



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
Tipperary County Council



## **ADOPTED BUDGET 2023**

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**Chief Executive**





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# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**



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15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**To: Cathaoirleach and Members of Tipperary County Council.**

**Re: Draft Annual Budget, 2023.**

Dear Councillor,

This draft Annual Budget presented to the Council for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 contains:

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

## Introduction

At your Budget Meeting scheduled for the 25th November, 2022, the Council is asked to consider the draft Annual Budget and to make the following decisions:

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

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

Government Act, 2001, the draft Budget is required to set out the expenditure necessary to carry out the functions of the Council and the income estimated to accrue to the Council.

## **Budgetary Challenges.**

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

- cost acceleration arising from persistent inflationary pressures;
- general economic uncertainty arising from the war in Eastern Europe and other factors;
- escalation of energy costs;
- the Council's capacity to support growing demands for services;
- lack of buoyancy across main income sources;
- Ongoing issues arising from emergence from the Covid 19 pandemic.

A continuing challenge in the preparation of this draft Budget has been the acceleration of the gap between our cost base and the income necessary to bridge this gap required to maintain services at current levels. There has been a persistent upward pressure on our cost base which has accelerated within the past year. In presenting the 2022 draft budget, I advised Councillors that increases in fuel and energy costs were running at up to 20%. Within the past 6 months, we have witnessed a series of announcements relating to electricity and gas price increases. For example, the most recent announcements have seen energy providers increase electricity bills by 26% with a 37% increase in gas prices. This comes on top of increases applied earlier this year. Every service provided by Tipperary County Council is impacted adversely by this exponential increase in energy costs, some more so than others including the heating and lighting of civic and municipal district offices, libraries, swimming pools, fuel for vehicles, cost of materials for road maintenance, housing repairs and the cost of providing drinking water supplies and waste water schemes. Tipperary County Council is working with the Tipperary Energy Agency which has undertaken energy audits at our offices and we have introduced measures to reduce energy consumption.

The Council was notified by letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage that, as part of the national budgetary process, supplementary support of €60m was secured in recognition of the current funding pressures facing the local government sector to assist, in particular, with rising energy costs. The provisional allocation notified to Tipperary County Council is €2,339,430.

## **Budgetary Opportunities**

Tipperary County Council is pursuing an ambitious capital programme which is maximising investment into the county from a range of national programmes including Project Ireland 2040 (URDF and RRDF), the Outdoor Recreation Scheme, Town and Village Renewal and others. These funding sources with particular reference to Project Ireland 2040 are providing a *once in a generation* opportunity to transform our town centres and villages and contribute to a meaningful and sustained enhancement in the quality of life of our communities (see Table 1)

Projects recently completed or near completion include the new civic plaza at Kickham Barracks in Clonmel, the Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Liberty Square in Thurles, Tipperary Town Market Square and Fethard Town Park.

A number of projects are commencing including the Sustainable Centre of Excellence in Nenagh, the River Ara walkway in Tipperary town, the second phase of Liberty Square in Thurles, the REACH Hub in Roscrea and the Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre.

In 2022, successful applications were submitted under the RRDF scheme for significant town centre projects in Cahir, Carrick on Suir and Roscrea representing an overall investment of €38.5m in the three towns. The Council will make an application in early 2023 in response to the forthcoming call for URDF projects for the next phase of implementation of the Clonmel Transformational Regeneration Plan.

The benefits of these investment are visible across the county. All of these projects require co-funding from the Council and project costs generally are increasing which places further demands on the match-funding required.

Notwithstanding the several constraints outlined earlier, this budget underwrites and facilitates one of the most ambitious capital programmes ever witnessed in this county with particular reference to investment in renewal of our town centres, villages and rural amenities. This Budget ambitiously pursues all of the funding opportunities presented to us through *Project Ireland 2040, Housing for All, Our Rural Future* and *Town Centre First – A Policy Approach to Irish Towns*.

Recognising the challenges presented by Climate Change and the need to care for our environment, this Budget will continue to build on our commitments to develop strategies and put in place measures that seek to contribute positively to the climate action agenda. Tipperary County Council is a member of the *Covenant of Mayors* and has been particularly active in implementing measures which seek to maximise renewable energy outputs. In preparing this draft Budget, each Directorate has been requested to ensure that measures are continued to be implemented within our operations which individually and collectively contribute to the achievement of actions and targets in local and national Climate Action Policies.

**Table 1: Project Ireland 2040 Projects: Match Funding Requirement – Approved Projects.**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Grant type awarded</b>	<b>Grant Awarded</b>	<b>Tipperary County Council Cash Match Funding</b>
<i>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1, Clonmel</i>	<i>URDF</i>	<i>5,573,154</i>	<i>700,000</i>
<i>Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel</i>	<i>URDF</i>	<i>5,021,807</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Kilsheelan :Revitalisation of Rural Villages</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>603,750</i>	<i>67,083</i>
<i>Nenagh Sustainable Energy Centre</i>	<i>URDF</i>	<i>9,525,000</i>	<i>3,175,000</i>
<i>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>672,534</i>	<i>224,178</i>
<i>Rialto Digital &amp; Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>1,208,847</i>	<i>164,428</i>
<i>Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles</i>	<i>URDF</i>	<i>5,390,291</i>	<i>4,650,000</i>
<i>Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>2,107,500</i>	<i>702,500</i>
<i>Thurles Market Quarter</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>3,443,130</i>	<i>382,570</i>
<i>Tipperary Town River Arra Walkway</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>533,719</i>	<i>177,907</i>
<i>Tipperary Town Market Yard</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>547,794</i>	<i>182,598</i>
<i>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>663,362</i>	<i>322,992</i>
<i>Fethard Town Park</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>3,003,445</i>	<i>134,482</i>
<i>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>365,625</i>	<i>121,875</i>
<i>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>11,915,749</i>	<i>2,978,937</i>
<i>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - Delivering Our Community's Ambition"</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>14,391,509</i>	<i>3,597,878</i>
<i>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street, Roscrea.</i>	<i>RRDF</i>	<i>4,511,316</i>	<i>1,127,829</i>
<b>TOTALS APPROVED PROJECTS</b>		<b>69,478,532</b>	<b>18,710,257</b>



## **Economic Outlook and Projections**

Over the past five years, we have witnessed a series of challenges which individually and collectively have impacted on the Irish economy. The decision by the UK in 2016 to exit the European Union was followed by the Covid 19 pandemic (from which we are still emerging) and, as mentioned previously, we are now witnessing energy cost increases at rates not previously experienced due to the war in Ukraine and other global economic and energy supply factors. Unforeseen risks and challenges are becoming more frequent in their occurrence and more severe in their impact.

At the time of writing, the ESRI has forecast that inflation is expected to increase to average 8.1% in 2022 and 6.8% in 2023. While the Irish economy has performed robustly in recent years, the overall growth rate in the economy is set to moderate in 2023. While employment growth is expected to slow in line with the overall economic forecast, the unemployment rate is expected to remain at a relatively low level at just over 4%. National economic performance impacts on the preparation of this budget in a number of areas. Price inflation leads to tender cost increases across all our services but with particular reference to the housing capital programme, procurement of roads supplies and materials, energy costs and other contracts.

## **Budget Strategy and Process**

Within the national and local economic contexts set out above and, in particular, the very real challenge in preparing a draft Budget at a time of economic volatility and uncertainty, the key objective is to assure financial stability and capacity to:

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

Circular Fin 09/2021 of the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage sets out that the prescribed period for the holding of the 2023 Budget meeting is from the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 to the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. The Statutory Annual Budget meeting of Tipperary County Council to be convened on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 is therefore within the prescribed period.



**Table 2: The Budget Process**

<b>Step 1</b>	<i>Decision by the Council on the adjustment factor to the Local Property Tax (LPT) following public consultation process.</i>	<i>Decision made at monthly Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The decision applies for both the 2023 and 2024 financial years.</i>
<b>Step 2</b>	<i>Consultation meetings with Borough/District Committees.</i>	<i>Considered at the five Borough/District meetings held in October 2022.</i>
<b>Step 3</b>	<i>Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG), the Council and Adoption of the Draft Budget by Council.</i>	<p><i>Budget Process, Issues and Strategy presented and discussed at CPG meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 and 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.</i></p> <p><i>LPT Workshop held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.</i></p> <p><i>Workshops on the Financial Framework held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2022</i></p> <p><i>Budget Workshops on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 and 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022.</i></p> <p><i>Statutory Budget Meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.</i></p>
<b>Step 4</b>	<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 2023 following the adoption of the Budget.</i>

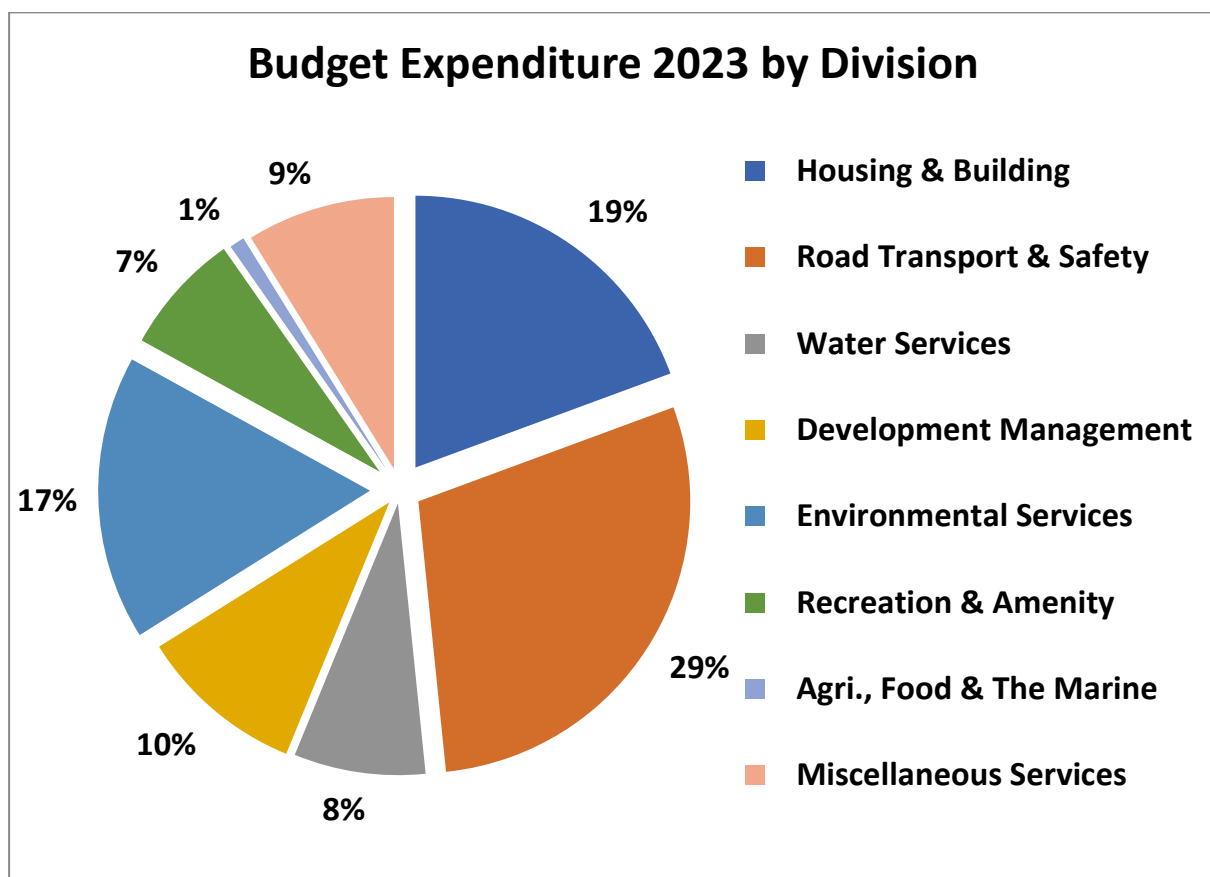
## **Budget Expenditure**

The objective of this draft Budget is to seek to maintain expenditure headings across all programmes as close as possible to current expenditure levels. However, provision must also be made to support our capital development programme with particular reference to the match funding requirements. The appendix to this Budget book sets out the Council's 3 year Capital Programme. The adopted Budget for 2022 already contains a revenue provision of €1m for match funding requirements but this will need to be increased to support the raising of loans to achieve the target spend This is addressed in more detail under *Budget Income*.

In previous budget reports, I highlighted that insurance costs had begun to stabilise after a number of years of successive price increases. While I remain concerned at the large number of public liability claims being made in the county, I am pleased to advise that decreases in insurance premia witnessed this year will continue in 2023.

The Council's insurers, Irish Public Bodies (IPB) have confirmed that, based on their analysis of the performance of our portfolio of insurances, there will be an expected reduction in the premium estimated at 4.8% payable for 2023. This reduction reflects the application of risk management and risk reduction measures through the implementation of our multi-annual works programmes on footpaths and the anticipated positive impact on the cost of claims arising from the introduction of Personal Injury Guidelines earlier this year. These Guidelines indicate reductions in the valuation of certain injury types. However, one of the areas of concern within the portfolio relates to the ongoing need to manage risks associated with cyber-attacks.

**% Budget Expenditure by Division 2023**



**Table 3: Main Expenditure Headings - Budget 2023**

**Housing and Building**

€ 8,646,899 for maintenance of local authority housing.

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

€ 15,179,114 for the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Long Term Leasing.

**Road Transport and Safety**

€ 8,506,633 towards "own resources" roads funding.

Note: The Council will be informed of our roads grants allocations in early 2023 following which adjustments will be made to the estimated grants provision in the budget.

**Water Services**

€ 12,579,347 for the operation of water and waste water services.

**Development Management**

€ 1,140,285 for the preparation of statutory plans and policies.

€ 828,895 for planning enforcement costs.

€ 457,700 towards Tourism Promotion.

439,135 provided for unfinished housing estates.

€ 7,312,959 towards economic development and promotion.

**Environmental/Climate Action and Recreation/Amenity Services**

€ 1,786,835 for the operation of recycling centres and bottlebanks.

€ 954,298 towards litter control initiatives.

€ 1,737,166 for street cleaning.

€ 1,186,128 for burial ground grants, maintenance and capital works.

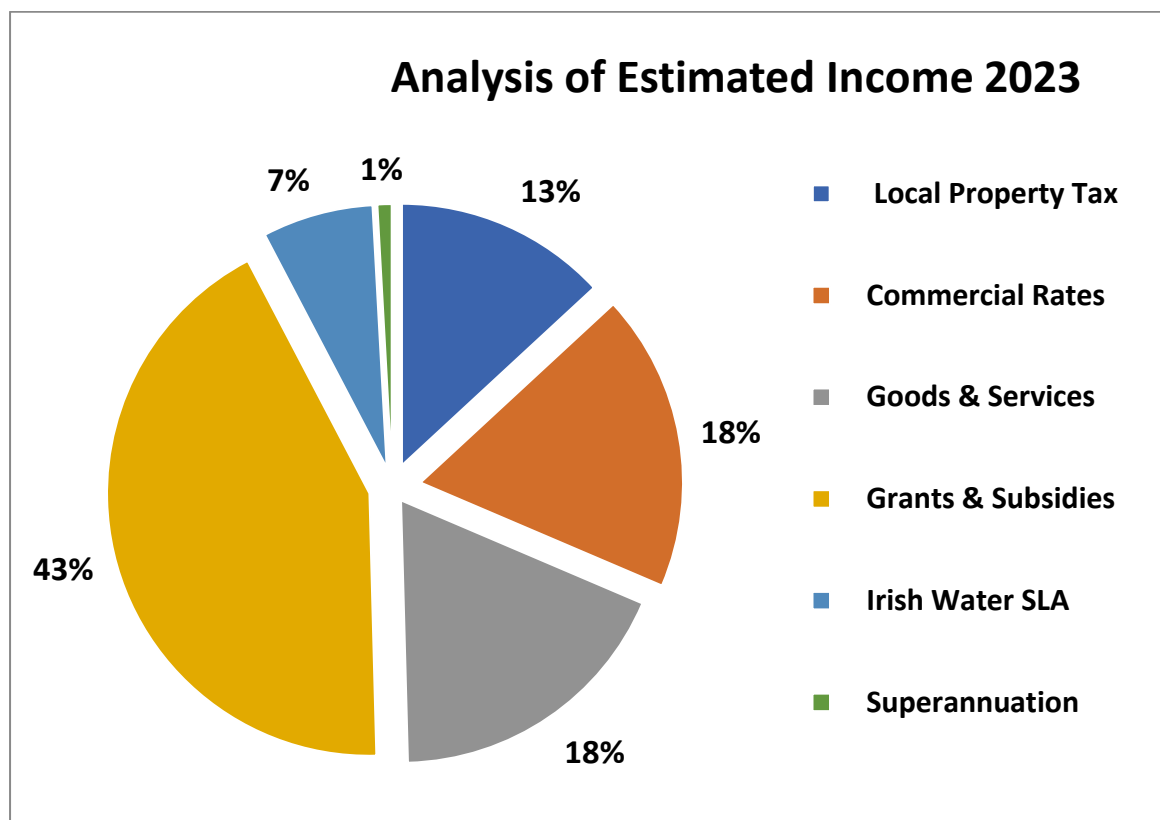
€ 5,528,774 for direct costs of operating the Fire Service.

€ 3,668,631 for the Tipperary Library Services.

## Budget Income

The Council's main income sources are characterised by stagnation and lack of buoyancy. For example, aside from the convergence of Annual Rates on Valuation (ARV) required by the merger process, the ARV has remained largely unchanged for over ten years. In real terms, the income from commercial rates has been reducing.

*% Estimated Income by Source 2023.*



Members will be aware that the National Revaluation Programme involving a reassessment of the rateable value of all properties liable to commercial rates in the county was undertaken by the Valuation Office throughout 2019. The revaluation of commercial properties in the Tipperary County Council rating authority area was completed by the Valuation Office in 2019. The new valuation list took effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and this now forms the basis for commercial rates. Following the Revaluation, approximately 64% of properties had a rate reduction, 4% no change and 32% an increase in rates.

