sport', with over 200 people with a disability participating. Programmes included the Tipperary Boccia League, the Inclusive Swim Programme in Thurles and Roscrea Leisure Centres. Tennis 4 All programme is now established in Hillview Tennis Club Clonmel. A Sailability programme took place on Lough Derg and the Fighting Fit programme continues in Tipperary Town. Disability Awareness in Sport training was also facilitated in LIT Thurles with 24 participants.
- 4 **'Youth at Risk'** programmes were delivered in partnership with North Tipperary Leader Partnership, Youthwork Ireland Tipperary, Tipperary ETB and Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service. These included a Sports and Physical Activity programme for youths on the Roscrea Area Youth Programme, youths on the Alternative Learning Programme in Tipperary town, the Activ 8 programme (Tipp town, Cashel, Templemore, Littleton) and the Clonmel Community Youth project. Over 100 youths in total engaged with our 'Youth at Risk' programme.
- A SafeTalk (Suicide Awareness) education programme for sports coaches was facilitated by TSP in Roscrea with a full course of 25 participants.
- 3 **Traveller Sport Participation** programmes were implemented in partnership with Tipperary Rural Traveller Programme, NTLP and Clonmel Traveller Community Health Workers Programme. These programmes included the Littleton Sports Programme for traveller youths with 28 participants, a fitness programme for traveller women in Clonmel with 10 participants and a Health for Traveller Men programme in Tipperary Town with 20 participants.
- **Marginalised communities** were supported 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 general fitness programme was delivered to 15 female asylum seekers in the direct provision centre in Carrick on Suir, BridgeWater House.
- TSP is working with Tipperary Regional Youth Service (TRYs) and Tipperary County Council to develop a Club Education Workshop on Inclusiveness.

Focus Groups were held in LIT, Thurles with sports club representatives in June and October, with the aim of developing a club education Workshop – “How Your Club Can Be More Inclusive”.

Tipperary sports Partnership (TSP) Priorities for 2017:

- Implement the TSP County Strategic Plan.
- Continued delivery of core programmes and implementation of Club Development and Participation programmes.
- Continue to develop and deliver the Social Inclusion programme in Sport for the County; ‘Inclusive Communities through Sport’.
- Maintain current levels of funding from the Sport Ireland and source programme funding independent of the Irish Sports Council.

FAI Development Officers Report 2016

The Council continues to support the development of soccer in the county and the following are key activities undertaken in 2016:

- **FAI AGM Tipperary** took place in July. Five Festival of Football events took place including a Coach Education Festival.
- **Project Futsal** is a project run in conjunction between the FAI and Tipperary Education and training Board (ETB) which concluded its fourth year in May. Following on from the success of the first year of the programme the course has continued in the same manner. With the ETB, participants gain a full FETAC level 5 award in Sports and Recreation studies. Participants also have to complete over 70 hours work experience during the year which is providing additional help to the football community within the area.
- **A Social Inclusion focus** on the role was maintained with drop-ins, after school programmes, blitzes and midnight soccer providing regular football activity for the youth of Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary Town and Roscrea.
- **Player Development (Boys and Girls)** The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age players in the county with centres of excellence in both South and North of the county - over 550 elite underage players from the ages of U10-U16 took part (male and female).
- **Coach Education (including child welfare)** 25 coach education workshops from Kick Start 1, Kick Start 2, 4v4, 7v7, Strength and Conditioning and Youth Cert courses took place in the county throughout the year with over 200 coaches.
- **Girls Football** continues to grow with almost 20 clubs throughout the county having girl’s football within their club structures.

- **Summer Camps** Over 2,171 children throughout Tipperary enjoyed the summer camp programme experience over July and August with 20 clubs throughout the county hosting camps.
- **Football For All** clubs are now well established in Nenagh, Roscrea, Cahir and Clonmel and regular sessions are also conducted with the various Rehab Care, Special schools (ie. St. Anne's Roscrea) National Learning Networks and Brothers of Charity services right across the county.
- **Intercultural** Show Racism the Red Card was delivered to 4 schools in South and North Tipperary during UEFA FARE Week. In addition, a 6 week after-school programme was delivered to students of Cahir Boys NS, highlighting and illustrating how to deal with issues around racism in sport.
- **Schools** 102 schools participated in the Tipperary Primary schools 5th/6th class competition in April/May making it the biggest schools competition in Ireland. Futsal blitzes for 3rd/4th class and first year secondary schools also took place in Thurles.

Priorities for 2017:

- Continue to provide a service of social inclusion programmes that enables the youth of particular areas within the county to have regular and easy access to the game.
- Player development for boys and girls.
- Maintain or increase the participants of schools in the primary schools competitions.
- Club development around areas such as club structures, child welfare etc.

2.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

2.1 LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2016, focus was placed on the development of strategies including the Play Policy Strategy, Local Development Strategy and Joint Policing Committee strategy as well as implementation of the 2016 Community Action Plan under the Local Economic & Community Plan 2015 – 2016 which was adopted in January 2016. Key priorities in 2016 were the development and launch of the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, the implementation and monitoring of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and the roll out of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

2.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

The Tipperary Local Community Development Committee met twelve times in 2016. The LCDC is made up of nineteen people with ten private (Public Participation Network - PPN & Business/Agricultural Pillar and Local Development Companies) with nine from the statutory agencies including elected representatives.

The LCDC played a key role in monitoring the actions from the Local Community and Economic Plan with updates from lead agencies provided regularly. In 2016, the LCDC oversaw the management of the Local Development Strategy Process with the contract for the LEADER Programme being signed in July 2016.

The LCDC also oversaw and managed the SICAP Programme through the Social Inclusion subgroup. The LCDC subgroups in place are the Sustainable Communities subgroup, the Social Inclusion subgroup and the Finance and Audit subgroup. A number of presentations were delivered to the LCDC in 2016 including a presentation on Connection for life –Suicide Prevention plan, The Public Participation Network and a presentation on the Programme for Government.

2.3 SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

2016 was the second year of the SICAP programme having commenced on April 2015. The Programme is delivered on behalf of the LCDC by the Programme Implementers North Tipperary LEADER Partnership and South Tipperary Development Company. An Action Plan for the programme delivery was agreed in 2016 and a review was carried out on the previous years work. Reviews of the SICAP Programme took place in July and October 2016 and the end of year Review will take place early in 2017.

2.4 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (LDS)/LEADER

The Local Development Strategy (LDS) was approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in May 2016. The LEADER

element of the Rural Development 2014 -2020 became operational at county level from August 2016. The total allocation approved for County Tipperary is €10.1 m. Themes covered under the LDS are Economic Development, Enterprise & Job Creation; Social Inclusion; and the Rural Environment. In October, calls for applications were advertised and a series of public information meetings for potential programme applicants were held throughout the county.

2.5 JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

The Joint Policing Committee strategy for 2016-2021 was adopted by the Joint Policing Committee in March of 2016. Key areas of work for the Joint Policing Committee were the development of a CCTV policy and developing a policy of sulky racing on public roads.

2.6 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The LCDC team contributed to the development of Connection for Life -an action plan for suicide prevention in South Tipperary and Connection for life- an action plan for Suicide Prevention in the Mid West region (Including North Tipperary)

2.7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

The Public Participation Network is the structure with which the members of the local community can interact with the local authorities ensuring that the community is involved and represented within the local government system. The Tipperary Public Participation Network provides a network and support structure for over 1000 organisations within County Tipperary. The PPN elected community representatives onto Local Authorities Committees including the Joint Policing Committee, the Local Community Development Committees and the Children and Young Persons Services Committee as well as to all of the Strategic Policy Committees. The PPN also provides a support and information services to its members organisation by disseminating information on funding and training opportunities regularly through its e-newsletter, website and social media and through plenary meetings. All community groups who are seeking financial support from the Local Authority are expected to be members of the PPN.

2.8 COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Comhairle na nÓg gives children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies. Tipperary Comhairle worked on a number of different themes including mental health in 2016. A 1916 commemorative day was held in Cloughjordan and a 'Lets go mental' positive mental health day was organised in Nenagh. Comhairle na nÓg was consulted on a number of different Council policies including the arts strategy, JPC and are represented on the Tipperary CYPSC.

2.9 PLAY AND RECREATION PLAY

Play Day Grants and National Recreation Week grants applications were advertised and eight projects were approved across the county including The

Thurles Youth project, Three Drives Sports day, and South Tipperary Disability Forum.

2.10 TIPPERARY VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Tipperary Volunteer Centre was officially launched on September 13th in their new premises on Chapel Lane, Cashel. The centre focuses on promoting, enabling and supporting volunteering throughout Tipperary. Having previously operated as South Tipperary Volunteer Centre, the centre has expanded to a county-wide service with the hard work and dedication of many people and organisations across Tipperary. The centre also provides training for groups in volunteer management.

2.11 PRIDE OF PLACE 2016

The Three Drives Family Resource Centre represented Tipperary in the Pride of Place event. The event was judged in June and the community led an impressive showcase of the work of the Three Drives. The awards ceremony will be held in November.

2.12 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES (CYPSC)

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. The overall purpose is to improve outcomes for children and young people through local and national interagency working. CYPSC are county-level committees that bring together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to children and young people. Tipperary CYPSC completed a consultation process with children and young people (including young people 18 – 24 years) and all relevant agencies and a draft plan of action is currently being finalised. .

2.14 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY PARTNERSHIPS

The RAPID (Revitalising Area through Planning Investment and Development) programme continues to be sustained in Carrick on Suir, Clonmel and Tipperary Town. This will continue to be a key priority for 2016. A review of Clonmel RAPID took place in March 2016 and annual workplans were developed for the programme in the three towns.

Community Action Plans have been developed for Littleton and Roscrea with Community Action Planning Teams in place to implement the programme in these areas. The teams are made up of statutory agencies and well as community representatives. The Community Action Planning Team in Roscrea has three subgroups working in the areas of Enterprise Training/Community Wellbeing/Youth and Environment and safety. Key priorities for Roscrea in 2016 were the development of a CCTV feasibility study and a youth consultation (led by the Education and Training Board) along with the development of a community house in Gleann Glas and the commencement of a feasibility study for an enterprise centre. Key projects for Littleton are the development of a work winners projects (led by Youth Work Tipperary). The programme aims to tackle

unemployment within the 18-25 years old cohort through delivery of bespoke training and opportunities depending on individuals needs.

2.15 TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL FUNDING:

A submission was made to the Department for funding under the above scheme for 2016 and a decision is awaited. A 3 year programme will be developed under the above scheme in order to ensure the Council is in a position to maximise the funds should further calls be made

2017 Priorities

- Support and service the LCDC.
- Implement the Local Economic and Community Plan (community elements) and develop 2017 Action Implementation Plan.
- Oversight and management of the SICAP Programme and commencement of the procurement process for the SICAP Programme 2017-20.
- Oversight and implementation of the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme 2016-20.
- Develop action plans for the RAPID Communities of Clonmel, Carrick on Suir and Tipperary Town, and CAP actions in Littleton and Roscrea.
- Support the further development of the PPN and develop PPN municipal structures as appropriate.
- Implement the JPC '6 year JPC Strategic Plan' and put in place an annual work-plan.
- Develop an all County Age Friendly Strategy.
- Implement 'Connecting for Life' Suicide Prevention Plans (North and South Tipperary).
- Support the work of Comhairle na nÓg.
- Promote and develop play and recreation in County Tipperary.
- Support a Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Plan.
- Complete the CYPSC Plan for the county.
- Continue to work in a collaborative manner with other agencies on key projects and programmes of community and social need and actively follow up on funding opportunities where they meet the stated needs of the LECP.