Over 3,000 rateable properties in the less than €5,000 rates category and a further 250 rateable properties in the €5,000 to €10,000 category benefitted from reductions of 34% and 36% respectively. Taking all of these factors into account, a substantial number of commercial properties in the county are now liable for a lesser amount in rates than in the

pre-merger period. In addition, the current ARV for Tipperary is now one of the lowest in the country as the following table shows:

**Table 4: Annual Rate on Valuation 2022 (ARV) by Local Authority**

Local Authority	ARV 2022		% Greater than Tipp
Kerry County Council	79.25		
Mayo County Council	78.42		
Cork County Council	76.99		
Clare County Council	75.76		
Cork City Council	74.75		
Donegal County Council	71.81		
Galway County Council	70.59		
Galway City Council	67.40		
Waterford City and County Council	0.2780		44.9%
South Dublin County Council	0.2760		43.8%
Dublin City Council	0.2680		39.7%
Limerick City and County Council	0.2677		39.5%
Carlow County Council	0.2571		34.0%
Wexford County Council	0.2460		28.2%
Longford County Council	0.2400		25.1%
Sligo County Council	0.2300		19.9%
Leitrim County Council	0.2274		18.5%
Monaghan County Council	0.2260		17.8%
Roscommon County Council	0.2250		17.2%
Kildare County Council	0.2246		17.0%
Laois County Council	0.2217		15.5%
Cavan County Council	0.2211		15.2%
Offaly County Council	0.2198		14.5%
Wicklow County Council	0.2170		13.1%
Louth County Council	0.2100		9.4%
Kilkenny County Council	0.2000		4.2%
Westmeath County Council	0.1940		1.1%
Meath County Council	0.1938		1.0%
Tipperary County Council	0.1919		
Fingal County Council	0.1796		
Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown County Council	0.1732		

As mentioned previously, the Council needs to generate or re-purpose income to support additional investment across the county and to raise the necessary match funding to finance our capital development projects of scale across the county. Tipperary County Council has been very successful in securing funding under Project Ireland 2040. The

most recent RRDF announcement made on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 confirmed that all three projects submitted for Cahir, Carrick on Suir and Roscrea have been approved. These three applications alone will generate an investment of over €38 million in the town centres and will be transformational in generating greater footfall, spend and investment in the towns.

The opportunity for real and meaningful investment in our town centres and rural amenities presented by Project Ireland 2040 and other funding streams will not remain open indefinitely. For URDF and RRDF projects which are revitalising our town centres and rural amenities, every euro raised by Tipperary County Council will attract a further three euro from national exchequer funding. Almost €70m in grants has been secured to date with match funding of €18.7m required. Further applications will be made in 2023. The Council has been both ambitious and focussed in pursuing these funding opportunities and will have to make financial provision in this and future Budgets to support this multi-million euro investment. A number of options have been considered and are proposed in the draft Budget including:

- Ringfencing of additional rates income through an increase in the ARV. Each 1% under this heading raises approx. €290,000 net. This option will be accompanied by measures to cushion the impact of this measure on smaller rate payers through the extension of the Early Payments Scheme (EPS).
- Repurposing of Development Levies for unique projects (15%) and roads levies (50%) to support URDF/RRDF projects. This will generate incomes of €300,000 and €700,000 respectively.

The draft Budget has been prepared on the basis that the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) for Tipperary County Council for 2023 will be set at 0.2053 (ie an increase of c. 7% on the 2022 ARV). This level of increase is necessary to underwrite the largest investment ever in our town centres, villages and rural amenities. In setting the ARV at this level, it is accepted that measures must be introduced to cushion the impact on smaller ratepayers. This will be achieved by extending the early payments scheme through the following measures:

- The upper limit at which a ratepayer will qualify for inclusion in the scheme will increase from €12,000 to €12,500.
- The percent reduction applied will increase from 5% to 6% with the maximum reduction increasing from €500 to €600.
- The scheme will remain open to customers with arrears in their accounts subject to compliance with certain requirements.

**Table 5: Key points in relation to the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) in Tipperary.**

The ARV in Tipperary is one of the lowest in the country.

If, by way of example only, we look at 3 similar sized windfarms each located in Tipperary, Waterford and Limerick, a windfarm in Tipperary with a rates bill of €700,000 would pay c. €1 million in Waterford and c. €970,000 in Limerick. Similarly, and again by way of example only, a large Utility in Tipperary with a rates bill of €1.2m would pay c. €1.7m in Waterford and c. €1.6m in Limerick.

Aside from the convergence of ARV's arising from the merger and abolition of Town Councils, there has been no change to the ARV in Tipperary for over 10 years.

Approximately 64% of businesses experienced a reduction in their valuation following the National Revaluation Programme. For smaller businesses, over 3,000 rateable properties in the less than €5,000 rates category and a further 250 rateable properties in the €5,000 to €10,000 category benefitted from reductions of 34% and 36% respectively.

The Early Payments Scheme (EPS) will be extended to cushion the impact of the proposed increase in the ARV on smaller ratepayers. Businesses participating in the EPS will enjoy the benefit of a discount on their rates bill in 2023. At present only 50% of eligible business is participating in the EPS.

Given the very significant investment already commenced in our town centres and future investments proposed, it is critical to ensure that we continue to make real progress in addressing dereliction in our town centres and villages with particular reference to vacant properties. This draft Budget adopts a *Town Centre First* approach and builds on a range of incentives and supports already introduced including the introduction of a range of financial supports to incentivise the re-use of buildings including the Croí Conaithe Fund, Repair and Lease and Buy and Renew Scheme.

Section 9 of the Rates and Other Matters Act, 2019 provides that “a local authority may make a scheme providing for the abatement by the authority of rates due to it by liable persons or classes of liable persons in respect of vacant properties of a class or classes for such period or periods of time as may be specified in the scheme.”



This section of the Act has yet to be commenced and pending that, the draft Annual Budget has been prepared on the basis that the existing rates refund scheme on vacant commercial property in 2023 will be applied as follows:

**Table 6: Proposed Rates Refund Scheme on Vacant Commercial Property 2023**

<i>Amount of rates payable (€)</i>	<i>Rebate (%) Actual 2022</i>	<i>Rebate (%) Proposed 2023</i>
<i>Less than 5,000</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>5,000 to 10,000</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Greater than 10,000</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>60</i>

As approximately 85% of rateable properties in County Tipperary are within the less than €5,000 band and 92% within the less than €10,000 band, the continuation of this measure into 2023 will have a lesser impact on smaller vacant properties while at the same time incentivising the re-purposing of larger vacant buildings.

Following the merger of the two former local authorities, Tipperary County Council has over successive budgets harmonised charges across a range of areas including the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV), Development Levies, Housing Rents, Fire Services and other charges. The application of differential parking charges in towns across the county creates an anomaly which will need to be addressed. The parking charges currently being applied are, with some exception, those agreed by the two former County Councils, Borough Council and Town Councils. As with harmonisation of other charges, this will take time to achieve. The matter will be considered and discussed with the Elected Members next year.

The Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation model for 2023 will change from previous years in the following areas:

- The revaluation of LPT that took place in November 2021 had led to individual changes in each local authority area resulting in a reduction in the overall yield in County Tipperary from €12.07m to €10.34m.
- From 2023, 100% of the estimated yield will be retained locally with equalisation funding to be met by the Exchequer to ensure that all local authorities receive an amount equivalent to their baseline allocation.

Under the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022, local authorities can now decide on an adjustment factor for “a period specified in the resolution” which means that the adjustment can apply for a period longer than one year. At the Council’s September meeting, it was decided to apply an adjustment factor of +10% for the financial years 2023 and 2024. In presenting the draft budget for 2022, I advised the Council that it was projected that the majority of households in County Tipperary would not experience an increase in their LPT and, in fact, some properties would experience a reduction in their LPT liability having regard to the very significant widening of the LPT bands arising from the revision announced by Government in 2021.

Figures released by the Revenue Commissioners now confirm that LPT has remained static for the vast majority of householders in Tipperary. However, almost 30% of households in the county are now paying less LPT with overall income down by some €1.73m.

By Circular Fin 08/2022 dated the 28th July, 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advised that the provisional Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation to Tipperary County Council for 2023 known as *the baseline* would be €25,951,602. As Tipperary County Council informed the Minister of the passing of a resolution to vary the basic rate of LPT by plus 10% for 2023, the Department notified the Council by Circular Fin 10/2022 of the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 that the allocation for 2023 is being increased to €26,986,309, an increase of €1,034,707 from the pre-variation allocation.

As mentioned, the decision of the Council to vary the LPT will yield an additional income of €1,034,707. It was agreed that for 2023, 58% of this would be added to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) to be allocated to local services based on priorities and projects identified by Elected Members at District level. Decisions at local level will include the need to provide match funding in Districts for Town and Village Renewal Projects, Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Clár projects etc. The remaining 42% will be allocated in 2023 to Leisure Centres and Arts Centres as additional supports to enable a top up of subventions to assist with escalating energy costs.

## **Report on Capital Programme**

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

## **Conclusion**

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

I recommend consideration and adoption of this draft Annual Budget for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at your Statutory Budget meeting to be convened on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

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# HOUSING AND BUILDING

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## MAINTENANCE / IMPROVEMENT OF L.A. HOUSING UNITS

### MAINTENANCE OF L.A. HOUSING UNITS

Tipperary County Council has a sizeable stock of houses which require significant resources to maintain. The focus in 2023 will continue to be on delivering essential maintenance, through the use of direct labour staff and contractors, and ensuring that tenancy repairs are completed in a timely manner.

In late 2019 and early 2020 the Elected Members raised the issue of the high number of voids which were awaiting works in the County. The figure stood at approximately 4.7% of total housing stock. An internal working group was established which, as one of its findings, recommended that the Council seek loan approval totalling €4.16M. This loan was fully utilised together with departmental funding, to clear a substantial backlog in vacant housing stock. This included all long-term voids with the majority now being complete. Currently the percentage of vacant houses is less than 2.5% and this has been achieved through the support of the Elected Members and the housing structures now in place both in Housing Central and across the five Districts. The Council will continue to avail of any funding under the 'Voids' programme made available by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), to supplement this budget and will continue to improve the return of Voids to housing stock.

Funding for the Planned Maintenance programme will continue to be provided for in 2023 targeting larger maintenance items which will be identified in each individual Municipal District.

**Energy Efficiency Programme's** – Tipperary County Council is actively involved in both the Midlands Retrofit Scheme and the National Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme 2021 and 2022, all of which are funded through the DHLGH. To date, 117 have been upgraded to a minimum building

energy rating (BER) of B2. The works typically involve windows and doors, heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), wall insulation and LED lighting. The Phase 1 Energy Efficiency Programme was completed across the county in the early part of 2020. It is anticipated that dwellings which benefit from the current schemes will be substantially cheaper to heat than similar homes heated by oil or gas. 100 houses have been surveyed for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022. These are now due for tender stage. As the DHLGH continues to fund an Energy Efficiency Programme which is in the Programme for Government, it is intended to continue the roll out of Phase 2 works to additional dwellings across the 5 Districts during 2023 having regard to the funding model available.

### **MAINTENANCE OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION UNITS**

The Council continues to work with traveller families, representatives and other agencies to address traveller needs within the county. Tipperary County Council, pursuant to the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998 are currently working from its adopted Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) for the period 2019 – 2024. A review of the TAP was carried out in 2022. The Council is committed to using the various social housing options available to provide accommodation including Council owned and traveller specific accommodation, RAS and social leasing schemes and the Housing Assistance Payment.

The Council is progressing the following works to-date:

- Refurbishment of Ballyknock Halting Site, Cashel
- Refurbish and extend Nos. 2 and 3 Waller’s Lot, Cashel
- Provision of 4 new mobile homes for Heywood Road Halting Site, Clonmel
- Refurbish and extend existing dwelling at Shanballyduff, Garraun, Cashel
- Refurbish and extend existing tígíns at Parkmore Halting Site, Roscrea
- Extension to existing dwelling at Rockforest, Knock. Roscrea
- Demolish and rebuild dwelling at No. 1 Coolcree, Two-Mile-Borris

Work is currently in progress on the following projects for submission to the Department for approval for 2023 for traveller accommodation.

- Refurbishment works Condon's Cross, Clonmel
- Construction of new bay at Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel
- Refurbish No. 1 Waller's Lot, Cashel
- Refurbishment works Knocksaintlour
- Refurbish and extend existing dwelling at Rathordan, Cashel
- Refurbish group houses at Railway Cottages, Clonmel
- Demolish existing dwelling and construct new dwelling at Lisnaviddogue, Templemore
- Refurbish halting site and tigíns at Ballyvillane, Nenagh
- Refurbish and extend existing dwelling at 14 Clohessy Place, Bouladuff, Thurles
- Extend Bay 2 at Ashbury Halting site

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

### **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION MANAGEMENT**

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

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

## **MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT OF LA HOUSING SERVICE SUPPORT COSTS**

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

## **HOUSING ASSESSMENT, ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER**

### **ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS, ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS**

This provision relates to the cost involved in the employment of assessment officers, and administrative staff engaged in offering housing advice, liaising with the Department of Social Protection, the HSE, other relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies, identifying housing needs and making recommendations in the allocation of individual tenancies. Over 850 Housing applications were received up from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022, and 261 units allocated in the same period.

### **CHOICE BASED LETTING (CBL)**

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

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

There have been 77 properties advertised to date and CBL has led to a marked reduction in the number of tenancies being refused.



## **HOUSING RENT & TENANT PURCHASE ADMINISTRATION**

### **DEBT MANAGEMENT AND RENT ASSESSMENT**

This provision covers staff salaries, payments to An Post for Bill Pay and Household Budget services, and other costs associated with the collection of rent and tenant purchase annuities. The Council will continue to offer a variety of payment methods to facilitate and help our tenants and we encourage use of the various electronic methods of payment most suited to our tenant's circumstances. We will continue to work in a pro-active manner to assist tenants with difficulties. We aim to identify, as quickly as possible, accounts which are falling into arrears, and through early intervention, put in place effective measures to address the situation before the level of arrears accumulate. In cases where arrears do escalate, we will make every effort to negotiate an agreement with tenants before legal proceedings are issued. Rent collection level for the period January to October 2022 is 85%.

## **HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

### **HOUSING ESTATE & TENANCY MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ADMINISTRATION OF HOMELESS SERVICE**

### **HOMELESS SERVICE**

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

In relation to Housing First, approval has been received from the DHLGH for an extension to the service subject to availability of suitable units. The Section is actively trying to source these units. Up to October 2022, 15 units have been provided to accommodate the most complex homeless cases with wrap around supports and all 15 tenancies remain in place.

A policy was considered and approved by the full plenary Council in relation to the introduction of an Own Front Door Service (OFD) whereby B&B emergency accommodation for on-going repeat users will be replaced by short term managed emergency accommodation. To-date the Council has entered into an agreement with Peter McVerry Trust to provide four single OFD units and 3 family units.

6 Clients are currently accommodated under the START programme, which supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental

health challenges. They are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy.

A similar support service is provided by a North Tipperary Intensive Support programme in the north of the county. This service is a partnership between the HSE and the Council and it provides intensive support to individuals with enduring mental health issues, who are at risk of losing their tenancy so as to ensure they do not enter the cycle of homelessness.

## **SUPPORT TO HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

### **HOUSING FOR ALL**

Housing for All – The Government's new Housing Plan for Ireland' is a multi-annual plan which seeks to improve Ireland's housing system and deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs. The overall objective is that every citizen in the State should have access to good quality homes:

- to purchase or rent at an affordable price
- built to a high standard and in the right place
- offering a high quality of life

The government's vision for the housing system over the longer term is to achieve a steady supply of housing in the right locations with economic, social and environmental sustainability built into the system.

It is estimated that Ireland will need an average of 33,000 new homes to be provided each year from 2021 to 2030.

A key action of Housing for All was that local authorities would develop and submit Housing Delivery Action Plans to include details of social and affordable housing delivery. These Action Plans should be consistent with the relevant adopted Development Plan for that area and any associated environmental assessments. The Plans set out details of both social and affordable housing delivery as appropriate over the period 2022-2026, in line with targets set under Housing for All.

As the members are aware the Tipperary County Council Action Plan was presented to the members of Tipperary County Council earlier in the year and the Council sought and was approved for a more ambitious housing target over the 5 years bringing the target to 1125 housing units from 887. This figure will be achieved through a combination of Own Build Local Authority Schemes, "turnkey" delivery through the Local Authority and Approved Housing Body delivery through both CAS and CALF funding models.

Covid 19 has had a significant impact on the supply of new builds during 2020 and 2021 and this continued into Q1 2022. This year has also seen significant supply issues together with significant inflation across the sector on materials and energy prices as a consequence of the war in Ukraine. This has manifested itself into longer lead-in times causing delays on completions and a significant increase in new build costs which is also reflected in tender price increases across the construction sector.

There are 668 units at various stages of delivery, from initial design concept to being on site across 39 locations in the county with 325 units active on site currently.

The elected members have been supportive of Part 8's which form a key part of the delivery model and which will require the continued support of the Council under "Housing for All" as Part 8's continue to be brought forward for consideration. Design work in recent times continues to have a renewed focus on town centre brown field sites. This will continue to be evident in future delivery programmes with an increased focus on one and two bed units which account for a significant portion of the housing demand. We will also have regard to the need for 4 bed dwellings in future scheme designs. Recent and current Part 8's demonstrates this trend which is to be welcomed.

Acquisitions were reintroduced earlier in the year as a part response to the number of Notices to Quit which were being issued nationally and Tipperary County Council has been very active in this area identifying the dwellings which required purchasing and proceeding to make offers on same. A significant number will close in 2022.

A presentation was made to the elected members at the October Council meeting on the options available under Affordable Housing which referenced the

- Help to Buy Scheme
- Affordable Home Loan
- Affordable Housing Fund Scheme
- First Homes Scheme
- Cost Rental Model
- Part V Affordable
- Croí Conaithe (Towns) Scheme
- Ready to Build Scheme.

The Council will examine these schemes in further detail and seek to deliver affordable housing through engagement with developers, housing pilots on its own lands and determining the support for affordable housing in County Tipperary during 2023.

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

#### **TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

Provision is made for payment of maintenance and management grants to Approved Housing Bodies and loan charges, both of which are fully recoupable from the DHLGH.