3.0 ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

In January 2016 the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was adopted by Tipperary County Council. Subsequently under the LECP, an Economic Action Plan 2016 was developed and implementation commenced. Key priorities for 2016 were the development of a Marketing Strategy to attract inward and foreign direct investment; development and establishment of Town Centre Fora in nine towns; tourism development in the Munster Vales and Lough Derg Destinations and through the Tipperary Tourism Company.; provision of support to the Artisan Food Sector; progressing Rural Economic Development Zone (REDZ) Projects; workforce skills needs assessment; enterprise support and development; and the development of sectoral strategies in key areas.

3.1 LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), act as a “First Stop Shop” for anyone seeking information and support relating to starting or growing a business. The Local Enterprise Office supports business start-ups and works to increase the job creation potential of new and existing micro and small businesses through the provision of information, advice, training, mentoring, seminars and grants.

The vision for the Local Enterprise Office in Tipperary is that it will be pro-active, pro-business, pro-customer providing a consistent level of service supported by a robust evaluation process.

- In the period January to September 2016, the Local Enterprise Office considered 37 business proposals and approved grant assistance of €533,921 for 31 projects which will leverage a capital investment in excess of €2m. Projects supported included; 13 start ups, 12 business expansions and 6 feasibility studies and will yield 80 jobs for the County over the next 2-3 years.
- In the current year the LEO paid out €522,347 to 34 projects.
- LEO portfolio firms surveyed at the end of last year highlighted a net increase in employment levels of 114.5 jobs on the previous year and the LEO recently commenced the 2016 employment survey. Portfolio Development is ongoing with 282 firms to assist with their development, expansion and in some cases graduation to Enterprise Ireland.
- In the current year to September, 1,290 individuals have participated in 140 Entrepreneurial & Capability Development initiatives such as training courses, management development programmes, mentor assignments or have availed of web site development, export market assessment, exhibition and other grants. Dedicated programmes were designed and delivered to support target groups such as the food, steel fabrication, women in business, ICT, young entrepreneurs etc.
- The County’s second “Enterprise Week” involving a series of events designed to promote business development and inspire entrepreneurship took place during March and the various events attracted an attendance of almost 300. “Enterprise week featured a “Who to talk” to event held in Thurles, A Craft Forum in Cahir, A Social Enterprise Workshop in Tipperary

town, Procurement Workshop in Thurles, Kick Start Your Digital Animation Studio seminar held in Clonmel in addition to an EEN (Enterprise Europe Network) presentation held at the Horse & Jockey.

- The County Enterprise Awards took place on 11 March at Bru Boru, Cashel, and Borrisoleigh firm Andy Spillane Bespoke Furniture Ltd emerged as the overall winner. Fourteen entries were shorted listed to compete in the County Competition and the overall winner progressed to represent the County at the National final held in the Aviva Stadium in June.
- Colaiste Phobal Roscrea and Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore won the top prizes at the Tipperary Student Enterprise Awards which took place at LIT Thurles in March. The two winning schools progressed to represent the County in three categories at the National Finals which took place in Croke Park on April 20. In the national competition, Colaiste Phobal Roscrea won a special merit award in the senior category and Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore won an Innovation Award in the Junior category. Over 240 students from across the County competed in the competition which began in second level schools the previous September and initially involved almost 1,800 students. Co-ordinated by the Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, the competition is the most successful programme of its kind in the country with up to 17,000 participants.
- The LEO has a very strong focus on female entrepreneurship and actively supports two Networks through the provision of financial and co-ordination supports. In the current year in partnership with LEOs in the Mid West and South & East Regions, two events targeting female entrepreneurs were organised. National Womens' Enterprise Day took place on 19 October and represented the first cross regional event held in Kilkenny for women in business bringing together female entrepreneurs from 7 counties.
- The Local Enterprise Office recently invited entries for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition which carries a local prize fund in the form of investment valued at €50,000. Aimed at young and aspiring entrepreneurs aged between the ages of 18 and 35, Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition carries an investment fund worth €2 million at national level. Eligible participants will participate in an intensive Start Your own Business Bootcamp, receive mentoring to work up their business plans and get an opportunity to pitch to the panel of adjudicators for investment in their Company.
- Participation in the ICT on Line Trading Voucher Scheme is on target with 26 vouchers out of an annual allocation of 37 already awarded to a mix of business interests including retail, service, tourism and manufacturing. Four mentoring sessions involving 14 participants have taken place to date and an information evening has been scheduled for November to increase take up in certain pockets of the county.
- The LEO works closely with Microfinance Ireland to secure loans of between €2-25k for business promoters who fall short of standard bank lending criteria. This year the Local Enterprise Office has put forward 13 applicants for Microfinance loans and seven applications were successful in securing loan finance amounting to €77,000 and projects supported will contribute 10 jobs to the local economy.

- Tipperary Local Enterprise Office achieved a Customer Service/ Client satisfaction rating of 73% against a National Average of 67%.
- Tipperary Local Enterprise Office led 6 applications under the Regional Enterprise Funds Competitive calls in 2015 and in June this year received confirmation that funding of €192,740 has been approved by Enterprise Ireland for three of the initiatives to be rolled out in the South & East including a Food Export Cluster, exploiting the potential of AgriTech involving a Symposium and the establishment of Digital and Gaming Corridor to link Clonmel and Thurles. Tipperary will also participate in two other regional initiatives such as a Creative Corridor led by Wicklow and the Non Executive Directors feasibility study led by Wexford.

Key priorities for LEO Tipperary in 2017

Local Enterprise Office:

1. Build on the progress achieved in 2016 in terms of M1 grants proffered, businesses supported and jobs created.
2. Examine the progression pathway to Enterprise Ireland for new and existing clients and put in place measures to accelerate the process.
3. Provide quality business focused training, management development and soft supports to meet the needs of new and emerging enterprises.
4. Build enterprise capability and connections across the Regions and promote existing networks to take advantage of EEN (Enterprise Europe Network) to access supports to assist microenterprise in the South East & Mid West regions to enter new markets.
5. In conjunction with ETB and other stakeholders undertake a study into the training and development needs of businesses within the 3-5 year life cycle and continue to monitor the quality and outcomes of existing provision.

Sectoral Development:

The LEO in conjunction with the Local Authority will implement strategies in the following areas and roll out initiatives approved under the EI Competitive Funds by the deadline of September 2017. This will include:

1. Agri Tech
2. Food Export Cluster
3. Digital Strategy & Creative Multi Media Hub
4. Entrepreneurship
5. Marketing
6. Craft

Accessing Funds

(Competitive Bids e.g. Action Plan for Jobs Competitive calls, Agri Food Tourism, REDZ, Ireland's Ancient East, Local Diaspora Engagement, CEDRA, LEAN, OTV etc.

Work Space Infrastructure, Inward Investment and Marketing

1. Actively support CECs in the County by drawing up a two year service support plan for all Community owned Enterprise Centers including support to address vacancies.
2. Update county based Workspace Study on a biennial basis
3. Continue to work with 6 Diaspora Groups including Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick on Suir, Clonmel, Terryglass and Tipperary Town. Roll out the 'Connect Ireland and Connect Tipperary' model in other Municipal Districts and assist groups in the implementation of their plans.

3.2 REDZ

The 4 REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zones) proposals were rolled out across the County to maximize the €375k CEDRA grant and to generate a spend in excess of €500k. To date three of the four REDZ have been successfully competed including Fethard Small REDZ involving a grant of €25,000, Tipperary Medium €75,000, Clonmel Flagship €125,000. In total € 245,190 has been paid out to date which leveraged a spend of €392,136. A further €128,810 will be spent in the Nenagh REDZ on the Ormond way project which has been granted a time extension to mid October. The 4 REDZ involved 14 beneficiaries and up to 20 individual projects.

A second round of applications are now being sought for 2017 and these will be worked up and submitted by the end of 2016

3.3 QUESTUM

The Enterprise, Research and Development Centre, which opened its doors in 2015 has been actively assisted by TCC in introducing and helping to develop companies such as Eirechrome, A&C Chemicals, OneBoxVision and Vision ID within the centre throughout 2016 and all three companies have engaged with the local authority for various supports. Questum was officially launched on October 17th 2016. It is intended to build on this progress in 2017.

3.4 MARKETING STRATEGY

A marketing strategy was prepared in 2016 focusing on inward investment opportunities for both the foreign market and the indigenous market. In addition, appropriate marketing material was developed for each municipal district and for key towns within these. Work in 2017 will focus on rolling out a digital marketing campaign using this material through appropriate channels and targeted at key markets.

3.5 RETAIL:

The County Tipperary Town Centre Initiative Report was finalised in March 2016 and whilst identifying the challenges for the sector, it offered an opportunity to towns to refocus their energies on a detailed strategy to contribute to improving the financial health of the Retail sector. The development of the structures recommended for each of the nine towns of the County is underway in conjunction with the Municipal Districts. A fund to support these new structures to achieved activities in their action plans was launched in October and over €26,000 was granted for this purpose.

A review of the original Commercial Incentive Scheme to support the Retail sector in Tipperary was carried out and a new scheme was developed by the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC. This scheme has been marketed throughout County Tipperary and the sector is being supported to take it up.

A Christmas Retail Scheme was launched in September, over €26,000 was granted to towns and communities across Tipperary to support the implementation of strategies that would attract new customers, retain existing customers and encourage increased spend and increased footfall in the Tipperary.

2017 will see the expansion of Town Centre Forums in the remaining towns and prioritising of funding to these new groups to achieve actions under the programme. It is envisaged to continue to offer the Christmas support programme in 2017.

3.6 DIGITAL:

Tipperary has continued to lead Smart Specialisation for Digital Development in the South East Region under the EU funded eDigiregion Project. *Designfest Exploring digital media, arts and Design* continued in 2016 to promote and highlight the development of the digital sector in County Tipperary. The event is collaboration between LIT Tipperary, Tipperary County Council and LEO with special emphasis on innovation for enterprise, employment and education. The event has been extended to a six day programme and this year sees collaborations between LIT Tipperary, Carlow IT, Maynooth University and Limerick School of Art and Design. Design Thinking is at the core of the event and the provision of links between industry and the design concepts is built into the event.

The Digital sector in 2017 will continue to be a key priority for the County in 2017, including assisting with the roll out of the National Broadband Scheme and the development of an all county digital strategy.