#### **HOUSING CAPITAL SUPPORT COSTS**

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

## **RAS & LEASING PROGRAMME**

### **RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME (RAS) OPERATIONS**

The purpose of the RAS Scheme is to transfer to local authorities responsibility for Rent Supplement recipients who are deemed to have a long term housing need. The scheme provides an additional source of good quality rented accommodation for eligible persons. Provision is made for payments to Landlords and Voluntary Bodies – these are recoupable from the DHLGH and from rents charged to tenants. To date in 2022 we have signed up 7 properties under the RAS short-term scheme. We have been also given limited flexibility in 2022 to purchase a number of RAS contracted houses where the tenant has received a Notice to Quit.

Unfortunately, the Council has also seen a reduction of RAS properties as landlords exit the market. 94 landlords have exited the market to-date. This trend continues.

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

In 2022 to-date 60 inspections have been carried out by Council staff, in order to meet the target of 25% properties to be inspected in 2022.

### **SOCIAL LEASING SCHEME**

Provision is made for the leasing of suitable properties by the local authority to meet long term housing needs. The scheme provides an additional source of good quality rented accommodation for eligible persons on the waiting list. Payments to Landlords are recoupable from the DHLGH and from rents charged to tenants. The Council currently has 326 leased units.

### **RAS AND LEASING PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS**

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

## **HOUSING LOANS & TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

Provision is made for the administration of the of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan which was introduced in 2018 and the Local Authority Home Loan which was introduced in 2022. The Local Authority Home Loan supersedes the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. This loan is a government backed mortgage for first-time buyers. Loans are offered at reduced interest rates and you can use them to buy new and second-hand properties. To date in 2022, there were 110 applications with 18 approved to date.

An interest rate increase of 0.35% for all new Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans & Local Authority Home Loans was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022. This new rate was applied to all applications drawn down after the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 and means that the all-in cost for new loans is:

- 3.3798% for loans with terms of up to 25 years, and
- 3.4798% for loans with terms of over 25 years and up to 30 years

Provision is also made for the administration of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, which enables local authority tenants to buy their homes. Discounts of 60%, 50% or 40% off the purchase price of the house dependent on your income. In 2022 to date, 32 applications have been approved for sale, of which 18 have been completed. Total proceeds of sales received in 2022 as of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 is €1,247,150. New regulations were issued earlier in the year to amend the scheme with the main changes being (a) social welfare pensions included as a form of primary income, (b) tenants to be in receipt of social housing support for 10 years to be eligible and (c) the minimum reckonable income to be eligible has changed from €15,000 to €12,500.

### **HOUSING LOANS SUPPORT COSTS**

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



## **HOUSING GRANTS**

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

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

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

These schemes are funded through an exchequer contribution of 80% of scheme costs and provision is made for required matching funding of 20% to be met from the Council's resources. In 2022, approximately 375 applications were approved through this programme totalling over €3.3M.

The funding received for local authority Disabled Persons Grants (DPG) for 2022 amounted to €1.7m. This allowed 105 applications to be processed resulting in the provision of increased levels of support for local authority tenants.

### **HOUSING GRANTS SUPPORT COSTS**

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

## **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP)**

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Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is an established form of housing support provided by local authorities throughout the country. It was introduced in Tipperary County Council in June 2015. Through HAP, local authorities now provide housing assistance for households who qualify for social housing support, including many long-term rent supplement recipients. The HAP programme provides financial support to those who have been identified as having a social housing need but where this need can be met on an interim basis by the private rental sector. To date County Tipperary has 1721 active

HAP tenancies supported by this Council. There were 182 new HAP set ups in 2022 to-date.

## **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

The war in Ukraine continues to result in a steady stream of people seeking refuge in Ireland. To date, the Housing, Civil Defence and Community & Enterprise sections have been tasked with assisting with this humanitarian crisis.

### **SET UP OF TEMPORARY REST FACILITIES**

Two rest centres are operating in Littleton & Clonmel as temporary emergency centres. However, due to the scarcity of more suitable permanent type accommodation, residents have been staying for longer periods leading to increased costs. This service is being managed in conjunction with Thurles Lions Trust and Clonmel Town Football Club and to date has been successful in meeting the identified need, from April to September 2022 in excess of 400 clients have passed through the two centres to permanent type of accommodation.

### **PLEGGED PROPERTIES**

As part of the humanitarian response to the Ukrainian crisis, 279 properties have been assessed in Tipperary.

53 % (148) have since been withdrawn or deemed unsuitable.

32 properties located in rural areas where own transport is required and as such, to date, have not been utilised by the Team.

All vacant pledged properties have been inspected and the Housing section is working to match families with the appropriate properties.

To date, of the 99 properties which are available to utilise:

50 properties have been tenanted, providing medium term accommodation for 140 clients.

49 properties will be utilised within the coming month.

The Council works closely with the Local Development Companies in assisting the families housed to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational and other supports.

### **SEMI-PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION**

These are facilities that will be utilised for the next 4 – 36 months and will be own room facilities (possibly with shared kitchen and living facilities). The Housing Section identified three such properties in Clonmel, Cahir and Carrick on Suir which could accommodate over 30 clients after remedial works have been carried out.

### **MODULAR TYPE ACCOMMODATION**

Thurles has been identified as one of eight sites across the country for the initial provision of modular type homes on public owned land. The OPW intends to provide such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles. Survey work on the identified site is due to commence shortly. The Department has committed to engaging with the local community once initial survey work is complete.

# ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

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

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

<b>ROAD CATEGORY</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>
<b>Motorway</b>	<b>122 km</b>
<b>National Primary</b>	<b>71 km</b>
<b>National Secondary</b>	<b>145 km</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>899 km</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>4673 km</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5910 km</b>

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

## MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

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

## **N24 WATERFORD TO LIMERICK**

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

### **N24 CAHIR TO LIMERICK JUNCTION**

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

- Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in September 2020
- Phase 2: Options selection was completed and Preferred transport Solution was announced in May 2022.
- Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes commenced in September 2022. This stage will define land take required for the preferred option.

### **N24 WATERFORD TO CAHIR**

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

- Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in April 2021
- Phase 2: Options selection has commenced and is scheduled for completion in 2023.

## **PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

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

### **N74 FR MATHEW STREET, TIPPERARY TOWN**

This scheme involves the N74 Fr. Mathew Street in Tipperary Town and is at final design stage. Subject to the availability of funding the scheme will progress to tender stage and appointment of contractor in 2023.

## **N62 SLIEVENAMON ROAD, THURLES PHASE 2**

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The scheme is currently progressing through the Part 8 planning process.

## **N65 CARRIGAHORIG PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves:

- road pavement improvement works
- addressing a number of road safety issues
- the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village
- the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village
- public lighting improvements
- public realm improvements.

It is anticipated that a design consultant will be appointed in Q4 2022. The preliminary design will be completed and statutory procedures commence in 2023.

## **N75 LIBERTY SQUARE TO ANNER HOTEL**

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage and anticipated to be ready to proceed in 2023.

## **N62 KILNOE (M8) TO THURLES ROAD SOUTH**

This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 3.9km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. Construction was completed in Q4 2022.

## **N74 GOLDEN TO KNOCKROE**

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

### **N24 CARRICK ON SUIR**

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of a total of 3.5km of pavement, traffic calming and landscaping works on the N24 National Primary route in County Tipperary. Construction of works commenced in Q3 2022 and will take place over 18 months.

### **N24 MOANGARRIFF TO TWOMILEBRIDGE**

This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary design is under way along with liaison with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Road Safety engineers. The planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

### **N24 KNOCKAGH PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT**

This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the preliminary Design and the Part 8 Planning process will commence in Q4 2022.

### **N76 GRANGEMOCKLER PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT**

This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. Works commenced on site in August 2022 and the contract period is 12 months.

## **MINOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

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

### **N74 BALLYHUSTY REALIGNMENT**

This scheme involves the realignment of approximately 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Construction of works is in progress and is expected to be substantially complete by the end of 2022.



## **N65 CARRIGAHORIG TO BALLEIRAGH BRIDGE**

This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. The scheme commences to the north of Carrigahorig village and extends approximately 2.5km in a north westerly direction to Balleiragh Bridge 2km southeast of Portumna. Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in Q2 2023.

## **N62 THURLES OUTER BYPASS**

A route has been selected and reserved corridor in place. Tipperary County Council will continue lobbying for it to be included in the next National Development Plan.

### **NON-NATIONAL ROADS**

Grant receipts from the Department of Transport (DoT) in 2023 will be provided for in the budget. The typical types of grants allocated by the Department are:

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

### **STRATEGIC NON-NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS**

#### **THURLES INNER RELIEF ROAD**

The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1 km of new road with a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction, a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access. The scheme includes a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir along with ancillary drainage, attenuation ponds (2 no.), ducting, water mains, public lighting and flood alleviation works along the River Suir. It is a priority of the Council to secure funding to finalise land acquisition and deliver the Inner Relief Road project.

## **KILLALOE BY PASS/SHANNON BRIDGE CROSSING/R494 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Clare County Council is the lead authority for this project. The works contract was awarded in February 2022 and works commenced on site in August 2022. The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.

## **R498 NENAGH TO THURLES REALIGNMENT AT LATTERAGH BENDS**

Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was confirmed on April 16th 2021, without modifications. It is anticipated that a design consultant will be appointed in Q4 2022 to complete the design and tender documentation for the works contract.

### **BRIDGE REPAIRS**

A grant allocation of €852,310 for bridge rehabilitation works on regional and local roads was received from the Department of Transport in 2022. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2023.

### **SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON NON-NATIONAL ROADS**

A grant allocation of €654,000 was received in 2022 for Safety Improvement Works on non-national Roads in county Tipperary. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2023.

### **CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE WORKS**

A grant allocation of €875,000 was received from the Department of Transport in 2022 for a programme of Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works in county Tipperary. The approved works include road edge protection, raising road levels, drainage and resurfacing. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2023.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME**

A grant allocation of €983,400 was received from the Department of Transport for the Community Involvement Scheme 2022. A number of road projects were undertaken across all Districts, where local contributions were paid in accordance with the scheme. The Council has been advised that an allocation

of €804,600 will be available for Community Involvement Scheme 2023. The scheme will open for new applications in late 2023.

### **FORMER NATIONAL ROADS**

A grant allocation of €450,000 was available to the Council in 2022 for rehabilitation works under the Former National Roads Rehabilitation Grant programme. This grant assists local authorities with the rehabilitation of sections of former national roads with a poor condition rating. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2023.

### **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

A grant allocation of €1,125,773 was available to the Council in 2022 for Local Improvement Schemes from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Schemes have been undertaken across all Districts, and those approved were subject to a local contribution in accordance with the scheme. It is anticipated that an initial allocation in the region of €600,000 will be available to the Council for 2023. The scheme will re-open for applications in Q4 2022.

### **CLÁR**

The Department of Rural and Community Development invited applications from Tipperary County Council under CLÁR Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities in 2022, and four applications received approval to proceed with a grant allocation of €79,941. It is anticipated that the CLÁR scheme will be available for a similar number of applications in 2023.

### **ACTIVE TRAVEL**

The Programme for Government includes significant and ambitious targets for the development of Active Travel schemes. Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy, such as travel to work and school, rather than for leisure purposes. The aim of the funding, provided by the National Transport Authority, is to support the development of high-quality urban cycling and walking infrastructure outside of our cities and so this investment is specifically targeted at towns and villages across the country. Tipperary County Council secured an allocation of €6.666m from the National Transport

Authority for Active Travel projects in 2022, and is delivering an ambitious Active Travel programme and a range of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in many towns and villages across the county. It is expected that our full allocation will be drawn down in 2022 and that a similar allocation will be available in 2023.

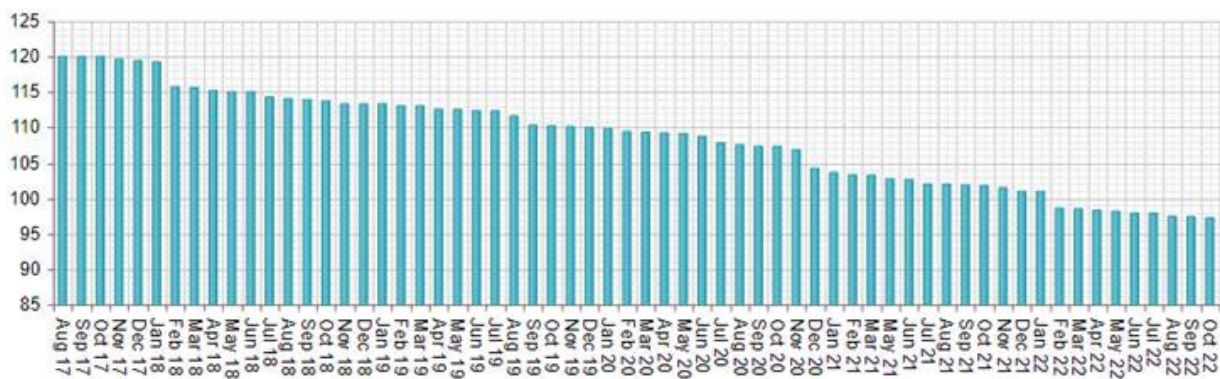
### GREENWAYS

The Department of Transport recognises the benefits that can arise from the further development of Greenways in Ireland, as a tourism product with significant potential to attract overseas visitors, for local communities in terms of economic benefits, and for all users as an amenity for physical activity and contributor to health and wellbeing. Tipperary County Council’s Active Travel team is progressing five Greenway projects across the county in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland who are the funding authority.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of over 17,800 lights across the county, on all roads with the exception of the motorway network. Public Lighting is the single biggest user of energy in the overall Council’s energy usage – approximately 7,129,590 kWh of energy is used per year. Over the past number of years, the Council has introduced LED lighting in a number of new and replacement public lighting projects. Over 6,000 lights have been upgraded to LED, and this will continue in 2023, with consequent ongoing reduction in billable wattage.

**Table - Average Billable Wattage**



The Council adopted a Public Lighting Policy in 2018 which is currently under review, which sets out the Council's strategy for managing public lighting assets over the coming years. In 2022, the Council continued implementing the Public Lighting Policy, in many cases to make energy efficiencies and to undertake essential general maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns, and interface boxes. The Council has also had to bring the lighting up to standard in a number of estates that were taken in charge. This will continue to have an impact on the Public Lighting budget over the coming years. The increase in carbon tax and fluctuation in energy prices will result in increased energy prices in 2023.

## **ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

### **PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT**

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Road Management Office (RMO) and 20 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 50% more energy efficient by 2030. A Section 85 Agreement has been signed by Tipperary County Council and Kilkenny County Council for the authorisation of Kilkenny to take the lead in this project. Approx. 280,000 lights are to be retrofitted in this project and 12,000 of these will be in county Tipperary. The southern region project has appointed a contractor and surveys of their Municipal Districts has commenced. The Eastern Region which includes Tipperary has also appointed a Contractor with works expected to be carried out in Tipperary in 2023 and 2024.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

In the coming year the main focus for Tipperary County Council will be to commence implementation of the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy for the period up to 2030, and Phase 1 Action Plan for the period to 2024. This plan was developed in line with the objectives set out in the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 titled 'Vision Zero'. The Council will work at local level with An Garda Síochána (AGS), the Road Safety Authority (RSA),

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services, and the National Ambulance Service in the delivery of the Action Plan. Road Safety Section will continue to promote road safety in local media including print, radio and digital with advertising and public awareness campaigns continuing to focus on:

- Back to school safety
- Safety at Roadworks
- Put the mobile phone away
- Walkers 'Be Safe Be Seen'
- Wear 'Hi-Vis' jackets
- Pedestrian Safety during silage/harvest season
- Driving while under the influence of drink or drugs.

Meetings of the Road Safety Working Together Group, which comprises of representatives of Tipperary County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Síochána (AGS) and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services, will be held quarterly in 2023 to monitor the implementation of the Road Safety Strategy. Meetings of local Road Safety Teams for the county in line with Municipal and Garda Districts will continue. These teams discuss operational issues and, amongst other things, the Collision Prevention Programme (CPP).

### **PARKING/E-PARKING**

Pay and Display parking machines are in operation across the county. In addition, the Council operates 'Tipperary eParking', a cashless parking system which is increasing in popularity. The eParking system allows users to pay for parking via a smartphone app or phone call in all nine towns in Tipperary where paid parking operates: Nenagh, Thurles, Templemore, Roscrea, Clonmel, Cashel, Cahir, Tipperary Town and Carrick on Suir. Promotion of the eParking initiative will continue in 2023.

For further information visit [www.tipperaryeparking.ie](http://www.tipperaryeparking.ie)

## **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

The winter maintenance period lasts from mid-October to the end of April each year. The aim is to keep priority routes safe and as free as possible from winter hazards. Having regard to the Council's capabilities in terms of finance, equipment and staffing levels, to maximise benefit to road users, winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis and will continue from 2022 into 2023:

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

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

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

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

# WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER

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## IRISH WATER

### BACKGROUND

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

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

Legislation:

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



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

## **ECONOMIC REGULATION**

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

## **SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

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

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

into a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, with effect from 01 January 2014. This is a binding agreement and will remain in place for a period of 12 years until 31 December 2025. 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 2022 has been prepared in relation to Tipperary County Council. The ASP 2022 focuses on such matters as:

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

### **WATER SECTOR TRANSFORMATION**

On 23 February 2021 Deputy Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a *Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation* entitled *Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility*. The

Policy Paper, Frequently Raised Topics, and accompanying press release, are available on [www.gov.ie/housing](http://www.gov.ie/housing). All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading with the press release appearing under the Press releases heading.

The Policy Paper:

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

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

The WRC commenced this process of engagement with the various stakeholders in May 2021, concluding in June 2022 (see below).