3.7 FOOD:

The Tipperary Food Strategy 2015 – 2021 was adopted in 2015 and provides the roadmap to grow and develop the food sector in Tipperary. The network is made up of 20 artisan food companies in Tipperary. The vision is to “establish Tipperary as the food cradle of nourishment internationally through our producer’s ethics, integrity, and excellence”. This vision statement is underpinned by three core strands:

- (a) Support Tipperary Food Producers
- (b) Build the Tipperary Food Brand
- (c) Develop the Food Eco-system in Tipperary

Key actions delivered in 2016 across these three strands:

- Flagship event held in April 2016 – “Great Taste Comes to Tipperary” – 77 eminent Irish & UK food critics, journalists, chefs, buyers travelled to Tipperary for the Irish leg of the Great Taste Awards – covered by RTE’s Nationwide
- Tipperary Breakfast in London – Irish Embassy in London hosted a Tipperary breakfast comprising of UK food buyers and Tipperary Food Producers in September. The keynote speaker was Ewan Venters, CEO of Fortnum & Mason and the Irish Ambassador, Mr. Daniel Mulhall
- A collective food display as part of Tholsel showcasing the food of the County was developed
- A pilot study to develop the Tipperary Mark of Nourishment was completed by LIT
- An application for 50% of funding to conduct a feasibility study into the Food Centre of Excellence was awarded by Enterprise Ireland

Food Priorities in 2017 across these three strands include:

- Develop an Associate Membership package to widen the Tipperary Food Producers Network to incorporate large food companies and the hospitality sector
- Produce a Tipperary publication focusing on “nourishment” and the pillars of the brand
- Strengthen the links between food & tourism through the roll out of the “Tipperary Breakfast” initiative
- Conduct a feasibility study into the viability of a Food Centre of Excellence
- Enhance the food display in Tholsel by developing a food interpretation experience

3.8 TOURISM

Tourism plays an important role within the economy of County Tipperary with over 400,000 domestic and international visitors injecting circa €100 million into the County annually. The tourism office coordinates the Councils role in tourism marketing, promotion and product development across the County. This includes the provision of support to Tipperary Tourism Company, the Lough Derg Marketing Strategy Group and Munster Vales. The tourism office works with key agencies involved in tourism to leverage all possible benefit to the county, this includes working with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland on the new brand for Irelands Ancient East and the Lakeslands brand.

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

Tipperary Tourism Company and Tipperary County Council recently developed a new Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary 2016 – 2021. This countywide plan sets out a fresh proposition for Tipperary. Action orientated, the Plan aims to galvanise and enable growth for Tipperary to position Tipperary as a leading inland destination within the Top 3 destinations in Irelands Ancient East.

Butler Trail

Phase 2 of the Butler Trail was completed in 2016; this included the development of an APP, Audio Guides, individual town brochures and the installation of signage in the towns of Cahir, Clonmel and Carrick on Suir. This project was funded by Fáilte Ireland as part of its first round of funding under Irelands Ancient East and supported by Tipperary Tourism.

Tholsel, Fethard

Phase 1 of the project (ground floor and first floor) was completed in April 2015. A successful application was made by the Fethard Business and Tourism Group, supported by TCC, to Fáilte Ireland under the 'Ireland Ancient East' initiative, totalling €1,980,000. Additionally, €25,000 was secured under the REDZ initiative to progress phase 2. It is intended that the project will be completed and opened in 2017.

Munster Vales

Munster Vales is a tourism destination of domestic and international significance incorporating the Commeragh, Knockmealdown, Galtee, Ballyhoura and Nagles mountain ranges. Following the recent completion of a Marketing Plan, the Munster Vales concept is now ready for further development to include; marketing, promotions, social media activities, product development and training in a manner that could bring significant socio-economic benefits to the people of the area and provide an enhanced authentic experience for visitors, whilst maintaining an understanding and appreciation of the natural and built environment. The Munster Vales strives to be regarded as the premier outdoor activity offering in Ireland's Ancient East.

Lough Derg Marketing Group

Lough Derg Marketing Group is a well established group comprising of a broad range of stakeholder representatives from the three local authorities, Clare, Galway and Tipperary County Councils, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Local Development Companies and the tourism trade. The group continues to implement the objectives of the Roadmap for Lough Derg and manage the Lough Derg Stimulus Fund.

Tourism Priorities 2017

- Support Tipperary Tourism Company in the promotion and marketing of Destination Tipperary.
- Continued delivery of the Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary.
- Support and work with the Lough Derg Marketing Group in the administration of the stimulus fund (this fund is fully allocated and the last of the 15 projects supported will be completed in January 2017 – The Lough Derg Canoe Trail) and continue to implement the targets and objectives as defined in the Roadmap for Lough Derg.
- Support the board of Munster Vales (Munster Peaks Ltd) and the tourism sector in the Munster Vales region to further develop the value proposition and commence promotion and marketing of same.
- To work with Fáilte Ireland on the delivery of *Ireland's Ancient East* and ensure that Tipperary reaps all possible benefits from its development.
- To further develop The Butler Trail.
- To assist in promoting and marketing the new Greenway / Blueway from Carrick on Suir to Clonmel (& Cahir).
- To support the promotion and development of the Tholsol Visitor Centre, Fethard.
- To regularly engage with and build capacity in the tourism sector.
- To seek out and support new opportunities for tourism product development.
- Actively seek and apply for funding for tourism development from all relevant agencies and schemes, including Fáilte Ireland and LEADER in 2017.
- Actively market destination Tipperary to target market segments.

4.0 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UNIT (SPU)

The Strategic Projects Unit (SPU) was established within Community & Economic Development in late 2014.

The principal role and functions of the SPU in 2017 will be:

- Manage implementation of the three ongoing EU co-funded projects in which TCC is a partner – “eDIGIREGION”, “SWARE” and “SUPER”;

- Source and identify Calls for Proposals of relevance to TCC;
- Work on behalf of TCC to develop and pursue project applications in collaboration relevant external agencies, e.g. TEA, I.T.'s, Teagasc, South-East BIC, LEOs, Fáilte Ireland, Chambers, etc;
- Co-ordinate preparation, submission & management of project bids for EU & Exchequer funding;
- Project manage future EU part-funded projects secured by TCC, including contractual, activity and financial reporting activities;
- Act as an information source for TCC members and staff on EU project-related matters.

Projects, whose implementation, will continue in 2017 are:

Project Name	Funding Programme	Objective of Project
Realising the Digital Agenda through transnational cooperation between regions (eDIGIREGION)	7th Framework for R&D	Develop a Regional Action Plan to enhance regions' sustainable competitiveness by exploiting regional strengths and smart specializations to realise the RTD and Innovation aspects of the EU Digital Agenda; project will conclude in April 2017.
Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions (SWARE)	INTERREG EUROPE	New project since April 2016; 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	New project since April 2016; aims to improve SME uptake of environmentally sustainable innovations into their business through improving the development programmes and policies of partner regions.

To date in 2016, work of the SPU has resulted in TCC's participation in eight (8) project proposals submitted to Calls for Proposals under EU funding programmes. Topics have included innovation in SMEs in Food & Drink and Life Sciences sectors; carbon footprint reduction in low-density/highly dispersed territories; innovative e-learning in road safety; entrepreneurship and the creation and internationalisation of innovative SMEs in rural areas; economic decline in secondary, small and medium sized towns; efficient use of energy and local renewable resources in the business/enterprise service sector; and social eco-entrepreneurs. Assessment decisions on these are awaited.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

CORPORATE PLAN 2014 – 2019

The Corporate Plan is the Council’s strategic framework for future action over a 5 year period and sets out a clear vision for the kind of Tipperary we want to see in the future and what we will do as the County Council, together with all stakeholders, to deliver that vision.

“Tipperary Together – Ambitious for our communities, demanding of ourselves and working to a shared purpose to deliver prosperity across the country.”

The plan was adopted by the Council at its meeting held on the 9th March 2015 and is the central component of the Council’s business architecture, linking key elements such as policy, organisation, operational activity, governance and performance management.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Customer Services Desks in both Clonmel and Nenagh Civic Offices continue to support the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses in a welcoming environment. The CSD offices act as a hub for all customer activity for the Council, with on average in excess of 3,700 contacts made each week between phones, personal callers and emails and in excess of 2,000 further contacts made through An Post.

In 2017, Provision has been allowed for the utilisation of an alerts service, which will facilitate the issuing and managing of targeted alerts to citizens in the county for specific alert categories and geographic locations as required. The service will enable the Council to disseminate information to citizens using texts, email and social media on categories such as Roads, Floods, Severe Weather and planning applications based on their geographic locations. The service will be available 24 hours a day and will be free for citizens to subscribe to and use. This will allow the Council to access extra channels of communication and functionality that we don’t normally utilise, which will offer the best combination of services possible to the public.

ELECTIONS

Provision has been made for the publication of the Register of Electors in 2017. Provision is also made to fund the cost of the Local Elections to be spread over a 5 year period.

CORONERS SERVICE

The roles and responsibilities of a local authority in relation to the Coroners Service are set down in legislation and include details regarding the appointment of a Coroner, the Coroner's Salary and related payments to third parties. Fees paid to Coroners are determined by the Department of Justice & Equality and sanctioned by the Department of Finance; however the responsibility to appoint and pay for the Coroners is the responsibility and liability of the local authorities and provision has been allowed to fund the cost of this public service in the budget for 2017.

COURTHOUSES

The Council will continue to maintain the Courthouses in 2017. This expenditure will be recouped in full from the Courts Service who has assumed responsibility for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses.

LOCAL REPRESENTATION/CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with Councillors representational payment, monthly expense allowance, conference and training allowances together with costs associated with Civic Receptions and Twinning events.

RATES

The Revenue Department of the Council is responsible for the management and collection of commercial rates payable by businesses in the county in respect of approximately 5,750 commercial properties.

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

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

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

In 2016, a total of 570 rates customers made combined savings of over €69,000 by participating in the Rates Early Payment Scheme. The Scheme, designed to assist SMEs gave reductions of 5% of the 2016 rates, up to a maximum of €250 per customer, to applicants who cleared their rates liability before 30th September 2016.

Section 32 of the Local Government Reform Act 2015 places an obligation on all occupiers to clear all outstanding rates before they vacate the property. Owners must clear all rates due by them before they transfer any property. Any rates due by the owner will become a charge on the property if transferred to another party without being cleared.

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

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

MOTOR TAX

Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting the Motor Tax On-line facility. In 2016, the total number of Tax Discs issued to the 30th September amounted to 152,461. In percentage terms the number of discs issued on-line as of this date was 68.23% thereof. A percentage of 64.51% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2015.

In addition, the Council 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 of 3,043 transactions have been carried out from the 1st of January 2016 to 30th September, 2016 at the Municipal District Offices.

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 and at the Main Reception Areas of the Civic Offices in Clonmel and Nenagh.

Heavy Goods Vehicles are now taxed on the basis of “unladen weight”. This format has now been reduced to 3 bands ranging from 3,001 kg to over 12,001 kg. The rates have been adjusted from a minimum of €420 to a maximum rate of €900.

In the financial year 2015, the Motor Taxation Department, dealt with a total of 17,105 postal applications for Motor Tax licences and these were processed in the following manner:

Issued	No. of Transactions	%
(a) On the same day	16,724	97.77
(b) On 2 nd or 3 rd Day	261	1.53
(c) On 4 th or 5 th Day	39	0.23
(d) Over 5 days	81	0.47

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This includes the hardware, software, and communications costs associated with running the business systems in the organisation, and the costs for maintaining the IT infrastructure and services that underpins these business systems. It also includes the salaries and travelling expenses of IT staff.