#### **FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE DELIVERY OF WATER SERVICES**

At the conclusion of the WRC-led engagement process, a ***Framework for future delivery of water services*** was published on 24 June 2022 by Deputy Darragh O’Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Tipperary County Council continues to review the **Framework** and its implications for the local authority. The local authority sector will work to implement Government policy in regard to water, in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, colleagues, unions and Irish Water. As part of the transformation process, the following will transpire in this local authority:

- the Water Services (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2022 provides for the separation of Irish Water from the Ervia Group, both legal and operational. This Bill is currently being considered by Oireachtas Éireann. It is envisaged that it will come into operation on 01 January 2023 when Irish Water will be renamed Uisce Éireann.
- A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of water services staff. Preparation of this agreement is ongoing.
- This Co-operation Agreement will be supported by certain Support Service agreements. These may vary from local authority to local authority.
- It is envisaged that Irish Water will assume the direct management and oversight of all water services staff during the first half of 2023.
- The future stakeholder engagement by Irish Water (Uisce Éireann) with Tipperary County Council will gravitate from the current delivery by the Council of water services as the agent of Irish Water to an engagement which will focus on the function of Uisce Éireann (as the single public utility responsible for water services) in the delivery by the Council of its development management and forward planning functions.

Minister O'Brien has committed to continue to work with the County and City Management Association to ensure that local authorities are not left with unsupported financial liabilities as a result of the transformation programme.

## INVESTMENT PLAN

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3), to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This incorporates Irish Water's Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. The CRU's determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled *Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024)*.

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

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

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

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

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

conjunction with the aforementioned Decision Paper published on 05 December 2019.

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, [www.cru.ie](http://www.cru.ie).

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

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

### **IRISH WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR COUNTY TIPPERARY**

<b>Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design</b>	<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Current Scheme Status</b>
Clonmel WRZ WP1 – Remedial Action List (RAL) and Boil Water Notice (BWN) Project	<p>– Upgrading and expansion of existing Monroe Wellfields; and</p> <p>- Construct Pipelines from Monroe to Clonmel and on the Mountain Road, Clonmel.</p> <p>This will increase water supply into Clonmel and allow for the removal of the Boil Water Notice on Mountain Road and the rationalisation of Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant.</p>	<p>Nicholas O’Dwyer Consultants appointed to the project.</p> <p>Preliminary surveys ongoing at Monroe Wellfields.</p> <p>Grant of permission for booster station at Coleville Road, Clonmel to serve Mountain Road issued on 24 August 2022. Works scheduled for 2023.</p>
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water appointed Jacobs Consultants to commence design phase for construction stage works.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water appointed Tobin Consulting Engineers to commence design phase

		for construction stage works.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Irish Water appointed EPS Contractor/Consultant. Planning application documents and EIS to be submitted. Estimated contract award in Q4 2023.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants completed Draft Drainage Area Plan and model for Irish Water. Irish Water to review.
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Contract tenders returned on 20 April 2022. IW Tender assessment ongoing. Estimated contract award in Q4 2022.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Contract tenders returned on 20 April 2022. IW Tender assessment ongoing. Estimated contract award in Q4 2022.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 06 September 2021. Estimated to start construction works in 2025.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design Phase ongoing. Planning application estimated to be submitted in Q4 2022. Estimated

		contract award in Q2 2023.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 20 May 2021. Estimated to start construction works in Q1 2023.
Goatenbridge Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Glan Agua Early Contractor Involvement (ECI). Design phase ongoing for upgrade to Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) units and sludge treatment.

## **IRISH WATER CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMMES**

In respect of the Capital Delivery element of the Investment Plan, these ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible by identifying where funding is most needed through a focus on specific asset condition and performance and establishing root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programmes address issues such as:

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



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

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

### **(A) Networks Portfolio Delivery (Water):**

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

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

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

To date in 2022, the following works have been completed or are ongoing:

#### **(1) Watermains Rehabilitation Works:**

Total: 10.60 km

- Ballinastick South (1.86km), design;
- Carrick-on-Suir N24 (0.98km), at construction;
- Carrick-on-Suir Urban Realm Project (1.686km), design;
- Bolton Street and William Street, Clonmel (1.568km), design;
- Father Mathew Street, Tipperary (0.3km), design;
- Kilcommon (1.12km), due to commence in November 2022;
- Puckane (1.363km), due to commence in January 2023;
- Rathmoy to Ragg (1.913km), due to commence in January 2023; and
- Glencrue, Portroe (0.78km), due to commence in March 2023.

## **(2) Back Yard Services replacement ongoing in Carrick-on-Suir:**

Works ongoing to remove back yard services in Carrick-on-Suir in the following areas:

Marian Avenue, Pearse Square, O'Mahony Avenue, Saint Molleran's, Connolly Park, O'Hickey Place, Maple Court, Kennedy Terrace, Saint Nicholas Park, Árd Mhuire and Seán Treacy Park.

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

## **(3) Back yard services replacement in Cashel:**

Irish Water has approved the commencement of design works to remove back yard services in Cashel in the following areas:

Árd Mhuire, Upper Friar Street, Cathal Brugha Street, McCan Street, Lacey Square and Abbeyside.

The aim is to progress construction of 0.6km of new watermains and the removal of almost 130 no. back yard services. This will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected.

## **(4) Back yard services replacement in Clonmel:**

Griffith Avenue: commenced on 12 September 2022.

## **(5) First Fix programme:**

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

## **(6) Non-domestic meter survey:**

This is ongoing in Clonmel.

## **National Disinfection Programme:**

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

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

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

### **Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:**

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

### **Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:**

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

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

- (i) works ongoing at Coalbrook, Cordangan, Stooke, Rossadrehid, O’Gorman’s Well and Newport, Riverstown, Lorrha, Kilcommon, Cloughjordan and Borrisokane WTP; and
- (ii) design ongoing at Hollyford, Dualla, Riverstown and Coolbawn (Nenagh).

### **Source Rationalisation Programme:**

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

Irish Water has appointed a contractor. The design is ongoing and construction works are estimated to start in 2023.

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

### **(B) Networks Portfolio Delivery (Wastewater):**

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

No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

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

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

A grant of permission for upgrade works to Borrisokane Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) issued on 05 September 2021. Construction works are ongoing at this location and at Puckane and Newtown WWTPs.

**(2) Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme:**

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

**(3) Provision of Chemical Bulk Storage Tanks:**

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

**(4) Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme:**

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

**(5) National Certificate of Authorisation Programme:**

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

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

#### **(6) Wastewater Pumping Station Programme:**

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

In relation to Killenure, Knockavilla, Water Services section is engaging with Irish Water concerning the replacement of the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant serving the housing development at Killenure Court, Knockavilla with a pumping station to facilitate direct connection to the municipal WWTP serving Knockavilla. In this respect, the initial ground and civil works are completed and the equipment and electrical installation works remain to be progressed, which works are dependent on an electricity upgrade to the site. The remaining works are anticipated to be completed by 31 December 2022.

#### **Note:**

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

#### **Irish Water National Water Resources Plan:**

The Irish Water National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Ireland's first 25-year strategic plan enabling us to move towards safe, secure, reliable and

sustainable water supplies for all of Irish Water's customers and communities, whilst safeguarding public health and the environment.

Irish Water published its Draft Framework Plan, the first phase of its National Water Resources Plan, for public consultation.

The NWRP aims to safeguard public health, facilitate growth and meet the challenges of climate change over the next 25 years.

For the first time, the NWRP will provide a country-wide analysis to identify the water we have, the water we use, the water we need and any potential risk to water quality. It sets out the methods and options to meet these shortfalls in a resilient and environmentally sustainable way and is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement, which looks at how the Plan considers its impact on the environment.

The NWRP will:

- calculate the demand for water from homes, businesses and industry now and into the future;
- assess the amount of water available in existing supplies;
- assess the impact of weather events such as drought on our water supplies; and
- identify areas where there is not enough water supply to meet demand, or where there is a risk to water quality.

A 10-week public consultation sought feedback on the Irish Water NWRP Draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports and was completed on 12 March 2021. Following the receipt of 84 submissions, including one from Tipperary County Council, Irish Water, on 26 May 2021, finalised and adopted the Framework Plan.

Irish Water has now commenced the Phase 2 development of four Regional Water Resources Plans which will set out the options to address identified needs across all of Irish Water's supplies. Irish Water will be again seeking the public's views as each of the Regional Plans will be subject to public

consultation. In this respect, further engagement with Tipperary County Council has taken place.

Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 which provided an opportunity for engagement by senior management from Irish Water with the elected members on the Regional Water Resources Plans as they impact on County Tipperary.

Irish Water also availed of the opportunity afforded by this workshop to present an update to the elected members on its Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region and on its Capital Projects for County Tipperary.

The Draft Regional Water Resources Plan for the Eastern and Midlands Region, which covers only a portion of the former Tipperary North, was subsequently published with a public consultation on same running from 14 December 2021 to 14 March 2022, extended to 08 April 2022.

Irish Water also invited the elected members to a webinar on 04 March 2022 to present its Draft RWRP Eastern and Midlands Region, and associated environmental reports, and to answer any questions which the elected members might have about Irish Water's plans to provide long term sustainable water supplies in that part of County Tipperary covered by the Draft Plan.

Following the receipt of 64 submissions, including one from Tipperary County Council, Irish Water, on 04 October 2022, finalised and adopted the Draft RWRP Eastern and Midlands Region.

Public consultation on the Draft NWRP South West Region took place from 01 June 2022 to 24 August 2022. This Draft Regional Plan covers only a very small area within County Tipperary, i.e. south of Ballyporeen, which lies within the catchment of the River Blackwater.

Publication of the remaining Draft Regional Plan pertinent to County Tipperary, i.e. the Draft RWRP South East Region, is awaited.

For more information please visit [www.water.ie/nwrp](http://www.water.ie/nwrp).



## **SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES GROWTH PROGRAMME**

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

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

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

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

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

The selected projects will now continue through the standard capital investment delivery processes and will be required to meet governance and budgetary requirements at each phase. Updates on likely works completions will be provided in due course.

## **NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN 2021**

Irish Water announced on 31 March 2022, plans to upgrade twelve wastewater treatment plants nationally that will benefit rural communities and protect local rivers. Grangemockler in County Tipperary is one of these twelve.

This project will be funded by the European Union under Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan 2021. Once complete, the newly upgraded plants

will provide additional treatment capacity to support housing and growth, improve water quality in rivers and safeguard water supplies.

Further updates will be made available once they come to hand.

## **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, remains a key feature of ongoing engagement by the Council with Irish Water.

## **CONNECTIONS**

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

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

For all connection applications received by Irish Water on or after 01 April 2019, Irish Water is implementing a Connection Charging Policy, as determined by the CRU. This provides for a standard set of charges, based on connection type, for connections to Irish Water's water and wastewater networks. Standard connection charges will apply to the majority of customers. Further information is available on the Irish Water website, [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie).

From 2022, the **Rural Water Programme** is included under Environment & Climate Action Services, see page 117.

# **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION**

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## **SECTION 1: WORKS COMMENCED/COMPLETED IN 2022**

### **DEVELOPMENT PLANS / LOCAL AREA PLANS**

#### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028**

A new Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 for the entire county of Tipperary was made on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council. The new County Development Plan became effective on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and has replaced the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, and the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010, as varied. From this date, and for the six years new development in Tipperary must reflect and embrace the planning vision, policies and objectives of the County Development Plan.

The County Development Plan will operate as a blueprint for the future development of the county. The publication of this Plan marks the culmination of a two-year process whereby the Plan was made by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council with the advice of the executive and in consultation with the public. This Plan is historic as it is the first ever all-county plan prepared for Tipperary, setting out a progressive and sustainable vision for our county.

The Plan will guide sustainable development for our communities through protecting our environment, reducing our energy demands, maintaining the viability of our towns, villages and rural communities and supporting job creation. The implementation of the plan will be monitored over its lifetime.

#### **CLONMEL, NENAGH, THURLES AND ROSCREA LOCAL AREA PLANS**

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place , progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced. The Tipperary County

Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre.

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work on the Key Towns – Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles. Work has also commenced on background work for Roscrea. An external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment for each of these towns. Workshops have been arranged with the elected members with an Issues Paper being published for pre-draft consultation in November 2022. Work on the Local Area Plans will progress in line with statutory timeframes throughout 2023.

### **RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX**

A new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.

Draft maps are to be published on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and will be subject to a consultation period with final maps to be published in December 2023.

### **RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

A new county-wide Record of Protected Structures has been prepared and adopted as part of the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028. Over 1800 structures were surveyed resulting in 43 proposed additions and 172 proposed deletions from the Record of Protected Structures. The record of Protected Structures for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, are currently being reviewed in line with the preparation of Local Area Plans for each of these towns. The County Record of Protected Structures will be revised to incorporate the reviewed RPSs for each of these towns.

## **ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES / MASTER PLANS / PROJECTS**

### **KILLALOE-BALLINA ENHANCEMENT & MOBILITY PLAN**

Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council have prepared a Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan. The Plan came into effect January 2022 and outlines a coordinated approach to public realm enhancements within Killaloe and Ballina, providing a clear vision for Killaloe and Ballina as linked settlements in the context of the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing. Specific measures, designs and schemes will

promote the towns' complementarity, and create an overall focus on their joint strengths and opportunities in terms of functionality, aesthetics and the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing.

### **ROSCREA ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

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

The preparation of a Master Plan for an Age Friendly neighbourhood at Gantly Road was completed in 2022, and will build on Roscrea's designation as an Age Friendly Town.

### **TOWN CENTRE FIRST, TOWN REGENERATION OFFICER & ROSCREA MASTERPLAN**

*The National Planning Framework and Our Rural Future* set out a vision to develop thriving Irish Towns which are integral to our national economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing and development. This vision is built on the interdependence of urban and rural areas, and recognises the diversity of individual towns, the centrality of people, the importance of vibrant and lived-in places and the potential to create quality jobs and sustain our shared environment. The Town Centre First (TCF) policy seeks to support the delivery of this vision and complement a wide range of Government policies impacting on our towns.

The development of high-quality Town Centre First plans will serve to unlock future funding opportunities and maximise the impact of investment from a range of funding streams available for town regeneration across a number of departments and agencies, including the Urban Regeneration Fund (URDF) and the Rural Regeneration Fund (RRDF), the Croí Conaithe (Towns) Fund and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Grant funding of €100,000 has been awarded for the preparation of a masterplan for Roscrea Town as a pilot for the delivery of the Town Centre First policy. A newly appointed Town Regeneration Officer will lead the engagement of multi-disciplinary team within each Local Authority, while guiding and supporting Town Teams through the TCF process.

## **URBAN HOUSING & REGENERATION ACT 2015**

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

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

## **PROJECT IRELAND 2040: FUNDING SCHEMES**

### **URBAN AND RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

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

The following projects are currently being delivered:

**Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration** seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel,

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

**Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1-** Works on the car park are completed. The main works contract commenced in June, 2021 and will be substantially completed in November, 2022.

**Clonmel Regional Sports Hub** – Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021 and will be substantially completed in November, 2022.

**Total project costs approved are €15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**

**Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles** seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment.

**Phase 1:-** -The new Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works are substantially completed on the Eastern side of Liberty Square and final snagging is in progress. The official opening which was attended by Department officials took place on 15<sup>th</sup>. June, 2022 with the ribbon cutting ceremony undertaken by Minister of State, Peter Burke.

**Phase 2:** - Surveys, Assessments and Data Collection were completed in Q3 2022. Extensive consultations are currently ongoing with other statutory bodies -TII, Irish Water, NTA. Consultants have been appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation. It is expected that the Options Report identifying the preferred option together with the preliminary design will be completed by year end.



**Total project costs approved are €10,700,291 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**

**A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh:**

-The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr's Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and under-utilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr's Road Town Park, Martyr's Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Communications Plan and Branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and the name of the Centre identified as the "Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence". The Preliminary Business Case has been completed and submitted to the Department. Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure to assess the capability, capacity and experience of multi-disciplinary design teams to perform the contract has been completed. Stage 2 will be completed on approval of the Preliminary Business Case by the Department.

**Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**

**Tipperary Town Regeneration** - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre

and an 800 metre walkway along the River Arra, including two loop walks.

**Market Yard** – Final snagging is in progress.

**River Arra Walkway** – Works commenced in July, 2022 with expected substantial completion by year end. Land acquisition for the walkway has been completed.

**Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.**

### **Fethard Town Park**

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland.

**Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches** opened to the public in February, 2022 and temporary dressing rooms have been installed. Fethard Town Park was chosen by the GAA as the Regional Centre of Excellence for Tipperary Football due to its outstanding facilities and the availability of the first full size 3G All Weather Floodlit pitch in the County.

**Phase 2 – Pavilion and Public Realm Works.** Procurement for the construction phase was completed early in the year and a contractor appointed. Works commenced on site in March, 2022 and are progressing in a satisfactory manner. Works are on target for completion in April, 2023. Department officials will visit the site to view progress to date on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

**Phase 3** – Funding was secured from the Magnier Foundation to install a stand and the community annex to the pavilion. Works are currently in progress with expected completion end of April, 2023.

**Total costs are €6,952,671 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445. The Magnier Foundation is funding Phase 1 and Phase 3 costs.**

## **Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza**

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with the Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Energy Agency. Detailed designs completed in Q2 of 2022. The procurement process for the construction stage is nearing completion and the Final Business Case will be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed by year end.

**Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**

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

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Design team in place.

**Phase 1** - Visitor Experience Development is completed.

**Phase 2** - Concept Development and Predesign commenced in May, 2022 with expected completion end of October, 2022. Detailed Design commenced in Q2 of 2022 and will be completed in Q4 of this year.

**Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**

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

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Part 8 Planning was completed in January, 2022. Detailed design is substantially completed.

**Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**

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

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

**Cahir Market House Business Centre:** -Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning have been completed.

**Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park:-** Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning are completed on the Car Park. Part 8 Planning for the Public Realm is completed and detailed designs will be completed by end of October, 2022. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**

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

location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students' Union. The procurement process for the engagement of a multi-disciplinary design team has been completed and consultants appointed in September, 2022. Works will now commence on surveys that will inform the designs.

**Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**

### **Revitalisation of Rural Villages - A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning - Kilsheelan**

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council's '**Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing**'. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be a model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. Consultants were appointed in January, 2022 to prepare detailed designs and oversee the construction phase. Detailed designs completed in October, 2022. Tender action, evaluation and award for the construction stage is expected to be completed by the end of Q4 of 2022. The Serviced Sites Scheme is being progressed.

**Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amounts to €603,750.**

### **Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh**

Funding of €1,208,847 was announced by the Minister of Rural and Community Development on 6th. January, 2022. Verification Forms completed and returned to the Department in January, 2022. Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group established and meetings are ongoing.

Project Charter, Risk Register, Task Schedule and Roles/Responsibilities documentation prepared. Funding Agreement and Letter of Offer of Approval in Principle issued by the Department in May, 2022 and signed Funding Agreement returned to them in May. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 issued by the Department in June, 2022. Consultant appointed in early March 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team for the Rialto building and a housing development which will be located in the backlands of the site. The procurement of a multi-disciplinary design team is in progress with anticipated appointment in Q4 of 2022. Complete required surveys, preliminary design & masterplan in Q4 of 2022.

**Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**

### **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Fourth Call Category 1 Projects**

Three applications have been submitted under the Fourth Call for Category 1 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 29th. April, 2022 and a decision is expected shortly. Details are as follows: -

#### **Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy**

This funding proposal follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the Square and the re-location of on-street car-parking from the Square to a central backland site acquired through the fund. The application, if successful, will provide for (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre Cahir which will be run by Cahir Development Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town ; (ii) the refurbishment of the Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community on the ground and first floors;

(iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, 3 coach parking spaces, 2 minibus parking spaces and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings which have been acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project.

**The project value is €14,894,686 and grant funding of €11,915,749 has been approved through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

### **Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'**

This funding proposal follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. The application, if successful, will provide for (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Ball Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures integrating best practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park.

**The project value is €17,989,387 and grant funding of €14,391,509 has been approved through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

## **Reimagining and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea**

This funding proposal is an intervention by Tipperary County Council to deliver a transformational change of the public space around Gantly Road and to promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The Project is the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The proposal consists of the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles, the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths, extensive bio-retention rain gardens and the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area would transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town.

**The project value is €5,639,145 and grant funding of €4,511,316 has been approved through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

## **CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE**

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2022** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. Applications were invited up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022. Tipperary County Council had 26 applications for funding under



the BHIS. 20 applications were approved for funding by the DHLGH with funding ranging from €2,800 to €10,000. The total funding for the Scheme was €126,400.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2022 (HSF)** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

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

Tipperary County Council received 14 applications under the HSF and 5 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department. Having assessed the projects, the DHLGH chose to financially support two projects and the total amount awarded to the projects was €41,450.

## **E-PLANNING**

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has been selected as one of the pilot Authorities for e-planning. During 2022 the following works have been completed, full UAT (User Acceptability Testing) testing has been completed on Part 8 Applications (Local Authority own Development), full testing of making submissions on a planning applications was completed and same went live in August 2022. We have liaised with Galway County Council to assist them with the pilot project. Tipperary County Council have hosted multiple planning authorities in both centres to highlight the benefits of eplanning. Our online applications have increased month on month from

34% in January to 63% in September. It is envisioned that ePlanning will go to live pilot with Part 8 applications before the end of 2022, along with rolling out full eplanning (planning applications, submissions and part 8's) to the next wave of Planning Authorities before the end of 2022.

## **SECTION 2 – WORKS PROPOSED 2023**

### **DEVELOPMENT PLANS/LOCAL AREA PLANS**

#### **CLONMEL, NENAGH, THURLES AND ROSCREA LOCAL AREA PLANS**

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment. Workshops will be arranged with the Elected members over the coming weeks with an Issues Paper being published for consultation in November 2022 for all four Local Area Plans and Public Notice under S20(3)(a)(ii) to publish a draft Roscrea Local Area Plan in February 2023 and publish draft for Clonmel, Nenagh and Roscrea in July 2023.

#### **RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX**

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope

and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.

Draft maps are to be published on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be subject to a consultation period with final maps to be published in December 2023.

### **URBAN HOUSING & REGENERATION ACT 2015**

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

### **VARIATION TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

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

## **PROJECT IRELAND 2040: FUNDING SCHEMES**

The Planning Section will co-ordinate the preparation and submission of applications for funding as opportunities arise throughout 2023.

The following projects will continue to be delivered under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund and Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

### **Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration**

Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub - Complete snagging and organise official opening of the project.

### **Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles**

**Phase 1:** - - Complete snagging. **Phase 2:** - Part 8 Planning will commence in Q1 2023 with anticipated completion by the end of Q2 2023. Expected completion of detailed design in Q4 2023.

**A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy** driving the transformational urban regeneration of **Nenagh**: - Complete Stage 2 Procurement under the Restricted Procedure for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary design team subject to approval of the Preliminary Business Case by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Complete all required surveys, assessments, preliminary designs, detailed design and Part 8 in 2023.

### **Tipperary Town Regeneration**

**Market Yard** – Completed.

**River Arra Walkway** – Complete snagging on the project.

### **Fethard Town Park**

**Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches** are completed and open to the public.

**Phase 2 – Pavilion and Public Realm Works and Phase 3 – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion** – It is anticipated that works will be substantially completed by the end of April, 2023. Official opening will take place also during the year.

### **Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza**

Commence works in Q1 2023 subject to receipt of Departmental approval to the Final Business Case. Estimated construction period is 18 months.

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

The Part 8 Planning process will commence in Q1 2023 with completion in Q2 2023.

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

Detailed design will be fully completed before going to tender pending successful Category 1 application which was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in April 2022. A decision on this application is expected shortly.

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

Detailed design and Part 8 Planning have been completed. Category 1 application was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in April 2022 and a decision on this application is awaited.

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

Complete detailed designs by end of Q1 2023. Tender preparation, evaluation and award for the construction stage will take place in Q2 2023. Commence works in Q3 2023 and estimated construction programme is 18 months.

### **Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project**

Commence works on site in Q1 of 2023. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q3 of 2023.

### **Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh**

Commence detailed designs and the Part 8 planning process in Q4 2022 and complete in Q1 of 2023.

## **ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES / MASTER PLANS**

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

## **CONSERVATION & HERITAGE**

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

## **E-PLANNING**

Online planning (ePlanning) services for Local Authorities in Ireland will continue to roll out nationally in 2023. The main elements of the project are:

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

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

## SECTION 3: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Year	Individual houses – no. of applications decided	Housing developments – no. of applications decided	Non-housing not requiring EIA - no. of applications decided	Requiring EIA - no. of applications decided	Total applications decided
2013	169	8	554	17	748
2014	145	8	504	15	672
2015	126	5	674	12	817
2016	158	3	674	14	849
2017	224	7	701	5	937
2018	232	17	765	16	1030
2019	201	21	718	6	946
2020	188	25	720	1	934
2021	295	36	859	8	1198
2022*	274	17	569	8	868

\*2022 figures up to 30<sup>th</sup> September only

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

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

2022 Statistics (up to 30th September):

<b>Warning Letters</b>	<b>Enforcement Notices</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>
139	27	281

### **TAKING IN CHARGE**

4 estates have been taken in charge to-date in 2022, totalling 123 housing units:

<b>Development Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Housing Units</b>
Ashgrove Estate, Thurles	Thurles	67
Mill Crescent, Carrick-on-Suir	Carrick-on-Suir	22
Rathronan Close, Clonmel	Clonmel	4
West Meadows, Boherlahan, Cashel	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	30

A further 3 estates are either advertised or due to be advertised for taking in charge at Municipal District meetings in 2022, totalling 79 housing units.

<b>Development Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Housing Units</b>
Cluain Arra, Bansha	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	22
The Avenue, Barnora, Cahir	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	19
The Woodlands, Barnora, Cahir	Tipp/Cahir/Cashel	38

It is therefore expected that 7 estates will be taken in charge in 2022, totalling 202 housing units.



# **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

## **TIPPERARY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)**

The Guidelines for the LECP 2023-2029 were provided to Local Authorities in December 2021. In accordance with those guidelines, an advisory group is in place, High Level Goals have been Developed and the Socio-Economic Statement is being developed currently. Following in from this a series of online and in person consultation in the plan will be organised across the county. An online platform or interface is being developed to facilitate the LECP Development process.

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)**

The LCDC meets monthly and continues to provide oversight across a wide range of schemes and programmes including the Community Enhancement Programme, Rural Development Programme, Healthy Ireland, Migrant Integration and SICAP. New Public Participation Representatives came onto the LCDC in 2022.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)**

SICAP is into the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the 6 year Programme SICAP (2018-2023). The programme supports local community groups and supports individuals back to work and employment. The focus is on marginalised communities and target group. In 2022, SICAP was provided with additional budget to support the displaced Ukrainians, as part of this new role, they carry out an assessment of need and assist the Ukrainians to access health, education and welfare as well as other key services. In County Tipperary, we have two SICAP programmes, the annual budget for South Tipperary Development Company is €844,322 and the budget for the North Tipperary SICAP

programme is €695,490. Funding comes through Tipperary County Council and is paid quarterly.

## **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/LEADER**

Tipperary Interim Local Development Strategy funding concludes in December 2022. The next Leader Programme 2023 to 2027 has yet to be launched with anticipated budgets and thematic areas for grants to be advised.

## **OTHER FUNDING SCHEMES OVERSEEN BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT**

### **Town & Village Scheme**

#### **2021 Main Scheme**

Under the 2021 Town and Village Main Scheme, 3 projects were successful with a grant funding of €788,000 approved.

#### **2021 Streetscape Scheme**

This scheme provided funding of €407,000 to 126 properties in the towns of Nenagh, Thurles, Cashel, Cahir and Carrick-on-Suir.

#### **2022 Main Scheme**

The main scheme which permitted 6 project applications, one project up to €500,000 and 5 projects up to €250,000. The scheme also allowed 2 projects development measures up to €50,000, these projects are to flesh out a potential project allowing for exploration and feasibility works to be undertaken. One application was submitted under the Marketing Scheme Measure up to €50,000 targeted at attracting remote workers to the County. Funding of €400,000 was achieved under the Building Acquisition and funding of €49,500 was achieved under the Marketing Measure. To date the successful projects under the Capital Schemes have not been announced.

## **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME**

### **In 2021:**

Measure 1; 6 projects were awarded grant funding of €115,550

Measure 2; 2 projects were awarded grant funding of €318,600

Measure 3; 1 project was awarded grant funding of €210,487

### **In 2022:**

Measure 1; 6 projects were awarded grant funding of €176,784

Project Development Measures; 2 projects were awarded grant funding of €91,100. To date successful Measure 2 and Measure 3 projects have not been announced.

### **CLAR**

13 projects under Measure 1 were approved by the Department of Community and Rural Development in 2022 supporting projects across the county to the overall grant value of €490,076

### **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

As part of the JPC crime and safety work the JPC will roll out “property marking” in 2023. Community groups will be able to borrow a machine from the County Council that engraves property owners Eircode onto their equipment and machinery

Tipperary County Council, An Garda Síochána and local community groups are working together to implement community based CCTV systems in a number of towns and villages in the county.

### **TIPPERARY AGE FRIENDLY**

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

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)**

Tipperary PPN continue to act as agent for information, support and engagement with an active community and voluntary sector in Tipperary.

The wellbeing vision informed by the community is embedded in the Corporate Plan for Tipperary

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES COMMITTEE (CYPSC)**

Tipperary CYPSC, chaired by TCC, is a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. CYPSC, who receive its own Healthy Ireland national funding, partner Tipperary LCDC in joint funding applications and implementation of Healthy Ireland funding across the county ensuring geographical and demographical targeting of this funding support.

### **HEALTHY IRELAND AND HEALTHY TIPPERARY**

Healthy Ireland takes a whole of government and whole of society approach reflecting the multiple factors that influence our ability to support our own health and wellbeing. Healthy Tipperary delivers objectives of the Healthy Tipperary Strategy.

### **SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CLONMEL**

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme, takes an area-based approach to tackling health and wellbeing with a strong focus on areas of deprivation to address health inequalities. Clonmel is one of the 20 designated Healthy Community locations in phase 1 of the Healthy Communities Programme.

### **COMHAIRLE NA NÓG**

Comhairle Na nÓg gives young people a voice on the development of local policies and services in Tipperary.

### **PLAY AND RECREATION**

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs provides small grant opportunity to showcase importance of play for Play and Recreation Week

### **PRIDE OF PLACE 2022**

The Pride of Place competition was judged in Tipperary on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The groups competing were:

- Cahir Tidy Towns

- Tipperary Men's Shed

Following the success of the 2021 competition (where there was one overall winner and 2 runners up awards) , the judges were once again extremely impressed with the high level of community activity and commitment in the county. The high number of volunteers involved continue to contribute to their respective communities with clearly obvious impacts on their local areas

### **DISABILITY AWARENESS**

Tipperary County Council hosted 'Make Way Day' for the county on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022. Sign of the Times Project promotes the awareness and use of Irish Sign Language (ISL).

### **MIGRANT INTEGRATION**

The Migrant Integration Strategy is at pre-draft stage. Actions forming the workplan are centred around the following areas

- Educational outcomes and language abilities within the migrant community
- Integration and life chances of non-Irish through volunteerism and community involvement
- Awareness of multi-culturalism within organisations and communities through training and media
- Celebration the diversity that multi-culturalism brings to Co Tipperary
- Promoting multi-cultural diversity though sport
- Challenging racism and discrimination against people from different cultures
- Increasing representation of migrant groups in decision-making committees and groups.

Migrants projects that took place in 2022 include Africa Day activities and International Yoga Festival in Cashel.

# ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

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## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

The Enterprise Ireland 2022 budget allocation to the Local Enterprise Office Tipperary in Tipperary County Council is summarised as follows:

<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>€</u>
Administration Grant	Schedule A	386,650
Measure One	Schedule B	575,000
Measure Two	Schedule C	405,000
Trading Online Voucher	Schedule D	116,039
Export Business Adviser		50,000
Graduate		39,868
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,572,557</b>

Measure 1 refers to the provision of capital and employment grants to start up (priming) or business expansion (more than 18 months in operation) and the figure above of €575,000 is supplemented by refundable aid parts of an initial grant from the previous 3 years.

Measure 2 refers to the provision of a range of training and mentoring supports to a full range of commercial entities – manufacturing, retail, warehousing and logistics etc. Measure 2 also covers nationally directed support measures directed at projects in lean manufacture; 'Green for Micro'; Digitisation for Micro and for 2023 a 'resilience' fund to assist companies navigate their way through the huge increases in energy and operational costs.

During 2022 to the Trading Online Voucher scheme has reverted to the pre Covid level of support of 50% of the total cost up to a maximum of €5,000 spend on an online trading platform. The target number of vouchers for 2023 will be in the region of 60 vouchers.

The local enterprise office will continue to link in, promote and operationalise programmes such as Enterprise week (circa. first week in March); National

Enterprise Showcase; Presence at the National Ploughing Championships in September, National Enterprise Awards in April and other initiatives that arise commensurate with a changing economic landscape nationally and internationally.

## **RETAIL**

**The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme** seeks to significantly add to the restoration, vibrancy and vitality of the towns and villages in the County through the provision of a grant for new businesses (retail or commercial) that utilise vacant premises for their start-up location. Businesses applying in the 2022 period were across a range of services including Fitness studios, Digital Work Space, Beauty/Hair-dressing, Crafts, Dancing School, Flower shop and Advisory Businesses. Nenagh MD, Thurles MD, Clonmel BD and Tipperary MD had applicants. Full details of the scheme and the link to applying are on an information portal at [www.tipperarycoco.ie/cvis](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cvis)

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

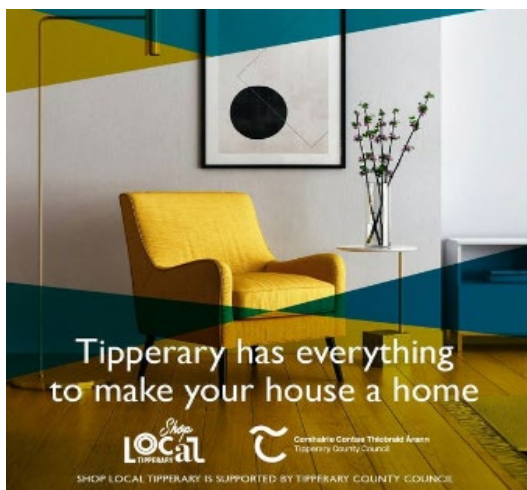
**The Painting & Enhancement Scheme** offers funding to the 5 Municipal District's for painting and general improvements to commercial building frontages; the erection of planters; floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements, the removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter, and the replacement with shop fascia signage. Total allocation provided from C&E across the 5 MD's was €20,044 but there was an overall value leveraged from the scheme of **€72,612** - (362% extra funds used for scheme purposes).

## **The Shop Local Tipperary Social Media Campaign**



Shop Local Tipperary on Instagram and Facebook has been growing followers over the past year. Feedback is very positive and the promotions under this theme are clearly branded as being a Tipperary County Council initiative.

Ongoing posts are made on both Facebook and Instagram promoting shop local in County Tipperary. The posts have ranged from encouraging people to: 'Spruce up their homes', check out the crafts available in your local area' to 'dine locally' and to pick up some 'sweet treats' made locally.



Spring has well and truly sprung so why not treat yourself or your loved one to a locally sourced sweet treat! #ShopLocalTipperary #SupportLocal #ShopLocal #EatLocal #DrinkLocal #WorkLocal #PlayLocal #Tipperary



The online directory of businesses at <https://shop.localtipperary.ie> continues to be hosted on the Tipperary County Council Website. The directory highlights any business in County Tipperary where purchases can be made online. It is fully searchable by category or by nearest town, so it offers a very simple way for people to find shops in their locality for specific categories of goods or services.

### **Town Centre Initiative**

Templemore Community Development Association and the Templemore Business Association joined with Tipperary County Council in establishing a



new brand for the town. A process of consultation was undertaken with the citizens, businesses and the youths of Templemore. The new brand was launched at a public event and it was warmly received by a very large crowd who attended. It is now in use in the town on websites and on many community Facebook/Instagram pages along with the local community noticeboard.



## **COUNTY TIPPERARY DIGITAL HUBS AND REMOTE WORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Digital Hubs**

Two strategic areas where a gap exists in regard to the availability of a Digital Hub or work space for remote working were identified in the County Tipperary Digital Strategy – Thurles and Cashel. Funding applications were submitted to address this opportunity.