Provisions have been made for the following:

- contribution to the Local Government Management Agency
- fees to the Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) for the use of digital maps
- communications costs associated with linking the offices together throughout the county, and to government networks (including resilient links)
- support, maintenance and licensing costs of the Business Systems/Applications for HR, Finance, Roads, Housing, Water Services, Fire Services, Corporate, Planning, Environment, Community and Enterprise, Elected Members, and the Customer Service Desk
- costs associated with the support, maintenance, licensing and upgrade of infrastructure (data storage, servers, printers, virtual environments, UPS, storage area networks, etc.)
- costs associated with protecting the IT environment and keeping it safe and secure (anti-virus, encryption, firewalls, filtering, etc.)
- costs associated with the support, maintenance, licensing and upgrade of network communications equipment (switches, routers, etc.)
- backup, restore, disaster recovery hardware/software costs
- support , maintenance and licensing costs associated with the provision of Email, File Services, Database, and Geographical Information Systems
- provision of web sites, internet connectivity, hosting, and Wi-Fi systems and services costs.



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Tipperary County Council

SUB-SERVICE

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DIVISION

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units – includes provision for planned and response maintenance of the Council’s housing stock. The focus in 2017 is on delivering essential maintenance, and ensuring that change of tenancy repairs, including Energy Efficiency measures are completed as soon as possible.
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units – covers the cost of maintaining halting sites. A portion of the routine maintenance costs of halting sites are recoupable from the DHPCLG.
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management – provision for Senior Social Worker salary. 90% of this item is recoupable from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Also includes Supervisor costs for Halting Sites, 75% recoupable from the DHPCLG.
A0104	Estate Maintenance
A0199	Maintenance & Improvement of L/A Housing Service Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area. Also included are insurance premiums on housing stock.
A0201- A0299	Housing Assessment, Allocation Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0301	Debt Management and Rent Assessment – provision for staff salaries, and payments to An Post for the Bill Pay and Household Budget Services.
A0399	Housing Rent & Tenant Purchase Admin Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0401- A0402	Housing Estate management – includes the Sustainable Communities fund. Tenancy Management – provision for promoting Tenant Participation projects and a Tenant Award Scheme.
A0403	Social & Community Housing Service
A0499	Housing Community Development Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0501- A0502	Homeless Service – includes the cost of Homeless Services provided by Arlington Novas Ltd., 90% of these costs are recoupable from the DHPCLG. Also includes salaries of staff in the Homeless Persons Centre, communication and travel expenses.
A0599	Administration of Homeless Service Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
A0601- A0699	Technical & Administrative Support, Loan Charges

- A0701 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Operations – provision for payments to Landlords and Voluntary Bodies – these are 100% recoupable from the DHPCLG and from rents charged to tenants.
- A0702 Long Term Leasing – provision is made for the leasing of suitable properties by the local authority to meet housing needs – payments to Landlords are 100% recoupable from the DHPCLG and from rents charged to tenants.
- A0703 Payment & Availability – Voluntary Bodies Mortgage to Rent Scheme.
- A0704 Affordable Leasing
- A0799 RAS Programme Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
- A0801 Loan Interest and Other Charges – includes SDA, Shared Ownership, Reconstruction and Affordable Housing Loans. Provision is also made for payment of mortgage protection insurance on loans taken out from the County Council, which is recovered through mortgage repayments.
- A0802 Debt Management Housing Loans
- A0899 Housing Loan Support Costs
- A0901 Housing Grants – Housing Adaptation Grant, Mobility Aids Grant and Housing Aid for Older People. Provision for required matching funding of 20% to be met from the Council’s resources, subject to provision of a Capital Allocation for Housing Grants by the DHPCLG.
- A0902 Loan Charges DPG (Disabled Persons Grants).
- A0903 Essential Repairs Grants
- A0904- Other Housing Grants – Self Help Scheme. Provision for grant assistance to
A0905 LA tenants carrying out certain improvement works to their rented houses.
- A0999- Housing Grants Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating
A1199 to this service area.
- A1201 HAP Operational Costs
- A1202 HAP Agency Services – Regional Office in Limerick
- A1299 HAP Service Support Costs

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
B0101- B0199	National Primary Road Maintenance and Improvement – is 100% grant aided from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).
B0201- B0299	National Secondary Road Maintenance and Improvement – is 100% grant aided from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).
B0301- B0399	Regional Roads – Maintenance and Improvement. Funding is provided from a combination of the County Council’s own resources, Development Levies and Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The works carried out under this programme include surface dressing, road marking, road signage, surface repairs, footpath refurbishment, winter maintenance, hedge and verge trimming and emergency works.
B0401- B0499	Local Road Maintenance and Improvement – includes all other roads within the County Council’s network. Funding is provided from Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Development Levies and the County Council’s own resources. The same maintenance works as above are undertaken in this programme.
B0501- B0599	Public Lighting – (maintenance, energy consumption and improvement works) is funded from a combination of the County Council’s own resources and Transport Infrastructure Ireland Contribution. Transport Infrastructure Ireland contributes towards lighting on National Primary & National Secondary routes, the TII advise the budget at the start of year.
B0601- B0699	Traffic Management Improvement. In consultation with the elected members, to continue with the implementation of Traffic Management Plans for various towns in the county.
B0701- B0799	Road Safety Engineering Improvements – includes a number of Low Cost Safety Projects and application has been made for 100% grant funding in 2017.
B0801- B0899	Road Safety Promotion/Education – These sub-services provide funding for the School Wardens and Road Safety Promotions.
B0901- B0999	Car Parking – These sub-services provide for the enforcement of the parking bye-laws. It includes the costs relating to Traffic and Community Wardens, and maintenance of pay and display machines and cash collection contracts.
B1001- B1099	Support to Roads Capital Programme – provides for administrative support for the capital roads programme.
B1101- B1199	Road Improvement & Maintenance, Agency and recoupable Services – provides for Agency Services to other authorities.
B**99 * Note	The Overhead Subservices within the Road Services are not grant-aided, but are met from the Council’s own resources, in addition to the Own Funds provision towards the Road Programme.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
C0101	Water Treatment Plants and Networks – provides for the treatment and distribution of the public drinking water supply. Water Conservation continues to be a key priority. Drinking water for all public water supplies and group water supplies (above a certain capacity) are monitored in accordance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has confirmed that public water supplies in this county are compliant. It remains a substantial challenge to hold these levels.
C0199	Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0201	Waste Water Treatment Plants and Networks – provides for the Operation and Maintenance of public waste water schemes. Applications have been submitted to the EPA for licences (where the population equivalent exceeds 500) and certificates of authorisation (where the population equivalent is less than 500). To date 25 licences and 64 certificates of authorisation have been issued, with a further 1 application for a licence under assessment.
C0299	Operation and Maintenance Waste Water Treatment Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water - provides for the cost of the collection of the non-domestic water and waste water charges operated by Tipperary County Council and the income derived from the implementation of the charges.
C0399	Collection Water and Waste Water Charges Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating this service area.
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences.
C0499	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations – grants for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house (well grants): a recoupable budget is provided as grants paid are recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG).
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies – includes Group Water Scheme Subsidy payments, and expenditure relating to the Rural Water Programme which is fully recoupable from the DHPCLG.
C0599	Administration of Group Water Schemes/ Private Installations Support Costs – cost of support to the Rural Water Programme.

- C0601- Technical Support and Supervision to Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2014-
C0699 2017 Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this
service area.
- C0701 Agency and Recoupable Services
- C0799 Agency and Recoupable Services Support Costs – includes salary and
apportioned costs relating to this service area.
- C0801 Local Authority Water Services.
- C0802 Local Authority Sanitary Services.

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

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

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
E0101	Landfill Operations
E0102	Contribution to other Las – Landfill Facilities
E0103	Landfill aftercare Costs – Provision has been made in 2017 for legacy landfills and dumps.
E0199	Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill Support Costs – includes provision for salaries, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations – provides for the operation of the Civic Amenity Sites at Nenagh and Roscrea.
E0202	Bring Centre Operations
E0204	Other Recycling Services
E0299	Operation and Maintenance Recovery and Recycling Support Costs – includes salaries, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0403	Residual Waste Collection Services
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection
E0499	Service Support Costs
E0501	Litter Warden Service – provision for operation and equipment for one Litter Warden.
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives – provision for Environmental Enforcement Programme and for clean-up of indiscriminate dumping sites.
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services – Provision for salaries and associated costs of the Environmental Awareness Programme.
E0599	Litter Management Support Costs – includes salary, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service – Direct costs for street cleaning is included.

E0602	Provision & Improvement of Litter Bins
E0699	Street Cleaning Support Costs
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regulations
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations – provides for works to ensure compliance with enforcement of ELV sites.
E0799	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement Support Costs – includes salaries, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0801	Waste Management Plan – provision for contributions to Offaly County Council towards the cost of the National Waste Collection Permitting Authority, and waste planning, including the Midlands Waste Management Plan.
E0802	Contribution to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning
E0899	Waste Management Planning Support Costs - includes salary, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds – provides for the management, operation and maintenance of Burial Grounds. Provision for Grants to the Burial Ground Committees, loan charges, and also the Burial Ground Minor Improvement Works is also included.
E0999	Maintenance of Burial Grounds Supports Costs - includes salary, insurance, and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence – Civil Defence is a national volunteer organisation, whose aim is to recruit and train volunteers to enable the Civil Defence to give assistance to the primary emergency services i.e. Fire Service, HSE and Gardaí in the event of a major emergency/ incident and to give assistance to the local communities, other voluntary groups and charitable organisations where possible and where training standard permit.
E1002	Dangerous Buildings
E1003	Emergency Planning – Provision is made for costs associated with the Major Emergency Plan.
E1004	Derelict Sites – Provision for costs associated with the management and enforcement of the Derelict Sites Act including the investigation and inspection of derelict sites.
E1005	Water Safety Operation – Includes provision for contribution to Irish Water Safety.
E1099	Safety of Structures and Places Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.

- E1101 Operation of Fire Brigade Service – Provision is included for the operation of the direct costs of operating the fire service, this includes a sum to be used to deliver a community fire safety package to every school in the county.
- E1103 Fire Service Training - Provision is included for the provision of training in the fire service.
- E1199 Operation of Fire Service Support Costs – includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
- E1201 Fire Safety Control Cert Costs
- E1202 Fire Prevention and Education – includes a sum towards the management of health and safety and the maintenance of accreditation to the OHSAS 18001 standard.
- E1299 Fire Prevention Support Costs - includes salary and apportioned costs relating to this service area.
- E1301 Water Quality Management – provides for contribution to the Regional Laboratory in Kilkenny, expenses relating to pollution monitoring, the pollution response unit, algal bloom on Lough Derg, and the Nitrates Regulations.
- E1399 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution Support Costs – includes salaries, expenses and equipment costs relating to the Agri Bye-Laws. Also included are salaries and overhead costs relating to the service area for Water Quality, Air, and Noise Pollution
- E1401 – Agency and Recoupable Services & Support Costs – includes salaries and
E1499 apportioned costs relating to this service area.

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

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

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

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

DIVISION J**CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES**

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

Cost Pool	€
J01 - Corporate Buildings Overhead	2,780,356
J02 - Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,472,847
J03 - IT Services	2,492,281
J04 - Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	375,358
J05 - Human Resource Function	2,140,360
J06 - Finance Function Overhead	1,795,226
J07 - Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	9,660,000
J08 - Area Office Overhead	0
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	21,716,428

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

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

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
J01	Corporate Building Costs – includes maintenance costs, insurance and loan charges for the Civic Offices.
J02	General Corporate Services – includes salaries and travelling expenses for Corporate Services and Internal Audit staff, and printing, stationery, advertising, telephone and legal costs. Also includes levies demands, professional indemnity insurance and a contribution to Tipperary Energy Agency Ltd.
J03	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) – This includes the salaries and travelling expenses of Information Systems staff, the hardware, software, and communications costs associated with running the business systems in the organisation, and for maintaining the ICT infrastructure and Services that underpins these business systems.
J04	Print and Post Room Services – Postage costs including franker advances.
J05	Human Resources Function – includes salaries of Human Resources and Payroll staff, staff recruitment costs and training expenses. Also includes Health and Safety expenses
J06	Finance Function – includes salaries and travelling expenses for Finance staff in addition to bank charges, overdraft interest, stamp duty and G4S security cash collection costs.
J07	Pensions and Lump Sum Costs – includes pension payments to former staff, and a provision towards lump-sums in 2017.

The Draft Budget 2017 and statutory tables follow this report.

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

ADOPTED FORMAT OF BUDGET 2017

Tipperary County Council

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION

Summary by Service Division		Summary per Table A 2017				Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2016 (as restated)	
		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2017			
		€	€	€	%		
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income							
Housing and Building		28,436,702	28,774,899	(338,197)	-1%	(602,701)	-1%
Road Transport & Safety		39,056,268	23,263,367	15,792,901	28%	15,434,532	28%
Water Services		13,677,192	13,305,182	372,010	1%	381,776	1%
Development Management		11,342,185	3,684,343	7,657,842	14%	7,269,903	13%
Environmental Services		19,683,747	4,726,677	14,957,070	26%	14,929,711	27%
Recreation and Amenity		11,834,958	2,697,014	9,137,944	16%	7,991,232	14%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		1,308,642	622,529	686,113	1%	907,191	2%
Miscellaneous Services		13,536,905	5,308,814	8,228,091	15%	8,908,595	16%
		138,876,599	82,382,825	56,493,774	100%	55,220,239	100%
Provision for Debit Balance		0		0			
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income	(A)	138,876,599	82,382,825	56,493,774	1	55,220,239	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances							
Provision for Credit Balance			0	0			
Local Property Tax			25,951,602	25,951,602		23,320,110	
Pension Related Deduction			0	0		1,497,000	
Sub - Total	(B)			25,951,602		30,403,129	
Net Amount of Rates to be Levied	(C)=(A-B)			30,542,172			
Value of Base Year Adjustment				(47,052)			
Amount of Rates to be Levied (Gross of BYA)	(D)			30,589,224			
Net Effective Valuation	(E)			538,827			
General Annual Rate on Valuation	D/E			56.77			

Table B Expenditure & Income for 2017 and Estimated Outturn for 2016									
Division & Services		2017				2016			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Housing and Building								
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	7,726,800	7,726,800	11,998,099	11,998,099	7,256,990	7,283,906	11,413,224	11,983,255
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,326,131	1,326,131	67,102	67,102	1,190,847	1,170,723	33,800	32,922
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,383,289	1,383,289	34,493	34,493	1,468,536	1,385,182	43,813	28,501
A04	Housing Community Development Support	684,952	684,952	95,136	95,136	756,990	720,961	44,892	44,325
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	365,224	365,224	254,719	254,719	351,732	368,782	261,048	265,017
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	2,088,965	2,088,965	1,323,797	1,323,797	2,234,067	2,094,988	1,496,098	1,345,598
A07	RAS Programme	11,157,180	11,157,180	12,315,854	12,315,854	10,407,174	10,945,695	11,079,903	11,925,813
A08	Housing Loans	834,370	834,370	799,132	799,132	954,334	764,267	889,649	808,132
A09	Housing Grants	2,605,445	2,605,445	1,707,949	1,707,949	2,557,205	3,900,726	1,712,769	2,785,747
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	17,370	17,370	2,000	2,000	10,438	10,279	1,200	5,900
A12	HAP Programme	246,976	246,976	176,616	176,616	120,000	120,000	120,000	143,000
	Service Division Total	28,436,702	28,436,702	28,774,897	28,774,897	27,308,313	28,765,509	27,096,396	29,368,210
Code	Road Transport & Safety								
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	762,327	762,327	456,808	456,808	789,011	917,866	454,213	605,164
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,048,053	1,048,053	507,370	507,370	807,892	882,536	499,111	575,961
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,986,494	9,986,494	6,589,353	6,589,353	10,527,529	9,892,940	7,593,816	6,555,031
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	19,725,678	19,725,678	11,787,040	11,787,040	18,863,194	25,223,427	10,987,936	17,736,755
B05	Public Lighting	2,321,201	2,321,201	211,673	211,673	2,261,629	2,407,077	160,490	255,654
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	171,006	171,006	3,345	3,345	179,557	203,529	37,067	9,141
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	348,524	348,524	318,978	318,978	338,104	353,100	308,029	322,107
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	119,281	119,281	3,610	3,610	150,169	151,168	1,701	1,617
B09	Car Parking	2,001,653	2,001,653	3,166,673	3,166,673	1,841,744	1,849,289	3,127,187	3,173,452
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	2,456,257	2,456,257	34,518	34,518	2,512,170	2,563,833	90,648	86,161
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	115,793	115,793	184,000	184,000	531,991	582,487	175,675	271,678
	Service Division Total	39,056,267	39,056,267	23,263,368	23,263,368	38,802,990	45,027,252	23,435,873	29,592,721

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		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Division & Services		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Water Services								
C01	Water Supply	7,859,899	7,859,899	191,564	191,564	7,140,763	7,310,431	178,889	170,033
C02	Waste Water Treatment	2,768,319	2,768,319	84,428	84,428	3,454,488	2,745,892	87,939	83,585
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	732,957	732,957	20,218	20,218	1,126,335	1,049,293	21,376	20,318
C04	Public Conveniences	309,343	309,343	45,946	45,946	295,838	296,069	44,302	44,373
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations	644,772	644,772	577,544	577,544	652,118	659,454	555,961	562,277
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	939,671	939,671	938,743	938,743	885,910	950,813	899,503	763,395
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	366,174	366,174	11,421,739	11,421,739	291,894	269,488	11,711,683	11,255,683
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	56,057	56,057	25,000	25,000	28,500	25,000	28,500	25,000
	Service Division Total	13,677,192	13,677,192	13,305,182	13,305,182	13,875,846	13,306,440	13,528,153	12,924,664
Code	Development Management								
D01	Forward Planning	1,076,034	1,076,034	25,052	25,052	1,227,352	1,193,475	18,195	29,794
D02	Development Management	1,816,078	1,816,078	616,641	616,641	1,983,954	1,948,028	518,723	618,211
D03	Enforcement	1,048,333	1,048,333	37,639	37,639	1,449,987	1,400,149	66,941	46,875
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	38,804	38,804	0	0	40,250	40,329	155	147
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	522,576	522,576	28,110	28,110	458,153	473,301	29,161	37,619
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	2,125,958	2,125,958	1,216,975	1,216,975	1,979,987	2,086,074	1,056,518	1,230,330
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates	528,335	528,335	10,583	10,583	225,495	225,431	340	323
D08	Building Control	171,431	171,431	42,589	42,589	169,870	167,718	45,538	47,017
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	2,889,205	2,889,205	1,304,167	1,304,167	2,256,139	2,757,234	1,144,512	1,605,304
D10	Property Management	559,900	559,900	127,471	127,471	410,920	401,947	106,000	107,983
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	519,592	519,592	245,117	245,117	555,015	484,524	261,909	210,485
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	45,938	45,938	30,000	30,000	61,849	61,720	35,817	35,941
	Service Division Total	11,342,184	11,342,184	3,684,344	3,684,344	10,818,971	11,239,930	3,283,809	3,970,029

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		2017				2016			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Division & Services		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Environmental Services								
Code									
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	1,759,246	1,759,246	268,608	268,608	1,590,550	2,190,594	266,861	279,729
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	1,183,291	1,183,291	423,449	423,449	1,054,663	1,061,782	465,811	407,437
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	14,960	14,960	0	0	273,566	257,286	2,544	2,519
E05	Litter Management	1,222,399	1,222,399	297,882	297,882	1,111,575	1,174,531	303,479	305,756
E06	Street Cleaning	1,671,222	1,671,222	38,087	38,087	1,641,182	1,639,232	14,705	13,977
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	659,513	659,513	51,967	51,967	583,732	463,961	42,371	40,833
E08	Waste Management Planning	184,503	184,503	40,137	40,137	270,135	289,789	6,363	52,204
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,577,912	1,577,912	379,221	379,221	1,490,496	1,475,063	326,778	335,948
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	576,118	576,118	182,073	182,073	680,995	652,490	199,272	197,823
E11	Operation of Fire Service	7,212,472	7,212,472	509,251	509,251	6,978,338	6,975,968	573,903	516,928
E12	Fire Prevention	507,442	507,442	121,737	121,737	476,553	467,323	118,281	117,722
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	523,801	523,801	47,428	47,428	715,783	626,227	69,313	77,140
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,590,868	2,590,868	2,366,837	2,366,837	1,800,348	661,671	1,744,111	658,189
	Service Division Total	19,683,747	19,683,747	4,726,677	4,726,677	18,667,916	17,935,917	4,133,792	3,006,205
	Recreation & Amenity								
Code									
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	2,354,155	2,354,155	1,095,187	1,095,187	2,189,899	2,321,500	1,057,190	1,057,336
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	4,090,588	4,090,588	227,133	227,133	3,033,088	3,034,235	133,792	133,436
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,493,819	2,493,819	45,439	45,439	2,297,506	2,302,534	58,781	53,970
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	683,054	683,054	327,627	327,627	741,116	752,759	385,741	415,467
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	1,362,405	1,362,405	174,618	174,618	1,238,225	1,257,003	199,416	222,597
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	850,937	850,937	827,009	827,009	953,307	671,586	757,075	465,578
	Service Division Total	11,834,958	11,834,958	2,697,013	2,697,013	10,453,141	10,339,617	2,591,995	2,348,384