1. Funding was sought from Enterprise Ireland for the provision of a Feasibility Study for Thurles under the REISS funding. This application

was successful and a grant of €48,000 was awarded to undertake this research. The process has commenced on this feasibility study.

2. An application was submitted to the Town & Villages Funding in relation to a Feasibility Study for Cashel and the outcome of this application is outstanding.

Ongoing development of Digital Hubs across the county is being undertaken as part of RRDF/URDF applications in Carrick-on-Suir, Nenagh, Cahir and Templemore. Tipperary Town has also seen the development of the Tipperary Innovation Engine as part of the repurposing of the Tipperary Technology Park to create co-working spaces.

### **Marketing of County Tipperary as a Remote Working Location**

Many of the organisations or bodies involved in the provision of Digital Hub Space in County Tipperary are volunteer based and would not have any access to a budget to fund marketing – The *Tipperary Digital Strategy 2018-2021*, and its subsequent review in 2021, identified the benefit that an increase in remote workers could bring to the county and recommended that further efforts should be made to promote county Tipperary, in which the excellent lifestyle, education and infrastructure provide the fundamentals for a great place to live and work. The marketing and promotion of remote working is central to the Digital Strategy. Funding was awarded under the Towns and Villages funding 2022 for a marketing campaign to promote the remote working opportunities and facilities in county Tipperary. This will be targeted to business interests and individuals across the county, country and to the diaspora across the world. The impact of a successful remote working campaign will align with Government policy and priorities as outlined in Town Centre First and Our Rural Futures. This impact would be felt throughout the towns and villages across the county. This will provide an opportunity for a collaborative effort to promote the county as an ideal location in Ireland to live, work and socialise in and thus revitalise the county.

## **Atlantic Digital Green Basin**

Under the auspices of the Mid West Enterprise Plan and programme manager, Paraic Rattigan, a strategic plan for the development of an Atlantic Digital Green Basin stretching from mid Tipperary, particularly Lisheen and Littleton where Horizon2020 and Just Transition funding is deployed to leverage multiples of private sector funding, across to the Shannon estuary and a major investment programme for the development of wind energy and battery storage. These type of initiatives have taken on a new urgency with the current energy challenges for domestic and commercial users.

## **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND JOB CREATION**

### **Task force-lead regeneration of regional towns –**

#### **Pilot Scheme at Tipperary Town**

The pilot plan for Tipperary town enters its third year in 2023. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) along with Tipperary County Council on a 50:50 basis have invested approximately €140K each year in each of the first two years of the initiative. €60K was put forward as project enabling funds, in most cases as leverage / match funding for feasibility studies or animation such as the Food Hub Project currently under way. €80K was used to support salary costs in the Revitalisation Office.

## **BROADBAND**

### ***Initiative 1 - the delivery and implementation of the National Broadband Plan's State -led Intervention Area in county Tipperary***

The National Broadband Plan (NBP) aims to ensure that every home, farm and business in Ireland – regardless of how remote or rural – has access to high-speed broadband.

In total, there are over 30,349 premises located in the National Broadband Plan's State -led Intervention Area (NBP IA) in county Tipperary - including 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs), 19,800 homes, 3,971 Farms, 6,545

residential/ commercial businesses and 35 rural BCP National Schools. This equates to 35% of all premises in the county. Under this project the county will see an investment of €118M in **new Gigabit network services**.

In June, 2021, **NBI™** commenced works in **21 NBP IA Deployment Area (s)** in county Tipperary and the current projected delivery time-frames are as follows;

<b>Deployment Area</b>	<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Projected Date for Connection</b>
<i>Tipperary</i>	<i>Ready for Service (2839) Network Build in Progress (53)</i>	<i>Service Available Now July 2022 –December 2022 (53)</i>
<i>Clonmel</i>	<i>Ready for Service (1530) Network Build in Progress (33)</i>	<i>Service Available Now July 2022 –December 2022 (33)</i>
<i>Roscrea</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress</i>	<i>October 2022 –December 2022</i>
<i>Johnstown</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress</i>	<i>November 2022 –December 2022</i>
<i>Cashel</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress</i>	<i>April 2023 –June 2023</i>
<i>Nenagh</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Carrick-on-Suir</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Mullinahone</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Cahir</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress (2) Survey Complete (3148)</i>	<i>July 2022 –December 2022 (2) July 2024 –December 2024 (3148)</i>
<i>Tallow</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>July 2024 –December 2024</i>
<i>Templemore</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Hollyford</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Ballinderry</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Ballinamult</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Littleton</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Newport (TY)</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Birr</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Ogonnelloe</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Mitchelstown</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Banagher</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>
<i>Additional Premises</i>	<i>Survey Pending</i>	<i>January 2025 –December 2026</i>

## **County Tipperary** – the breakdown figures at end September, 2022

Total Number of NBP State -led Intervention area covered premises in Tipperary: 30,349

- 86% of Tipperary premises will be surveyed by NBI™ by end 2022.
- Over 60% of premises will have works commenced by end 2022, 98% by end 2023.
- Over 20% completed by end 2022 and 70% of premises will be completed by end 2024.

### **Initiative 2 – the delivery of high-speed Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) in county Tipperary.**

The BCP delivery Programme is well underway in County Tipperary – and the following Broadband Connection Points have been connected to high-speed broadband:

1. ROSSMORE COMMUNITY HALL, ROSSMORE, CASHEL, CO. TIPPERARY, E25D429
2. DROM COMMUNITY HALL, DROM, BORRISOLEIGH, THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY, E41X285
3. CURREENEY COMMUNITY HALL, CURREENEY, KILCOMMON, THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY, E41XC62
4. AGLISH COMMUNITY HALL, AGLISH, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY, E53E132
5. KILLURNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLURNEY, BALLYPATRICK, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY, E91H7W4
6. MOYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, MOYGLASS, FETHARD, CO. TIPPERARY, E91WK25
7. KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLOSCULLY, NEWPORT, CO. TIPPERARY, V94FK20
8. KILLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLEA, TEMPLEMORE, CO. TIPPERARY, E41T6Y0
9. THE PAVILLION, BALLINDERRY SPORTSFIELD, BALLINDERRY, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY, E45 F627
10. BALLINAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROSSFINCH, BALLINAHINCH, BIRDHILL, V94 CVCO
11. BOHER PARISH HALL, BOHER, BALLINA, V94 EY06
12. FANURE COMMUNITY HALL, FANURE, ROSCREA, COUNTY TIPPERARY E53 AE02
13. KILCOLEMAN COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE, BURGESS GAA CLUB, PAIRC NA NGAEL, KILCOLEMAN, NEWTOWN, NENAGH, E45 YH76
14. THE APPLE CAMPING & CARAVAN PARK, MOORSTOWN, CAHIR, E21 YX33
15. DONASKEAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, DONASKEAGH, E34 AK24 (HSB connection to this building is “Fibre cable”)
16. TERRYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, TERRYGLASS, NENAGH, E45 FC42
17. BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUB, BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUBHOUSE, KILROE, BALLYLOOBY, E21 TA47
18. LATTERAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SALLYPARK, LATTERAGH, NENAGH, E45 EF68
19. GURTAGARRY COMMUNITY HALL, GORTAGARRY, TOOMEVARA, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY E45 FA43
20. LISMAKIN COMMUNITY HALL, LISMAKIN, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY E53 Y589

21. NORTH TIPPERARY FOOD WORKS, MAIN STREET, REARCROSS, NEWPORT, COUNTY TIPPERARY  
V94 YW08\*

\* Not yet connected to HSB (SEPT/2022)

The **BCP Initiative** is a collaborative effort involving the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, NBI, Local Authorities and Managers of the BCP sites.



An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development



“**Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021-2025**” recognises remote working hubs and **Broadband Connection Points** as being key economic assets for towns and villages throughout Ireland. Its ambition is to transform digital connectivity for rural communities and enterprises through the delivery of high-speed broadband to every part of the country, ensuring equality of access to digital services and supporting the diversification of rural economies and jobs through digital technologies.



Under the **Connected Hubs Fund 2021/22** – Tipperary County Council received Funding in the amount of c €0.5m to invest in the Tipperary BCP

*Network.*

This Funding aims to support and complement the development of the Broadband Connection Point Initiative into more active “**Remote Digital Hubs**” and they will be supported by new remote working infrastructure including, IP door access key-pad control solutions and security systems which will allow their customers to connect to the National Hub Network booking platform at [www.connectedhubs.ie](http://www.connectedhubs.ie) and new Audio Visual Conference Facilities.



## Tipperary Connected Communities

Tipperary's Broadband Connection Points are now live with Vodafone superfast WiFi.



Figure 1 – **Map showing Locations of the Tipperary BCP Network**

In February, 2022 the government launched a new national digital strategy, harnessing Digital – **The Digital Ireland Framework**, to drive and enable the digital transition across the Irish economy and society.

Its four dimensions include –

- 1. Digital transformation of Business**
- 2. Digital Infrastructure**
- 3. Digital Skills**
- 4. Digitalisation of Public Services**

In order to support these dimensions and the DRCD Thematic Programmes – the **BCP Network in County Tipperary** is offering a number of **pilot Digital skills and Digital literacy courses**.

Working with the DRCD, a number of public and private sector partners, these pilot programmes seek to upskill from no knowledge to working proficiency and to support the exploration of STEAM subjects and coding by school children and families.

**“These digital literacy courses will offer new skills to learn, work and navigate everyday life in our digital world. The skills involve the ability to use devices, software, and apps safely and with confidence”**

Initially, these Programmes will be offered to 15 Broadband Connection Points and their Project Activities include for:

**1) "OurKidsCode" with Trinity College, Dublin.** Following on from a very successful pilot programme that took place in Killurney BCP, Tipperary as one of only three counties have been asked to run three **"OurKidsCode"** funded programmes. However, due to the level of interest we have had to increase this to five with a waiting list for additional programmes.

The BCP's that will deliver the **"OurKidsCode" Programme** in Autumn 2022 are:

- Boher BCP - 3 programmes
- Rossmore BCP - 1 programme
- Drom - 1 programme

At each BCP - a limited number of 6 families will partake in a four week training programme which will be delivered by our first "Digital Champion" (who is a National School Teacher).



**"OurKidsCode"** training in Killurney BCP



**"Microsoft Dreamscape"** Event in June at Gurtagarry BCP (right)

## 2) Microsoft Dream Space



Official Launch of this Programme by Microsoft on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 is planned for Boher BCP.

The programme will be delivered in at least five national schools in the autumn.



### 3) Vodafone Ireland “Story Telling Series” Event

Gurtagarry BCP was chosen to represent the region/Munster BCP’s as part of a National Promotional Campaign. A professional two-minute video was made featuring this BCP, the local national school and a number of Irish rugby players visiting on the day.



“Connected Communities Story Telling Series” in June, Gurtagarry BCP

4) **Digital Literacy in Adults** - in association with NALA will be run later this year initially in 3 BCPs in county Tipperary.

### 5) **An Nuacht TG4 – Rossmore**

TG4 Programme highlighting remote working facilities in BCP’s featured Nationally on “An Nuacht”

“An Nuacht” filming at Rossmore BCP



### 6) **KINIA**

Are planning to delivering Train the Trainer Workshops in the BCPs in Autumn 2022.

### 7) **SMART FARMING Digital Skills Programme**

This pilot programme by Tipperary County Council is to commence in November, 2022 and is aimed at the farming community regardless of ability, age, location, sector to improve digital skills in SMART Farming. It will help understand the benefits of technologies for farming and explore initiatives for farms to encourage the adoption of such technologies. The Programme Modules will be delivered by **NALA, IFA, Teagasc** and the **ICMSA**



**8) DRCD/ Irish Film Institute** – Special Screening of the IFI Oscars Film Festival 9th June 2022.



“IFI Oscars Film Festival” at Killoscully BCP”

**9) The Opening of FANURE COMMUNITY HALL BCP, FANURE, ROSCREA, COUNTY TIPPERARY E53 AE02**



The Official Opening Event of Fanure BCP took place on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Initiative 3 – the delivery of HSB under the Schools Broadband Connection Points Project.**

**What is it?** 679 primary schools will be connected to broadband by the end of 2022 as the rollout of the National Broadband Plan accelerates.

These connections will be in place significantly earlier than the original completion date in 2026. BCPs delivered under the National Broadband Plan (NBP) will ensure that primary school pupils in rural Ireland will be able to participate fully in the digital revolution that is taking place. A BCP at a school location will provide connectivity for pupils and teachers and will underpin the Department of Education’s Digital Learning Framework for Schools. **35 BCP Primary Schools in County Tipperary will be delivered under this Initiative.**

**Initiative 4 – To support the Plans of commercial operators to deploy quality, secure and resilient Gigabit Network services to the vast majority of premises,** in primarily urban and suburban areas covering circa 65% of the premises across the county.



**SIRO**, was launched in 2015 as a joint venture between ESB and Vodafone with the aim of delivering the first 100% fibre-to-the-building broadband across regional Ireland. The SIRO Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Network is built using the ESB's overhead and underground infrastructure, ensuring a fast, reliable and sustainable network.

**SIRO**, continues to deploy high speed broadband (FTTH) in the towns of **Nenagh** (3,700 premises) **Clonmel** (8,693 premises) and **Roscrea** (2,800 premises).

In October, 2021 **SIRO** announced an expansion of its Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) Network, which will nearly double its reach to 770,000 homes and businesses. Under this Programme (FTTH) deployment has commenced in the towns of Thurles, Cashel in June 2022.

SIRO, is also using the new Shared Underground Telecommunications Infrastructure as developed by Tipperary County Council and others as part of the Liberty Sq., Thurles Refurbishment Project.



In 2019, **EIR LIMITED** commenced the build of their IFN Project in county Tipperary which plans to cover all urban areas in the county with greater than 1,000 urban premises.

To date, **EIR LIMITED** has passed **12,000 premises** in Urban areas with **Gigabit Network services** in County Tipperary - namely in the towns of **Nenagh, Ballina, Tipperary Town, Templemore, Thurles** and **Cahir**.

In August, 2022 they commenced Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) deployment in the town of Clonmel.

Under its Commitment Agreement with the State - **OPEN Eir** recently completed the deployment of high-speed broadband FTTH to 16,000 premises in an area which was previously part of the National Broadband Plan's State - led Intervention Area (NBP IA), County Tipperary.

EIR LTD has so far passed 28,000 premises with Gigabit Network Services in county Tipperary.



**eNet** operates Metropolitan Area Networks in the county namely; Clonmel, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore and Tipperary Town on behalf of the state with over 133 Customer Connection (s) and these are either operational, or in the process of coming on stream. Their end users are a real mix of life in business in the county made up of schools, bank branches and Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and state agencies (hospitals/Garda stations etc)

**Initiative 5 – To support the plans of Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) and Telecom’s Infrastructure Providers to deploy quality, secure and resilient wireless Network services in county Tipperary**

**What is it?** The requirement for the Mobile Network Operators to continue to enhance their services, up-grade their wireless networks and consider new future technologies, in order to improve customer access to high speed broadband wireless services and SMART services.

**Eircom ltd, Vodafone Ireland and Three Ireland** continues to maintain and upgrade their services providing voice calls, 3G data, 4G data and 5G data in county Tipperary.



**Cellnex Telecom** recently launched their “Get Connected” Initiative to seek to ensure the delivery of cost-effective solutions in areas which require improved coverage and connectivity. They are now seeking submissions from members of the public to identify these areas in county Tipperary.

See link: <https://getconnected.ie/>



**Imagine** continues to upgrade and expansion its WTTx network in county Tipperary and to date - 62,793 homes and businesses in county Tipperary are covered by the Imagine Network from 22 mast locations both within and in surrounding the counties.

**Initiative 6 – Maintain the “Tipperary WiFi4EU Network” of Free WiFi Access Points across county Tipperary, as supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the European Commission**

**What is it?** The Wifi4EU Scheme is an initiative of the European Commission and match funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development - provides funding to local authorities to provide free Wi-Fi services in public places such as main streets, public parks, museums, arts centres and other public areas.

The “**Tipperary Free Wifi4EU Network**” has been deployed and maintained by Tipperary County Council in the following towns;

**Tipperary (14 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Nenagh (11 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Roscrea (6 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Thurles (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Carrick-on-Suir (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Clonmel (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**



**Initiative 7 – to progress a design solution with the Telecommunications Industry & others to pilot the concept of Shared Underground Telecommunications Infrastructure.**

**What is it?** In order to carefully manage roads networks and reduce major disruption resulting from multiple road openings, it is considered that local authorities will need to work closely with the telecommunication industry during the development and deployment phase of telecommunications underground infrastructure and future over-ground technologies, in delivering more enhanced connectivity service experiences to urban areas, which will result in protecting our new footway and road surfaces, and deliver the economic benefits of these future technologies.

**Project 1: Underground Shared Telecoms Infrastructure with Industry (Tipperary)**

Tipperary County Council is trialling new technologies with the telecommunications industry as part of the Liberty Sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project and innovative uses of technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government's Digital Innovation Programme.

**SIRO**, recently started using this new **Telecoms Infrastructure** as part of their deployment of their new **Gigabit Network** in the town of Thurles.

## **Initiative 8 – to progress two projects under the ‘Our Rural Future Digital Innovation Programme 2021’**

The Digital Innovation Programme is an initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development. It is designed to encourage local authority led projects that support digital development. These projects promote, support, or otherwise advance at least one of the National seven pillars.

### **Project 2: Shared Telecoms Infrastructure (Tipperary)**

Stream: Innovation Funding awarded: €48,000

In 2019 a pilot project was carried out in order to identify and assess areas within the Lough Derg area of county Tipperary where poor mobile coverage exists and to scope for new solutions which will positively impact mobile coverage for the local community and businesses. Following an extensive test a set of coverage maps were produced which indicated extensive area(s) of poor quantitative performance of voice services and data performance for each of the Mobile Network Operators (MNOs).

### **Project 3: Smart Skills for Farming Communities (Tipperary)**

Stream: Innovation Funding awarded: €24,000

Smart Agriculture IoT based network solutions are increasingly being used across the agricultural sector, fuelling the demand for digital skills. Digital technologies hold the key for a smarter, more competitive and resource-efficient agricultural sector. Irish farmers already benefit from an array of digital solutions that can help their farms to become more sustainable and productive. However, the extent to which new technologies are taken up in the field is actually limited.