		Table B Expenditure & Income for 2017 and Estimated Outturn for 2016							
		2017				2016			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Division & Services		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G01	Land Drainage Costs	184,030	184,030	11,113	11,113	171,802	182,026	10,680	10,670
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G03	Coastal Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G04	Veterinary Service	1,006,420	1,006,420	587,691	587,691	1,208,222	1,050,219	736,149	574,223
G05	Educational Support Services	100,253	100,253	23,725	23,725	620,216	367,726	361,341	124,749
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	17,941	17,941	0	0	11,777	16,862	0	0
	Service Division Total	1,308,644	1,308,644	622,529	622,529	2,012,017	1,616,833	1,108,170	709,642
Code	Miscellaneous Services								
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	70,576	70,576	97,589	97,589	322,597	337,099	116,405	110,643
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	204,402	204,402	8,624	8,624	210,077	211,033	5,142	4,888
H03	Adminstration of Rates	5,132,061	5,132,061	175,509	175,509	5,096,389	5,840,117	115,086	26,339
H04	Franchise Costs	213,817	213,817	1,708	1,708	252,594	240,491	3,444	3,274
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	284,732	284,732	0	0	299,889	326,805	2,404	2,285
H06	Weighbridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	20,939	20,939	27,295	27,295	12,288	12,257	27,127	27,040
H08	Malicious Damage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,741,027	2,741,027	15,686	15,686	3,000,946	2,901,025	5,906	9,493
H10	Motor Taxation	1,573,895	1,573,895	83,148	83,148	1,613,536	1,583,320	49,372	86,928
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,295,457	3,295,457	4,899,257	4,899,257	2,997,506	3,262,631	4,982,656	5,535,294
	Service Division Total	13,536,906	13,536,906	5,308,816	5,308,816	13,805,822	14,714,778	5,307,542	5,806,184
	OVERALL TOTAL	138,876,600	138,876,600	82,382,826	82,382,826	135,745,016	142,946,276	80,485,730	87,726,039

Table C - CALCULATION OF BASE YEAR ADJUSTMENT

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
Rating authority	Annual Rate on Valuation 2017	Effective ARV (Net of BYA) 2017	Base Year Adjustment 2017	Net Effective Valuation	Value of Base Year Adjustment
			(ii)-(i)		(iii)*(iv)
	€	€	€	€	€
Tipperary County Council	56.77				
Former rating authority areas					
North Tipperary County Council		56.77	0.00	120,077	-
Nenagh Town Council		56.23	-0.54	58,313	- 31,489
Thurles Town Council		56.77	0.00	40,230	-
Templemore Town Council		55.34	-1.43	8,268	- 11,823
South Tipperary County Council		56.77	0.00	154,630	-
Carrick-on-Suir Town Council		53.88	-2.89	17,959	- 51,902
Cashel Town Council		57.16	0.39	13,707	5,346
Clonmel Borough Council		57.80	1.03	99,481	102,465
Tipperary Town Council		54.49	-2.28	26,162	- 59,649
TOTAL				538,827	- 47,052

Table D	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2017 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	2017 €
Rents from Houses	14,016,379
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	454,155
Parking Fines/Charges	3,137,940
Irish Water	12,323,102
Planning Fees	562,000
Sale/leasing of other property / Industrial Sites	126,060
Domestic Refuse	0
Commercial Refuse	0
Landfill Charges	60,000
Fire Charges	421,000
Recreation / Amenity / Culture	1,046,160
Library Fees/Fines	87,000
Agency Services & Repayable Works	421,320
Local Authority Contributions	2,752,579
Superannuation	2,000,000
NPPR	300,000
Misc. (Detail)	6,662,113
TOTAL	44,369,808

Table E	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2017 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	
	2017 €
Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government	
Housing and Building	13,048,357
Road Transport & Safety	0
Water Services	597,472
Development Management	285,000
Environmental Services	1,005,474
Recreation and Amenity	0
Agriculture, Food & the Marine	0
Miscellaneous Services	1,152,133
LPT Self Funding	0
	16,088,436
Other Departments and Bodies	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	17,331,907
Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	20,000
DTO	0
Social Protection	793,841
Defence	170,000
Education and Skills	13,859
Library Council	0
Arts Council	120,000
Transport Tourism & Sport	0
Justice and Equality	92,988
Agriculture Food & the Marine	0
Non-Dept HFA and BMW	0
Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation	1,240,750
Other	2,141,236
	21,924,581
Total Grants & Subsidies	38,013,017

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

HOUSING AND BUILDING

		2017		2016	
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	4,213,033	4,213,033	4,260,258	4,373,754
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	121,033	121,033	115,008	97,533
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management	295,201	295,201	318,465	245,545
A0104	Estate Maintenance	0	0	0	0
A0199	Service Support Costs	3,097,533	3,097,533	2,563,259	2,567,074
Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing		7,726,800	7,726,800	7,256,990	7,283,906
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	807,561	807,561	796,913	780,955
A0299	Service Support Costs	518,570	518,570	393,934	389,768
Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer		1,326,131	1,326,131	1,190,847	1,170,723
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	892,651	892,651	941,481	874,808
A0399	Service Support Costs	490,638	490,638	527,055	510,374
Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		1,383,289	1,383,289	1,468,536	1,385,182
A0401	Housing Estate Management	144,468	144,468	142,670	142,670
A0402	Tenancy Management	347,858	347,858	358,081	323,236
A0403	Social and Community Housing Service	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
A0499	Service Support Costs	189,626	189,626	253,239	252,055
Housing Community Development Support		684,952	684,952	756,990	720,961
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	169,172	169,172	167,369	176,172
A0502	Homeless Service	112,967	112,967	110,108	96,386
A0599	Service Support Costs	83,085	83,085	74,255	96,224
Administration of Homeless Service		365,224	365,224	351,732	368,782
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support	673,422	673,422	653,402	706,081
A0602	Loan Charges	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,211,764	1,019,500
A0699	Service Support Costs	365,543	365,543	368,901	369,407
Support to Housing Capital Prog.		2,088,965	2,088,965	2,234,067	2,094,988
A0701	RAS Operations	8,291,112	8,291,112	7,860,512	8,113,131
A0702	Long Term Leasing	2,299,893	2,299,893	1,964,956	2,301,916
A0703	Payment & Availability	80,300	80,300	100,300	58,053
A0704	Affordable Leases	65,000	65,000	65,000	60,770
A0799	Service Support Costs	420,875	420,875	416,406	411,824
RAS and Leasing Programme		11,157,180	11,157,180	10,407,174	10,945,694

HOUSING AND BUILDING

		2017		2016	
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0801	Loan Interest and Other Charges	539,355	539,355	645,837	488,695
A0802	Debt Management Housing Loans	157,084	157,084	177,846	146,217
A0899	Service Support Costs	137,931	137,931	130,651	129,355
	Housing Loans	834,370	834,370	954,334	764,267
A0901	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	1,237,425	1,237,425	1,235,425	2,579,564
A0902	Loan Charges DPG/ERG	2,750	2,750	2,742	2,723
A0903	Essential Repair Grants	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
A0904	Other Housing Grant Payments	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
A0905	Mobility Aids Housing Grants	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
A0999	Service Support Costs	396,270	396,270	350,039	349,439
	Housing Grants	2,605,445	2,605,445	2,557,206	3,900,726
A1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
A1199	Service Support Costs	17,370	17,370	10,438	10,279
	Agency & Recoupable Services	17,370	17,370	10,438	10,279
A1201	HAP Operations	151,416	151,416	120,000	120,000
A1299	Service Support Costs	95,560	95,560	0	0
	HAP Programme	246,976	246,976	120,000	120,000
	Service Division Total	28,436,702	28,436,702	27,308,314	28,765,508

HOUSING AND BUILDING				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	13,048,357	13,048,357	12,367,880	14,162,581
Other	0	0	0	0
LPT Self Funding	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	13,048,357	13,048,357	12,367,880	14,162,581
Goods and Services				
Rents from Houses	14,016,379	14,016,379	13,020,700	13,740,455
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	454,155	454,155	537,150	453,922
Superannuation	264,128	264,128	240,986	229,056
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	52,380	52,380	52,200	38,966
Other Income	939,500	939,500	877,481	743,231
Total Goods and Services (b)	15,726,542	15,726,542	14,728,517	15,205,630
Total Income c=(a+b)	28,774,899	28,774,899	27,096,397	29,368,211

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0102	NP – Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	0	0	0	0
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	308,742	308,742	274,321	427,742
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	0	0	0	0
B0199	Service Support Costs	323,585	323,585	384,690	360,124
National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		762,327	762,327	789,011	917,866
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0202	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	0	0	0	0
B0203	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	0	0	0	0
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
B0205	NS – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	336,080	336,080	329,772	407,580
B0207	NS – General Improvement Works	0	0	0	0
B0299	Service Support Costs	561,973	561,973	328,120	324,956
National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		1,048,053	1,048,053	807,892	882,536
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	962,715	962,715	1,029,769	962,715
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	1,846,804	1,846,804	2,354,633	1,846,804
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	0	0	127,325	0
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	4,938,907	4,938,907	5,123,454	5,038,907
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	345,000	345,000	67,427	245,000
B0399	Service Support Costs	1,893,068	1,893,068	1,824,921	1,799,514
Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance		9,986,494	9,986,494	10,527,529	9,892,940
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	1,459,165	1,459,165	1,392,111	1,459,165
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	6,357,332	6,357,332	5,850,568	6,357,332
B0403	Local Roads Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	0	0	418,000	25,736
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	6,202,348	6,202,348	5,946,679	12,255,639
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	1,997,292	1,997,292	2,153,335	1,997,292
B0499	Service Support Costs	3,709,541	3,709,541	3,102,501	3,128,263
Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		19,725,678	19,725,678	18,863,194	25,223,427
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	2,146,742	2,146,742	2,097,415	2,242,642
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	0	0	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	174,459	174,459	164,214	164,435
Public Lighting		2,321,201	2,321,201	2,261,629	2,407,077

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0601	Traffic Management	0	0	0	0
B0602	Traffic Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0603	Traffic Improvement Measures	51,225	51,225	27,450	51,225
B0699	Service Support Costs	119,781	119,781	152,107	152,304
	Traffic Management Improvement	171,006	171,006	179,557	203,529
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures	314,000	314,000	299,500	314,000
B0702	Other Engineering Improvements	0	0	0	0
B0799	Service Support Costs	34,524	34,524	38,604	39,100
	Road Safety Engineering Improvements	348,524	348,524	338,104	353,100
B0801	School Wardens	78,450	78,450	75,340	75,340
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	18,079	18,079	18,079	18,079
B0899	Service Support Costs	22,752	22,752	56,750	57,749
	Road Safety Promotion/Education	119,281	119,281	150,169	151,168
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	514,347	514,347	517,683	502,510
B0902	Operation of Street Parking	272,461	272,461	252,157	269,956
B0903	Parking Enforcement	612,129	612,129	636,777	590,971
B0999	Service Support Costs	602,716	602,716	435,127	485,852
	Car Parking	2,001,653	2,001,653	1,841,744	1,849,289
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme	215,967	215,967	212,337	207,000
B1099	Service Support Costs	2,240,290	2,240,290	2,299,833	2,356,833
	Support to Roads Capital Programme	2,456,257	2,456,257	2,512,170	2,563,833
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	89,000	89,000	45,000	89,000
B1199	Service Support Costs	26,793	26,793	486,991	493,487
	Agency & Recoupable Services	115,793	115,793	531,991	582,487
	Service Division Total	39,056,267	39,056,267	38,802,990	45,027,252

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	0	0	0	0
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	17,331,907	17,331,907	17,467,315	23,547,334
Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	0	0	0	0
DTO	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
LPT Self Funding	0	0	0	0
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	17,331,907	17,331,907	17,467,315	23,547,334
Goods and Services				
Parking Fines & Charges	3,137,940	3,137,940	3,119,925	3,166,549
Superannuation	518,520	518,520	528,634	502,464
Agency Services & Repayable Works	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	2,270,000	2,270,000	2,320,000	2,371,373
Total Goods and Services (b)	5,931,460	5,931,460	5,968,559	6,045,386
Total Income c=(a+b)	23,263,367	23,263,367	23,435,874	29,592,720

WATER SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
C0101	Water Plants & Networks	5,496,730	5,496,730	4,714,909	4,840,300
C0199	Service Support Costs	2,363,169	2,363,169	2,425,854	2,470,131
	Water Supply	7,859,899	7,859,899	7,140,763	7,310,431
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	1,394,839	1,394,839	1,953,239	1,300,000
C0299	Service Support Costs	1,373,480	1,373,480	1,501,249	1,445,892
	Waste Water Treatment	2,768,319	2,768,319	3,454,488	2,745,892
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water	458,731	458,731	666,068	585,300
C0399	Service Support Costs	274,226	274,226	460,267	463,993
	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	732,957	732,957	1,126,335	1,049,293
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	284,154	284,154	280,300	280,314
C0499	Service Support Costs	25,189	25,189	15,538	15,755
	Public Conveniences	309,343	309,343	295,838	296,069
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations	86,080	86,080	80,000	82,254
C0502	Grants for Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0503	Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies	344,392	344,392	330,000	330,000
C0599	Service Support Costs	214,300	214,300	242,118	247,200
	Admin of Group and Private Installations	644,772	644,772	652,118	659,454
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision	658,175	658,175	490,976	553,400
C0699	Service Support Costs	281,496	281,496	394,934	397,413
	Support to Water Capital Programme	939,671	939,671	885,910	950,813
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	151,776	151,776	172,954	151,000
C0799	Service Support Costs	214,398	214,398	118,940	118,488
	Agency & Recoupable Services	366,174	366,174	291,894	269,488
C0801	Local Authority Water Services	25,000	25,000	28,500	25,000
C0802	Local Authority Sanitary Services	30,000	30,000	0	0
C0899	Service Support Costs	1,057	1,057	0	0
	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	56,057	56,057	28,500	25,000
	Service Division Total	13,677,192	13,677,192	13,875,846	13,306,440

WATER SERVICES				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	597,472	597,472	565,500	569,254
Other	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	636,472	636,472	604,500	608,254
Goods and Services				
Irish Water	12,323,102	12,323,102	12,580,593	11,990,000
Superannuation	341,908	341,908	339,360	322,560
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,850
Total Goods and Services (b)	12,668,710	12,668,710	12,923,653	12,316,410
Total Income c=(a+b)	13,305,182	13,305,182	13,528,153	12,924,664

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy	790,714	790,714	890,007	855,600
D0199	Service Support Costs	285,320	285,320	337,345	337,875
	Forward Planning	1,076,034	1,076,034	1,227,352	1,193,475
D0201	Planning Control	1,124,844	1,124,844	970,070	958,432
D0299	Service Support Costs	691,234	691,234	1,013,884	989,596
	Development Management	1,816,078	1,816,078	1,983,954	1,948,028
D0301	Enforcement Costs	740,659	740,659	909,564	863,335
D0399	Service Support Costs	307,674	307,674	540,423	536,814
	Enforcement	1,048,333	1,048,333	1,449,987	1,400,149
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations	0	0	11,529	11,529
D0403	Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	0	0	0	0
D0404	General Development Promotion Work	37,000	37,000	17,000	17,000
D0499	Service Support Costs	1,804	1,804	11,721	11,800
	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	38,804	38,804	40,250	40,329
D0501	Tourism Promotion	276,438	276,438	306,671	324,162
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
D0599	Service Support Costs	246,138	246,138	151,482	149,139
	Tourism Development and Promotion	522,576	522,576	458,153	473,301
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	701,358	701,358	516,130	501,891
D0602	RAPID Costs	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
D0603	Social Inclusion	1,130,450	1,130,450	1,008,000	1,130,450
D0699	Service Support Costs	258,150	258,150	419,857	417,733
	Community and Enterprise Function	2,125,958	2,125,958	1,979,987	2,086,074
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates	395,733	395,733	190,346	190,346
D0799	Service Support Costs	132,602	132,602	35,149	35,085
	Unfinished Housing Estates	528,335	528,335	225,495	225,431

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0801	Building Control Inspection Costs	0	0	0	0
D0802	Building Control Enforcement Costs	0	0	0	0
D0899	Service Support Costs	171,431	171,431	169,870	167,718
Building Control		171,431	171,431	169,870	167,718
D0901	Urban and Village Renewal	0	0	0	0
D0902	EU Projects	0	0	0	0
D0903	Town Twinning	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
D0904	European Office	0	0	0	0
D0905	Economic Development & Promotion	660,653	660,653	734,643	1,209,045
D0906	Local Enterprise Office	1,544,916	1,544,916	1,122,147	1,228,825
D0999	Service Support Costs	662,636	662,636	378,349	298,364
Economic Development and Promotion		2,889,205	2,889,205	2,256,139	2,757,234
D1001	Property Management Costs	482,351	482,351	409,648	400,695
D1099	Service Support Costs	77,549	77,549	1,272	1,252
Property Management		559,900	559,900	410,920	401,947
D1101	Heritage Services	216,499	216,499	233,589	313,100
D1102	Conservation Services	0	0	0	0
D1103	Conservation Grants	225,000	225,000	225,000	75,000
D1199	Service Support Costs	78,093	78,093	96,426	96,424
Heritage and Conservation Services		519,592	519,592	555,015	484,524
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
D1299	Service Support Costs	25,938	25,938	41,849	41,720
Agency & Recoupable Services		45,938	45,938	61,849	61,720
Service Division Total		11,342,184	11,342,184	10,818,971	11,239,930

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	285,000	285,000	220,000	486,576
Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	20,000	20,000	20,000	21,421
Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation	1,240,750	1,240,750	1,122,147	1,166,741
Other	1,169,800	1,169,800	1,075,000	1,338,367
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	2,715,550	2,715,550	2,437,147	3,013,105
Goods and Services				
Planning Fees	562,000	562,000	439,065	547,578
Sale/Leasing of other property/Industrial Sites	121,000	121,000	106,000	72,333
Superannuation	181,293	181,293	198,364	188,544
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	16,000	16,000	0	16,000
Other income	88,500	88,500	103,232	132,468
Total Goods and Services (b)	968,793	968,793	846,661	956,923
Total Income c=(a+b)	3,684,343	3,684,343	3,283,808	3,970,028

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations	987,080	987,080	988,380	1,594,648
E0102	Contribution to other LA's - Landfill Facilities	0	0	0	0
E0103	Landfill Aftercare Costs.	38,500	38,500	38,500	31,500
E0199	Service Support Costs	733,666	733,666	563,670	564,446
Landfill Operation and Aftercare		1,759,246	1,759,246	1,590,550	2,190,594
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	912,663	912,663	862,830	881,881
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	12,500	12,500	10,150	10,150
E0204	Other Recycling Services	0	0	1,800	0
E0299	Service Support Costs	258,128	258,128	179,883	169,751
Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations		1,183,291	1,183,291	1,054,663	1,061,782
E0301	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Waste to Energy Facilities Operations		0	0	0	0
E0401	Recycling Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0402	Organic Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0403	Residual Waste Collection Services	0	0	11,900	0
E0404	Commercial Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0406	Contribution to Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection	10,000	10,000	12,000	10,000
E0499	Service Support Costs	4,960	4,960	249,666	247,286
Provision of Waste to Collection Services		14,960	14,960	273,566	257,286
E0501	Litter Warden Service	514,120	514,120	444,068	568,167
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	269,194	269,194	240,694	221,962
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	38,125	38,125	61,065	38,125
E0599	Service Support Costs	400,960	400,960	365,748	346,277
Litter Management		1,222,399	1,222,399	1,111,575	1,174,531
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	1,411,670	1,411,670	1,412,288	1,407,444
E0602	Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
E0699	Service Support Costs	254,552	254,552	223,894	226,788
Street Cleaning		1,671,222	1,671,222	1,641,182	1,639,232
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	402,838	402,838	378,751	350,000
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	50,000	50,000	100,000	10,000
E0799	Service Support Costs	206,675	206,675	104,981	103,961
Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		659,513	659,513	583,732	463,961

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0801	Waste Management Plan	55,727	55,727	74,510	72,058
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	80,540	80,540	79,740	102,395
E0899	Service Support Costs	48,236	48,236	115,885	115,336
	Waste Management Planning	184,503	184,503	270,135	289,789
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,096,212	1,096,212	1,110,882	1,095,245
E0999	Service Support Costs	481,700	481,700	379,614	379,818
	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	1,577,912	1,577,912	1,490,496	1,475,063
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	263,767	263,767	310,000	278,455
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	13,000	13,000	16,240	13,500
E1003	Emergency Planning	10,948	10,948	10,948	10,948
E1004	Derelict Sites	112,938	112,938	114,508	124,404
E1005	Water Safety Operation	25,675	25,675	25,675	21,522
E1099	Service Support Costs	149,790	149,790	203,624	203,662
	Safety of Structures and Places	576,118	576,118	680,995	652,491
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	4,755,520	4,755,520	4,743,818	4,746,049
E1103	Fire Services Training	683,575	683,575	686,394	682,479
E1104	Operation of Ambulance Service	0	0	0	0
E1199	Service Support Costs	1,773,377	1,773,377	1,548,126	1,547,440
	Operation of Fire Service	7,212,472	7,212,472	6,978,338	6,975,968
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	0	0	0	0
E1202	Fire Prevention and Education	47,061	47,061	47,061	47,061
E1203	Inspection/Monitoring of Commercial Facilities	0	0	0	0
E1299	Service Support Costs	460,381	460,381	429,492	420,262
	Fire Prevention	507,442	507,442	476,553	467,323
E1301	Water Quality Management	388,880	388,880	257,945	180,155
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	0	0	0	0
E1399	Service Support Costs	134,921	134,921	457,838	446,072
	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	523,801	523,801	715,783	626,227
E1401	Agency & Recoupable Service	2,343,089	2,343,089	1,796,050	657,427
E1499	Service Support Costs	247,779	247,779	4,298	4,244
	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,590,868	2,590,868	1,800,348	661,671
	Service Division Total	19,683,747	19,683,747	18,667,916	17,935,918

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	1,005,474	1,005,474	474,705	369,467
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Defence	170,000	170,000	160,000	170,000
Other	110,724	110,724	0	110,724
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,286,198	1,286,198	634,705	650,191
Goods and Services				
Domestic Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Commercial Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Landfill Charges	60,000	60,000	44,000	58,000
Fire Charges	396,000	396,000	451,000	396,000
Superannuation	228,159	228,159	232,098	220,608
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	1,701,199	1,701,199	1,770,000	660,994
Other income	1,055,121	1,055,121	1,001,990	1,020,412
Total Goods and Services (b)	3,440,479	3,440,479	3,499,088	2,356,014
Total Income c=(a+b)	4,726,677	4,726,677	4,133,793	3,006,205

RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	1,722,865	1,722,865	1,679,250	1,756,760
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	235,000	235,000	210,000	257,000
F0199	Service Support Costs	396,290	396,290	300,649	307,740
	Leisure Facilities Operations	2,354,155	2,354,155	2,189,899	2,321,500
F0201	Library Service Operations	2,900,500	2,900,500	2,741,481	2,747,000
F0202	Archive Service	79,271	79,271	50,000	50,000
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	0	0	0	0
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	0	0	0	0
F0299	Service Support Costs	1,110,817	1,110,817	241,607	237,235
	Operation of Library and Archival Service	4,090,588	4,090,588	3,033,088	3,034,235
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	1,939,299	1,939,299	1,879,048	1,890,550
F0302	Playgrounds	41,950	41,950	41,950	41,950
F0303	Beaches	0	0	0	0
F0399	Service Support Costs	512,570	512,570	376,508	370,034
	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,493,819	2,493,819	2,297,506	2,302,534
F0401	Community Grants	76,790	76,790	66,790	65,500
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	13,019	13,019	13,019	13,019
F0403	Community Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0404	Recreational Development	404,955	404,955	440,038	482,977
F0499	Service Support Costs	188,290	188,290	221,269	191,263
	Community Sport and Recreational Development	683,054	683,054	741,116	752,759
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	338,823	338,823	281,520	281,520
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	444,008	444,008	444,008	442,853
F0503	Museums Operations	339,122	339,122	305,000	323,850
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	18,600	18,600	18,600	18,600
F0599	Service Support Costs	186,852	186,852	154,097	155,180
	Operation of Arts Programme	1,362,405	1,362,405	1,238,225	1,257,003
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	825,091	825,091	740,000	449,356
F0699	Service Support Costs	25,846	25,846	213,307	222,230
	Agency & Recoupable Services	850,937	850,937	953,307	671,586
	Service Division Total	11,834,958	11,834,958	10,453,141	10,339,617

RECREATION & AMENITY				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	0	0	0	0
Education and Skills	0	0	0	0
Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	793,841	793,841	700,000	423,348
Library Council	0	0	0	0
Arts Council	120,000	120,000	120,000	119,133
Other	347,250	347,250	400,000	392,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,261,091	1,261,091	1,220,000	934,481
Goods and Services				
Library Fees/Fines	87,000	87,000	87,000	87,000
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	1,046,160	1,046,160	1,045,432	1,072,160
Superannuation	217,303	217,303	151,904	144,384
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	85,460	85,460	87,660	110,360
Total Goods and Services (b)	1,435,923	1,435,923	1,371,996	1,413,904
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,697,014	2,697,014	2,591,996	2,348,385

AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2017		2016	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	134,238	134,238	124,041	134,238
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
G0199	Service Support Costs	5,792	5,792	3,761	3,788
	Land Drainage Costs	184,030	184,030	171,802	182,026
G0201	Operation of Piers	0	0	0	0
G0203	Operation of Harbours	0	0	0	0
G0299	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	0	0	0	0
G0301	General Maintenance - Costal Regions	0	0	0	0
G0302	Planned Protection of Coastal Regions	0	0	0	0
G0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	Coastal Protection	0	0	0	0
G0401	Provision of Veterinary Service	0	0	150,000	91,500
G0402	Inspection of Abattoirs etc	366,000	366,000	344,165	283,000
G0403	Food Safety	0	0	0	0
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	228,707	228,707	194,305	194,305
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	182,702	182,702	238,592	198,592
G0499	Service Support Costs	229,011	229,011	281,160	282,822
	Veterinary Service	1,006,420	1,006,420	1,208,222	1,050,219
G0501	Payment of Higher Education Grants	50,000	50,000	365,000	120,000
G0502	Administration Higher Education Grants	16,107	16,107	9,369	9,369
G0505	Contribution to Education & Training Board	0	0	24,830	24,830
G0506	Other Educational Services	2,000	2,000	3,000	0
G0507	School Meals	10,000	10,000	12,400	10,000
G0599	Service Support Costs	22,146	22,146	205,617	203,527
	Educational Support Services	100,253	100,253	620,216	367,726

AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

		2017		2016	
<u>Code</u>	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
G0699	Service Support Costs	17,941	17,941	11,777	16,862
	Agency & Recoupable Services	17,941	17,941	11,777	16,862
	Service Division Total	1,308,644	1,308,644	2,012,017	1,616,833

AGRICULTURE , EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	0	0	0	0
Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	0	0	0	0
Education and Skills	13,859	13,859	325,000	85,389
Transport Tourism & Sport	0	0	0	0
Other	429,462	429,462	604,862	437,962
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	443,321	443,321	929,862	523,351
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	22,108	22,108	41,208	39,168
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	157,100	157,100	137,100	147,122
Total Goods and Services (b)	179,208	179,208	178,308	186,290
Total Income c=(a+b)	622,529	622,529	1,108,170	709,641

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

		2017		2016	
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0101	Maintenance of Machinery Service	0	0	0	0
H0102	Plant and Machinery Operations	(600,000)	(600,000)	(450,000)	(450,000)
H0199	Service Support Costs	670,576	670,576	772,597	787,099
Profit/Loss Machinery Account		70,576	70,576	322,597	337,099
H0201	Purchase of Materials, Stores	0	0	0	0
H0202	Administrative Costs Stores	63,550	63,550	63,550	66,792
H0203	Upkeep of Buildings, Stores	78,516	78,516	78,516	75,274
H0299	Service Support Costs	62,336	62,336	68,011	68,967
Profit/Loss Stores Account		204,402	204,402	210,077	211,033
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	352,426	352,426	241,971	243,100
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	256,386	256,386	240,033	240,033
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	4,104,000	4,104,000	4,178,265	4,931,632
H0399	Service Support Costs	419,249	419,249	436,120	425,352
Administration of Rates		5,132,061	5,132,061	5,096,389	5,840,117
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	110,518	110,518	101,909	91,849
H0402	Local Election Costs	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
H0499	Service Support Costs	33,299	33,299	80,685	78,642
Franchise Costs		213,817	213,817	252,594	240,491
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	279,834	279,834	279,357	306,376
H0502	Operation of Morgue	0	0	0	0
H0599	Service Support Costs	4,898	4,898	20,532	20,429
Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses		284,732	284,732	299,889	326,805
H0601	Weighbridge Operations	0	0	0	0
H0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Weighbridges		0	0	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

		2017		2016	
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0701	Operation of Markets	0	0	0	0
H0702	Casual Trading Areas	10,336	10,336	10,263	10,263
H0799	Service Support Costs	10,603	10,603	2,025	1,994
Operation of Markets and Casual Trading		20,939	20,939	12,288	12,257
H0801	Malicious Damage	0	0	0	0
H0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
Malicious Damage		0	0	0	0
H0901	Representational Payments	680,000	680,000	680,000	680,000
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	82,000	82,000	82,000	82,000
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	300,000	300,000	300,000	287,850
H0904	Expenses LA Members	254,000	254,000	278,713	237,500
H0905	Other Expenses	111,000	111,000	118,343	81,000
H0906	Conferences Abroad	30,000	30,000	10,000	13,099
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	16,400	16,400	16,000	16,400
H0909	General Municipal Allocation	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
H0999	Service Support Costs	647,627	647,627	895,890	883,177
Local Representation/Civic Leadership		2,741,027	2,741,027	3,000,946	2,901,026
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	972,612	972,612	974,216	945,800
H1099	Service Support Costs	601,283	601,283	639,320	637,520
Motor Taxation		1,573,895	1,573,895	1,613,536	1,583,320
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	2,590,703	2,590,703	2,238,380	2,488,342
H1102	NPPR	112,701	112,701	91,580	103,238
H1199	Service Support Costs	592,053	592,053	667,546	671,051
Agency & Recoupable Services		3,295,457	3,295,457	2,997,506	3,262,631
Service Division Total		13,536,906	13,536,906	13,805,822	14,714,779

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
	2017		2016	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government	1,152,133	1,152,133	1,350,000	1,769,971
Agriculture, Food & the Marine	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Justice and Equality	92,988	92,988	92,988	92,988
Non-Dept HFA and BMW	0	0	0	0
Other	45,000	45,000	0	40,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	1,290,121	1,290,121	1,442,988	1,902,959
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	226,581	226,581	287,446	273,216
Agency Services & Repayable Works	416,320	416,320	480,337	425,260
Local Authority Contributions	983,000	983,000	1,086,126	985,078
NPPR	300,000	300,000	250,000	600,000
Other income	2,092,792	2,092,792	1,760,646	1,619,670
Total Goods and Services (b)	4,018,693	4,018,693	3,864,555	3,903,224
Total Income c=(a+b)	5,308,814	5,308,814	5,307,543	5,806,183

APPENDIX 1	
Summary of Central Management Charge	
	2017 €
Area Office Overhead	0
Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,472,847
Corporate Buildings Overhead	2,780,356
Finance Function Overhead	1,795,226
Human Resource Function	2,140,360
IT Services	2,492,281
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	375,358
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	9,660,000
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	21,716,428

APPENDIX 2

Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation

			2017 €
Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)			25,951,602
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget (Table E)			
	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
			0
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget			25,951,602
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget			
	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
			0
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget			0
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)			25,951,602



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

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It was proposed by: Cllr. Roger Kennedy

Seconded by: Cllr. Mary Hume Hourigan

AND RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Section 103 (7) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and having regard to the Local Government (Financial & Audit Procedure) Regulations 2014 and the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations,

- a) the Draft budget for the financial year ending 31st December 2017 as presented and as set out in Tables A, B and C, as amended be and is hereby adopted, and*
- b) subject to the Section 10 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1978, determine in accordance with the Local Authority Budget as so adopted, the Annual Rate on Valuation (AVR) to be levied at **€56.77** and*
- c) where appropriate, have regard to the base year adjustment determined in accordance with Section 29 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 as set out on Table C attached.*

Signed: Siobhán Ambrose
Cllr Siobhan Ambrose
Cathaoirleach
Tipperary County Council.



Table C - CALCULATION OF BASE YEAR ADJUSTMENT

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
Rating authority	Annual Rate on Valuation 2017	Effective ARV (Net of BYA) 2017	Base Year Adjustment 2017	Net Effective Valuation	Value of Base Year Adjustment
			(ii)-(i)		(iii)*(iv)
	€	€	€	€	€
Name of rating authority	56.77				
Former rating authority areas					
North Tipperary County Council		56.77	0.00	120,077	0
Nenagh Town Council		56.23	-0.54	58,313	-31,489
Thurles Town Council		56.77	0.00	40,230	0
Templemore Town Council		55.34	-1.43	8,268	-11,823
South Tipperary County Council		56.77	0.00	154,630	0
Carrick on Suir Town Council		53.88	-2.89	17,959	-51,902
Cashel Town Council		57.16	0.39	13,707	5,346
Clonmel Borough Council		57.80	1.03	99,481	102,465
Tipperary Town Council		54.49	-2.28	26,162	-59,649
TOTAL				538,827	-47,052



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It was proposed by: Colk. Roger Kennedy

Seconded by: Colk. Mary Anne Bourke

AND RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Section 14 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 31 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Tipperary County Council hereby determines that the rate of refund to apply in respect of the relevant Local Electoral Areas shall be as set out in the Table below and shall apply to eligible persons for 2017:

Local Electoral Area	% Refund to apply
Clonmel Borough District	100
Nenagh Municipal District	100
Templemore-Thurles Municipal District	100
Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District	100
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District	100

Signed: Siobhán Ambrose
CLlr Siobhan Ambrose
Cathaoirleach
Tipperary County Council.