The purpose of this project is to support the implementation of a new Digital Skills Training Programme, with the support of the IFA and the Connected Communities – Broadband Connection Points, the Department of Rural and Community Development in the use of new digital technologies in Irish agriculture in rural county Tipperary and is based upon the Departments BCP Thematic programmes (Remote Working, Digital Skills and Education, Arts and Culture)



The IFA is Ireland's largest farming representative organisation and they have agreed to participate and develop a Digital Skills Training Programme and noting their role in the provision of representation, support and advice to their members on an individual basis.

Others, including the ICMSA, Teagasc, NALA and the Local Enterprise Office have also agreed to participate in this Pilot.

**This Programme will also support the production of a 'YouTube Training Video'** on all aspects of Smart Agriculture IoT based Network solutions - which will initially be shown and launched in the BCPs.

## **TOURISM**

The Council actively supported the tourism industry during 2022 as it moved into a recovery phase following the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. The dedicated tourism recovery taskforces in both Tipperary and Lough Derg were wound down mid-year following which the Tipperary Tourism Board and Destination Lough Derg groups refocused on sustaining the industry through collaborative-led marketing, supporting events and connecting tourism providers with funding and upskilling opportunities. This coupled with significant progress on tourism product development projects under the Tipperary Transforming strategy ensured that tourism is positioned well to recover and grow into 2023.

### **Tipperary Destination Recovery Taskforce (TDRT)**

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



## **Tipperary Transforming Tourism Product Development Plan 2020 – 2030.**

This plan is driving a €150 million investment in tourism product development over the next decade. It contains innovative concepts for creating exciting new tourism experiences and significantly enhancing existing ones. Across 19 concepts, development is focused on leveraging the county's assets in heritage, landscape and water within the entire plan. The below projects are currently progressing under the plan.

### **Cashel Destination Town**

Tipperary County Council invited Fáilte Ireland to work together to develop a Destination Town Plan for Cashel. During 2021 two projects commenced and are in progress throughout 2022 as follows; A partnership project with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland to select a site and complete preliminary work on the development of a new Rock of Cashel visitor centre; and a destination town-led public realm design and signage strategy for Cashel town centre.

### **Platforms for Growth 2 Facility Centres for Water Sports Activities.**

This project is progressing through the compliance and planning phases with Fáilte Ireland to develop a facility in Dromineer Harbour, the facility will provide a hub where multiple water sport operators can base themselves. These best-in-class facilities will include; changing facilities, showers, toilets, secure storage and enclosed spaces for inductions to take place.

### **Tourism Impact Assessments Carrick on Suir and Cahir**

The tourism section led the development of independent Tourism Impact Assessments for both Carrick on Suir and Cahir to support the recent RRDF applications.

### **Thoroughbred Country**

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism are working in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, Kildare County Council and Kildare Fáilte to develop equine tourism experiences across the county connected nationally through a

Thoroughbred Experience Trail and to jointly deliver the Fáilte Ireland Thoroughbred Country Destination Development Plan.

### **Just Transition & Littleton Labyrinth.**

Tipperary County Council and Bord na Móna were successful in a funding bid to the Just Transition Fund for €780,000 to develop the first phase of Littleton Labyrinth. Essentially this project encompasses a peatway from Horse and Jockey to Lough Daoire Bhile. Also progressing is a feasibility study and business plan to develop the concept of a Bushcraft Survival and Activity Centre. The project is currently in progress.

### **Blueways Accreditation**

The first Blueways in the world to achieve accreditation were officially launched in April, two of only three Blueways accredited are located in county Tipperary - Suir Blueway Tipperary and Lough Derg Blueway.

The Blueway accreditation has been developed by Fáilte Ireland, Sport Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland. An official accreditation will ensure all Blueways will be developed to a consistent high standard from a technical and safety perspective and will deliver best in class sustainable visitor experiences. This accreditation designates our Blueways as best-in-class destinations for water-based and water-side activities.

### **Suir Blueway Tipperary**

Tipperary County Council is working in partnership with Waterford County Council to complete a feasibility study on connecting Suir Blueway Tipperary with Waterford Greenway. This feasibility study commenced in Q2 2022 and is currently in progress.

**Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme** – Department of Rural and Community Development. Funding was secured in 2022 for the following projects: Tipperary Angling and Accessible Tourism Project (€22,000), Adventure Lough Derg APP Extension (€25,000), and Munster Vales Slow Tourism Project (€22,000).

## **Tipperary Tourism**

Significant progress was made on **collaborative marketing** actions during 2022, highlights include: 6 new videos, over 2000 new images, 189 new video clips, 60,000 brochures were printed and delivered, 4.4 million impressions were achieved overall on social media, a PR campaign with AVE of €2.5m reaching 27 million people. TV and radio also featured strongly in the 2022 campaigns including exposure on RTE, CNN, TG4, 98FM and Today FM. Networking and training events were also delivered.

## **South East Food Stories**

The South East Food Stories initiative was formally launched in June. Coordinated by the South East Development Office it is a collaboration between the local authorities in the South East, the county food networks and food and tourism businesses to develop a food trail across the region. The official website is live at [www.southeastfoodstories.com](http://www.southeastfoodstories.com) and includes an attractive Tipperary package and promotional video.

## **Rose of Tralee International Festival**

The International Rose of Tralee Tour visited Tipperary on August 13th & 14th shining a spotlight on the premier county as part of their tour of Ireland. A delegation of sixteen roses led by Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan included roses from; Philadelphia, Waterford, Monaghan, Cavan, Florida, Kilkenny, Newfoundland, Leitrim, Ohio, Galway, Perth, Roscommon, Sydney, Sligo and Toronto. The promotions around this event created 2.16 million impressions and the advertising value equivalent was €84,000.

## **Munster Vales**

During 2022 Munster Vales continued to roll out the Munster Vales Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024 and lead collaborative marketing of the Munster Vales destination incorporating parts of counties Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and Waterford.

Munster Vales led the development of **20 new** itineraries which are available for visitors through [www.munstervales.com](http://www.munstervales.com) . Strong collaborative marketing

campaigns were delivered throughout the year as well as a suite of industry tailored training supported by the local enterprise offices in the region.

### **Lough Derg**

A **Destination Recovery Taskforce** was established for Lough Derg in July 2020. In collaboration with Irelands Hidden Heartlands Destination, a Lough Derg resilience plan was developed and delivered during 2021 and 2022.

The Destination Lough Derg group led the delivery of the Lough Derg Visitor Experience Development Plan 2020 – 2024 and have made significant progress on a number of projects in 2022 including progressing the development of discovery points around the lake and significant collaborative marketing campaigns as well as supporting large scale events in the region including Quest Lough Derg, Gul World Fireball Championship and Field Exchange.

# TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (TSP)

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Tipperary Sports Partnership's remit is to develop sport and increase physical activity in the county. Numerous campaigns were delivered to support and encourage participation in sport and physical activity throughout the year.

In 2022 to date, the Sports Partnership delivered and facilitated 72 individual programmes or initiatives with over 4,200 participants and secured funding in excess of €558,000 to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2022 include:

## **Participation:**

The focus on walking continued. In January the Operation Transformation 5k Walk took place in Thurles, Tipperary had 3 OT leaders participating in the RTE programme. Community Walking programmes were facilitated in Ballina, Clonmel, New Inn, Newport and Tipperary Town. TSP also supported the establishment of a new Park Run in Fethard while continuing to support the existing runs across the County. A 'Couch to 3k' Podcast is available to download on the [www.tipperarysports.ie](http://www.tipperarysports.ie)

There was an emphasis on swimming with Swim for A Mile Programmes running in Nenagh, Carrick on Suir and Clonmel and a SFAM Event in Clonmel. A Swimmin' Women Programme is currently running in Carrick on Suir, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Thurles and Tipperary Town.

In May, Bike Week took place, TSP supported social media campaigns and Schools Cycling Programme on the Blueway and ran 3 online initiatives through social media to encourage engagement – cycle quiz, schools challenge and community challenge. Nearly 700 people took part in cycling activities delivered by local clubs and supported by TSP.

As part of the Outdoor Community Sports Hub and Urban Adventure projects Family Kayaking Dabbler sessions were delivered as part of National Blueway Day in Cahir & Clonmel. During the Spring & Summer TSP facilitated a Schools Paddles Up programme; Primary school kids Introduction to kayaking and Inclusive Paddling. In addition, TSP linked with Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel

Canoe Club to support 'For the Love of it' canoeing initiative and the National Launch took place in Clonmel in September. Currently, working with Coláiste Dun Iascaigh in delivering a canoeing programme as part of their school curriculum for leaving certs. The development of Mountain Biking is currently been supported linking with Clonmel Mountain Bike Club with the provision of Mountain Bike Leader training and as part of 'Her Outdoors Week' a mountain bike session was provided for females new to the sport. Also, supported were Learn to Row programmes for adults and youths with Clonmel Rowing Club.

The Tipperary Community Sports Hub at the Canon Hayes Sports Centre continues to expand with programmes such as Try Tennis, Activator Walking, Social Basketball, Boccia, Inclusive Soccer programme with the Brothers of Charity and the FAI, a 4-week physical activity with the Tipperary Youth Services, Late Night Soccer League and the highlight was the establishment of a new Badminton club with over 30 members.

Throughout the year a number of programmes with schools were delivered which included Sport Leader Programmes, Sports Hall Athletics, Cycle Right, Hoops for Girls, Slí Nádúr Outdoor Education, Orienteering, TrY Rowing and Get Going Get Rowing programmes. The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike programme continued to be a hit with Childcare Services across the County.

A significant focus continues to be brought to bear by TSP on marginalised and disadvantaged groups in sport. A variety of initiatives has been supported which include the delivery of 2 Green Exercise programmes with Silverarch, CTC's Youth Reach Olympic Games and with YWIT 4 physical activity programmes targeting disadvantaged youths along with a programme for young travellers. In Clonmel, in partnership with the FAI and Tipperary Rural Traveller Project a soccer programme was also supported. Activities were also supported for residences of Bridgewater House along with numerous physical activity programmes in the centres in Clonmel & Littleton catering for refugees from the Ukraine.

TSP linked with a variety of agencies to support the delivery of programmes for people with disabilities which included Inclusive Swim; Boccia; Movement for All; Down Syndrome Tipperary Learn to Cycle Programme; Vision Sport

Ireland Mid-West VI Blind Tennis in Ballina and VI Soccer taster in Thurles. 20 primary schools with ASD Units received a new activity programme, equipment and resources were supplied as part of the initiative. As part of Mental Health Week, a new 12 week walking programme 'Woodlands for Health' commenced in Dundrum. In June, a Water Sports Inclusion Day was held on Lough Derg.

Activities and supports were provided for older adults which included Walking Football, Virtual Exercise Programme and Aqua Fit. In May the annual Go for Life Festival was held in Thurles. In partnership with Healthy Tipperary & Age Friendly Tipperary the established of a Cycle with Age Initiative in Cahir was set up and launched in May.

Training supports were provided to sports clubs in the form of Child Welfare courses; Club Children Officers courses; Designated Officer courses, Disability Inclusion Training and Autism in Sport. An online Sport Club Package is currently been delivered with workshops on Sports Nutrition; Strength & Conditioning; Physical Literacy and Long-term athlete development. A new course to support clubs to attract and retain volunteers was developed with the Tipperary Volunteer Centre. In November, the delivery of the Sports Club Admin Course with TUS is planned which focuses on sports administration and development to support clubs to run their club in an efficient and effective manner.

In the context of developing new infrastructure to address emerging sporting needs, work is continuing on the development of the Suir Blueway Tipperary which achieved official accreditation and in September was part of the National Blueway Promotional Campaign. Support continues to be provided to Fethard Town Park and the Community Hub on Frank Drohan Road in Clonmel to assist their development. The Innovation project with TUS the VR Experience of the Suir Blueway Tipperary section from Sandy Banks to Clonmel was completed and is now available, funding for Phase 2 has been applied for.

Funding support was allocated to assist and support the return to sport for sport clubs and organisations following Covid 19, €19,457 was allocated to 16 Sport Clubs through the Return to Sport Fund. €32,000 was allocated to 37

Sport Clubs through the TSP Club Sport and Physical Activity Funding Development Scheme

### **TSP PRIORITIES FOR 2023:**

- Implement the TSP County Strategic Plan
- Work with Tipperary County Council and key stakeholder on the development of the Sport Action Plan for Tipperary
- Continued delivery of core programmes and implementation of Club Development and Participation programmes
- Continue to develop and deliver the Social Inclusion programmes in sport for the county.
- Continue to develop NGB Partnerships where relevant.
- Maintain current levels of funding from the Sport Ireland and source programme funding independent of the Sport Ireland
- Continue to progress and develop outdoor recreation and related programmes

### **FAI DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS**

The FAI Development Officers continue to support social inclusion and soccer development across Tipperary through the provision of a variety of initiative and programmes.

The development of the FAI Club Mark Scheme continues with 6 clubs receiving their Club Mark Award with Lough Derg FC achieving the FAI Club One Star Award. Work is continuing with 7 clubs who are currently going through the process. Coaching Sessions have also been completed with 4 soccer club. In North Tipperary work is continuing with the NTSFL to develop an ASD section.

Women's and Schoolgirls Football continues to grow with 25 clubs throughout the county having girl's football within their club structures both Development Officers continue to support their development. The Aviva FAI Soccer Sisters programme was held during Easter in 7 clubs. A new programme is currently



been rolled out 'UEFA Disney Playmakers' for young girls aged 5 – 8 years. This year a new initiative 'Kickfit' was piloted in Tipperary providing an opportunity for women to get fit through football.

Coach Education continues to a priority with PDP1; PDP2; PDP3, 4-6 Years Introduction to Football Workshops; National D Licence; 9v9 workshops; Football Fitness; Safeguarding and Jigsaw One Good Coach delivered across the County. The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both south and north of the county providing additional coaching and contact time.

Other initiatives delivered throughout the year included Football for All; Walking Football; Intercultural sessions; FAI SPAR Primary 5s'; Traveller Soccer programmes and youth and outreach programmes such as Later Night Soccer Leagues. Throughout the Summer, the delivery of the FAI Summer School Camps took place in 25 clubs.

### **FAI PRIORITIES FOR 2023:**

- Continue to provide a service of social inclusion programmes that enables the youth of particular areas within the county to have regular and easy access to the game and seek to increase the level of activity in this area
- Club Mark Scheme; support and further develop the club mark scheme programme.
- Continue to grow and support Coach Education with emphasis of female coaching
- Maintain or increase the participants of schools in the primary schools' competitions
- Maintain or increase Summer Camp numbers

# ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION SERVICES

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

The development of a Climate Action Plan is scheduled to commence in 2023, this plan will map out the climate adaptation and mitigation measures required to enable Tipperary County Council to deliver its 2030 climate change targets. Community engagement will be a key aspect in the development of this plan, which will be facilitated through workshops with Elected representatives, the Tipperary PPN communities, special interest groups and businesses. Guidelines to assist local authorities to develop these plans are agreed and incorporate the Decarbonisation Zones as per Action 80 of the Climate Action Plan 2021.

Local Authorities will have twelve months to deliver the plan from the date of the ministerial announcement. Climate Adaptation programmes such as the Active Travel and Housing Retrofit are expected to receive additional funding in 2023 as well as the €700,000 new Community Climate Action Fund which will be allocated to communities. This fund will support and empower communities to build low carbon sustainable communities in a coherent way that will contribute to national climate and energy targets.

The section will continue to collaborate with National & EU Programmes to identify and leverage additional funding for climate change programmes. In association with Tipperary Energy Agency, the local authority will continue to implement initiatives to ensure our 2030 energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission targets are achieved. The upgrading of our public lighting infrastructure to LED will reduce our Greenhouse Gas Emissions significantly. However, the decarbonisation of the fossil fuel-based heating systems in our public buildings and transport fleet will be a challenge in terms of the large investment required. The section will also engage with the Climate Area Regional Office in the development of regional programmes.

## **LANDFILL REMEDIATION**

Ballaghveny landfill reopened to accept waste in September 2021 and 8,920t of waste was accepted up to the end of that year. It is anticipated that 49,000t of waste will be accepted in 2022 and again in 2023.

The removal of waste from the Shannon Vermi-composting facility commenced in December 2021 (with 1,591t removed to Ballaghveny landfill in 2021) and it is anticipated that 16,000t of waste will be removed in 2022 and again in 2023. Other operational costs include the management and monitoring of surface water, leachate and landfill gas, and the removal and disposal of leachate. Also included are the maintenance costs incurred at the Donohill and Tipperary town closed landfills and historic landfills at Brittasroad, Coole, Dundrum and Monanearla.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

### RECOVERY & RECYCLING FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Visitors to the Civic Amenity sites are expected to exceed 130,000 in 2023. This service funds the maintenance and operations costs of the five recycling centres at Cashel, Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh and Roscrea. The section continues to work with the waste sector in establishing outlets for the recycling and re-use of waste material instead of going to landfill.

### PROVISION OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

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

### LITTER MANAGEMENT

This allocation covers the operational costs associated with litter management, including servicing of litter bins, environmental enforcement and dealing with indiscriminate dumping. Provision is also made in the 2023 Budget for public awareness and engagement with the community, to include activities such as; anti-litter campaigns, supporting the National Spring Clean, distribution of Tidy Towns Grants and anti-dumping initiative projects. In 2023

a new Litter Management Plan will be prepared and implemented for the county.

#### WASTE REGULATIONS, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

The section will continue to initiate legal proceedings against operators for non-compliance of the Waste Management Act and Litter Pollution Act and the section reported 15 successful prosecutions in the courts in 2022. The Waste Enforcement Unit monitors compliance with the Waste Regulations, through the processing of waste permit applications, conducting inspections, monitoring/control of waste movements and enforcing legislation under the Extended Producer Responsibility schemes (e.g. Plastic Bag Levy, WEEE, Batteries, Packaging, Tyres, and ELV Regulations). The enforcement officers continue to investigate illegal dumping incidents and conduct household inspections in areas where there is persistent reporting of dumping. The Section processed 280 household inspections in 2022 and reported a 78% compliance rate and plan to do a similar number in 2023.

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

A new National Waste Management Plan for the Circular Economy will be published in 2023. A key focus of the plan will be to examine how waste is managed and the potential value to be derived from waste as a resource. The section will continue to support several circular economy initiatives such as the bikes for Africa, the recycling of mattresses, musical instruments and textile and glass collection.

#### MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS

This service funds the ongoing maintenance of 232 active burial grounds, including caretaker services in the rural burial grounds, the operational costs in the larger town burial grounds, and the maintenance grants to 236 burial ground committees. The burial ground improvement works programme funds the costs of works such as footpaths, plinths and headstone foundations.

## SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES

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

## ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

### WATER QUALITY, AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

The new River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 will be published shortly which will drive the sections monitoring plan for 2023. The section will continue to monitor water quality in our rivers and lakes, through regular sampling and analysis at selected locations across 56 rivers. Tipperary County Council is the joint lead authority with Kilkenny County Council in overseeing the role of the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) office. Under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, the section continues to monitor Section 4 discharge licences and issue Section 12 notices for non-compliance with the act. Other functions include the assessment of nutrient management plans, septic tank/farm inspections, air/noise pollution monitoring, processing of licences/permits applications and the regulation and monitoring of businesses obligated under the Solid Fuel, Solvent, Petroleum Vapours and Deco Paints Regulations.

### RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The focus of the Rural Water Programme for 2023 in respect of group water schemes and small private supplies will be to address the gaps arising from the implementation of the Recast Drinking Water Regulations which will apply in January 2023 with the expectation of increased monitoring requirements.

Group Water Schemes (GWS) receive an annual maintenance subsidy. 72 GWS will be invited to apply, with an estimated investment of €624,000.

Grants will administered under the following schemes:

- Private Well Grants assist household wells with water quality and volume
- Domestic Wastewater Treatment System, (Septic Tank Grant)
- Domestic Wastewater Treatment System, (Septic Tank Grant)
- Domestic Lead Piping Remediation Grant

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **VETERINARY SERVICES**

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

### **AGENCY & RECOUPABLE SERVICES**

Working with the National Standards Association of Ireland, costs are incurred in maintaining our Health & Safety Management systems, which includes renewing the ISO45001/ISO14001 accreditations. Tipperary Energy Agency is responsible for monitoring and reporting on energy consumption, carrying out energy audits, preparing and implementing the Annual Energy Action Plan.

# FIRE SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

Training for Fire Services in Ireland. The income generated from the Centre's activities contributes towards the overall running of the service.

In line with efforts across the Local Authority to address the many challenges associated with climate change, the Fire Service is continuing to examine ways of introducing new techniques and practices within its operational functions. One recent example relates to efforts to identify opportunities to reduce the amount of live 'carbonaceous' burning (the burning of wooden pallets in our case) that is undertaken in our training facility in Clonmel.

This is something that we have been working on for a couple of years now and we have identified a gas based solution which will completely eliminate this carbonaceous burning in 2023. Despite extensive research we had been unable to identify another training centre with such a solution across Europe. This is a bespoke solution designed exclusively for Clonmel (following on-site testing of various options over the first 6 months of the year) so it represents a first in Ireland, and as far as we can determine, a first in any fire service training facility anywhere in Europe.



# CIVIL DEFENCE

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

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

Civil Defence services are managed locally by the Civil Defence Officer, aided by the Assistant Civil Defence Officers who are responsible for the day to day operations and delivery of Civil Defence services. Civil Defence volunteer members regularly display their dedication, professionalism, reliance and response capacity in support to the Principal Response Agencies and their local community; this has been particularly highlighted in the COVID response 2020/2021 and in the response to the Ukrainian crisis in 2022.

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

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

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

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

In 2022 Tipperary Civil Defence was called upon to respond to the refugee crisis arising from the war in Ukraine. Tipperary Civil Defence established two rest centres in the county and initially oversaw their operation with support from other sections in the Council. While a more permanent arrangement has now been put in place for both Rest Centres, Tipperary Civil Defence continues to provide a supporting role in Tipperary County Council's response to the Ukrainian crisis.

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

Tipperary Civil Defence is currently working to achieve ISO 45001 health & safety standard, having successfully achieved OSHAS 18001 standard.

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

# **LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME**

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

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

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

## ***REGIONAL WATER AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES***

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

## ***REGIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES***

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

The ROCs meet on average four times per year and the Management Committees three to four times per year. In 2022 regular meetings of both Committees took place virtually and in person. This was facilitated by LAWPRO who, in addition to providing secretariat services to the committees, facilitate and lead on discussion of work programmes, provide regional updates and raise significant issues to be escalated to local or national governance structures. The work of those Committees includes the following:

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

### ***NATIONAL COLLABORATION AND WORKING GROUPS***

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

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

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

### ***COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT***

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

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

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

- In 2022, over €510,000 funding support to 182 community groups
- Thus far €1.48 million has been awarded to 629 groups in total since the fund commenced.

LAWPRO supported by the EPA, are continuing to engage with the practitioners, agencies, trainers and community groups interested in **Citizen Science**. Training is currently being rolled out across LEADER areas via bespoke Water Training developed by LAWPRO and the Rural Development Companies in CSSI.

### **Draft River Basin Management Plan 2022 - 2027**

Under the consultation led by the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage (DHLGH), the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) engaged local communities and the wider public – including both new and existing audiences - to gather feedback on the draft River Basin Management

Plan and local water quality issues. The public consultation and local engagement undertaken by LAWPRO ran from 28th September 2021 to 31st March 2022.

## Draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027

### Overview of Public Consultation and Engagement Undertaken by LAWPRO

September 2021 - March 2022



#### Key Themes

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#### Calls For

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## CATCHMENT SCIENCE

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

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

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

Step 1: Improve Scientific Understanding / Desktop Study Report

Step 2: Community Engagement

Step 3: Stream Assessments and Fieldwork

Step 4: Measures Proposal and Implementation

Step 5: Recording, Tracking and Monitoring

### **WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2023**

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

The Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage will launch a revised and updated River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) in December 2022. This will set out Ireland's approach to implementation of the final part of the EU Water Framework Directive.

# LIBRARY SERVICE

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## OVERVIEW

The Library Service is a space for learning and sharing knowledge which allows our citizens to gather and connect, to learn and share ideas and inspire creativity. Tipperary County Council Library Service continued to deliver a high-quality service during 2022 as the county recovered from Covid 19. In 2023, Tipperary County Council will continue to deliver core library services free of charge and will provide a safe, neutral and democratic space for the citizens of Tipperary. This budget will allow the Branch Library network to continue to deliver events, lectures and exhibitions for our local communities. Children's Services are a fundamental part of the Library Service's remit and proved as successful as ever in 2022. Today's children are the future users of our libraries and many library events focus on encouraging them to read for pleasure and to enjoy the library experience. The Summer Reading Programme and Children's Book Festival were very successful in 2022. The Library Service will concentrate on promoting reading and providing high quality events throughout 2023. Other programmes that will continue to run in the Library Service in 2023 include the Right to Read campaign which supports literacy needs in local communities' and Healthy Ireland at your Library.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

A key goal for the Library Service is to meet the targets established in the Tipperary County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024. The Library Service has worked with the Tipperary Energy Agency to install solar PV panels and heat pump systems in several libraries. In addition, a pilot powerwall battery system to store and use excess power from the solar PV panel has been installed in Nenagh Library. The Library Service will continue to work with the Tipperary Energy Agency in 2023 to retro-fit library buildings with high quality systems to reduce the library carbon footprint. In addition,



the Library Service will continue to work with the Environment & Climate Action Section of Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary Energy Agency on running environmental awareness campaigns in 2023.

### **BOOK FUND**

The provision of new book stock for children and adults is the lifeblood of the Library Service. In addition to our strong book lending service, 2022 saw another increase in the use of our online library services which include a broad range of e-books, e-magazines and online educational courses. The Library Service aims to build on this success and enhance these important and popular services in 2023. Provision has been made in the budget to maintain the book fund at the same level as 2022.

### **PROPOSED LIBRARY PRIORITIES FOR 2023**

The budget will allow the Branch Library Network to continue to deliver events, lectures and exhibitions for our local communities. The Library Service will concentrate on promoting reading and providing high quality events throughout 2023.

- **HEALTHY IRELAND**

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

The Library Service will continue to deliver the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme throughout 2023.

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

- **LOCAL HISTORY AND DIGITISATION**

The Library Service will maintain its commitment to develop the Tipperary Studies Local History Collections. In addition, the digitisation programme of Local History materials will continue to develop and expand. The Tipperary Studies website has been very successful for several years. Library staff have been up-skilled and delivered a range of online content from historic

photograph collections to sporting ephemera and there has been high views recorded on this website. Provision has been made to ensure that this service is fully resourced in 2023.

- **SCHOOLS LIBRARY SERVICE**

The budget will allow the Library Service to continue to deliver a high-quality service to the Primary Schools of Tipperary in 2023. The Schools Mobile visits 150 Primary Schools in County Tipperary 3 times per year. A dedicated Schools Librarian works closely with primary school teachers to provide guidance and advice about children's literature, reading and literacy support. The Schools Mobile Service provides a range of titles to support teachers in their day to day teaching. This integrated approach between the Library Service and schools ensures that there are strong links between schools, the public library service and the community at large. This is very important in the development of child literacy, and in particular, in the provision of supports for children with literacy problems.

#### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS**

Construction works will commence in 2023 to convert the Town Hall in Templemore into a Library and Enterprise Centre. The Library will be an anchor tenant in this development.

Work is progressing on the conversion of the Cahir Craft Granary into a public library. A design team is currently working on a full design and construction tender. It is proposed to complete the tender process in Q1 2023.

A tender to appoint a design team for a new library in Clonmel was completed in Q3 2022. This team will complete a full design and bring this forward for Part 8 Planning Permission in 2023.

# ARTS

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## OVERVIEW

The key objective of the Arts Office is to improve the artistic life of our communities in county Tipperary. We plan to work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county during 2023 in partnership with stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council across six strategic priorities (as outlined in the Arts Strategy):

Creative Communities- Public Participation

Creative Practitioners- The Artist

Creative Solutions – Arts Partnerships & Collaboration

Creative Supports – Arts Information & Advice

Creative Infrastructure – Arts Venues & Festivals

Creativity & The Public Realm – Public Art

## ACTIVITIES IN 2022

This year saw a return to mostly in-person events and programmes with an emphasis on re-building confidence in accessing the arts and engaging with audiences and communities. During 2022, the Arts Office co-ordinated the central application process for festivals and events. Under the Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme, 113 festivals were funded by Tipperary County Council in 2022. The new Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy seeks to support the re-emergence of the festival offering in Tipperary by listening to the needs as identified by festival makers during the consultation process conducted in autumn 2021. The Way Ahead – Spring Series 2022 was a programme of six connected workshops which were offered to festivals and event organisers under the Festivals and Events Supports Initiative. Workshops were designed to address the requirements of festivals and events in the county as we emerged from the periods of lockdown and restrictions which were such a feature of life over the past three years. Free of charge and delivered online workshops were offered in Health and Safety for Festivals and

Events, Toolkits for Festivals and Events, Marketing for Festivals and introductions to the Arts Council commissioned Digital Toolbox a resource for festivals wishing to generate digital content.

24 local groups were approved for funding under the 2022 Arts Act Grant Scheme.

The Bealtaine Festival is a key element of the Tipperary Arts Programme and creates opportunities for deepening engagement with older people through the arts. Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in the Library Service presented an extensive, interactive programme throughout the county during May with over 60 events taking place. This year events were live for the first time in three years and were open to be visited, experienced and enjoyed. We also commissioned a very special online concert by local musicians which was made available to all and promoted directly to Day Care Services and hospitals throughout the county. One of the highlights in 2022 included writer Margaret Galvin's **Focus on Four** which was a Tipperary Bealtaine creative writing project culminating in a publication 'Bridging the Distance,' which showcased the poetry and prose of four older Tipperary writers. This addressed a diversity of subjects and the writers presented readings from 'Bridging the Distance' at venues around the county during May.

During 2022, rounds 3 & 4 of the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme funded by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with grants of €286,000 were delivered across the county. These rounds of the scheme aimed to support employment opportunities for artists, performers and crew across every town, city and county to help underpin the recovery of the live performance sector. The funding could be used to support employment and wellbeing in the commercial arts and culture sectors through the provision of live performances between February and June (round 3) and between August and October (round 4).

Live events took place in each of the five municipal districts across Tipperary providing employment opportunities for musicians, production companies, technicians and crew locally in addition to enabling audiences to enjoy live music again.

Working with our arts and cultural partners across the county, Culture Night Tipperary 2022 presented a broad range of live and online events. Tipperary Arts Office views Culture Night as an opportunity to promote and support local artists, arts and cultural venues, arts professionals and community groups. This year we endeavoured to highlight and showcase the range of creative work taking place across the county and in doing so, encourage audiences to re-connect and re-engage with the arts in their area. We returned to offering support to community and voluntary groups with our open call, which provided funding for groups to participate in this year's programme for the first time since 2019 due to the pandemic. Culture Night Tipperary presented 54 events across 15 Tipperary towns and villages, including exhibitions, workshops, street performances, cultural walks and tours, and community events. A number of our Culture Night events attracted national coverage with the *Clonmel Song Cycle* featuring as part of RTE's *Culture Night Live from Lough Boora* and *Running Up That Hill Paint Switch Challenge* in Carrick on Suir featuring in *The Irish Times 25 Things to See on Culture Night*. We were keen to maximise younger audiences this year, mirroring the shift in focus nationally. In order to do so, we added an Instagram account to our social media dashboard which in turn created more awareness and visibility among the 18-30 age cohort. An important part of this year's vision was to celebrate the diversity of our Culture in 2022. We were delighted to partner with our colleagues in the library in Templemore to support a Ukrainian spirit and culture event which saw up to 100 members of the Ukrainian community coming together to celebrate their identity. We also welcomed the refocus towards late night activity, and supported organisers and venues in their approach to extended and later events. Over 100 arts professionals were involved in the delivery of Culture Night Tipperary 2022.

The Tipperary Youth Theatre Programme continued to be delivered in Nenagh & Thurles in partnership with local arts centres during 2022. This programme makes participation in the arts accessible to young people between 13 and 17 years and encourages the exploration and development of all arts forms in particular theatre and the performing arts. Both groups experienced an increased demand during 2022 with a return to in-person delivery which has

resulted in an additional group being established in Nenagh for the autumn term.

Tipperary County Council views the creative practitioner as central to the long- term development of the arts and culture in the County. Direct financial assistance was awarded to 25 artists through artists support schemes in 2022 in music, theatre, literature, film and the visual arts. Our focus on professional development for artists this year remained on supporting artists as we navigate our way post Covid 19. We continued to work strategically in the region with our partners Limerick & Clare Arts Offices and with Visual Artists Ireland to deliver a visual artists Lifelong Learning Programme. The programme tackled three distinct but overlapping aims: developing artists' skillsets so that they are enabled to build sustainable careers; supporting artists in adapting to new challenges; and inspiring artists in order to sustain their creativity. 47 artist places were utilised by Tipperary artists in the 2021/22 programme by 33 individual artists.

In the Open | Faoin Spéir was an Arts Council funded programme developed in response to the COVID 19 crisis for 2021/22 which supported a variety of outdoor arts events taking place in public spaces around Ireland.

Tipperary Arts Office partnered with the South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to develop an exciting programme for Clonmel with an overarching theme of "Come out to Play". This programme focused on making creativity visible through large scale visual arts events, performances, music and theatre with events which took place from October 2021 to May 2022.

This was an ambitious programme of events for Clonmel. The third event in the programme was PRISM with street theatre company Spraoi and local performers which took place from 8-10 April. This event was attended by almost 1000 people over three nights with 31 local performers. There was a great response to this magnificent large scale outdoor multi-disciplinary event led by Tipperary Arts Office.

The fourth event in the programme INSIDE OUT emerged on the streets of Clonmel during the summer months and was led by The South Tipperary Arts

Centre. Artist Joe Caslin created a temporary mural which was central to the exhibition, alongside the work of 7 local artists selected through an Open Call and presented on a large scale around the town, bringing the gallery outside and bringing the streets to life from late April right throughout the summer.

### **PROPOSED ARTS PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR 2023**

Launch and implementation of a new *County Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023-2027*.

Implementation of *The Way Ahead - Tipperary Festivals & Events Strategy 2022-2024*.

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

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

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

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

# TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM

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## OVERVIEW

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

The Museum Service continued to deliver a high-quality amenity during 2022. We delivered on our priorities to submit our Museum Standards Programme of Ireland application, to create a visual feast of colourised images pertaining to the Civil War narrative and develop new programming. We continued to ensure our Fáilte Ireland Covid19 Safety Charter was maintained and offered visitors peace of mind while we opened fully for business.

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

## CLIMATE CHANGE

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

## 2022 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

- We celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series and we returned to the ever-intriguing world of 'The Big House'. In collaboration with Tipperary County Council's Corporate Service section we hosted the



lectures in the Council Chamber. We received positive feedback about the location, coffee/tea, scones and the resumption of the lectures combined with in-person chats.

- A huge milestone for the Museum was the development of our new website [www.hiddenhistory.ie](http://www.hiddenhistory.ie). It enabled us to offer an additional hybrid of services. Our lecture series was streamed live and facilitated those who could not attend in person. Equally, new content from our collection was also shared through our accessible website and UTUBE Channel.
- Significant new artefacts were donated to the Museum such as Liam Lynch's Handkerchief and Dan Breen's Revolver. When items of this significance are donated, it highlights the strong connections that the Museum staff are fostering and nurturing within our local community.
- We commissioned a series of Civil War inspired interviews which narrated family untold stories and their struggle through that uncertain period in Irish history, in association with the Michael Fortune Folklore.ie & Departments Decade of Centenaries funding streams.
- *Access to the Civil War footage was be made accessible through QR Codes*, where any visitor can access Tipperary Museum content on their own PC or mobile phone. Accessibility to our collection is a vital objective.
- We continued to share our online workshops / talks / film previews during Heritage Week and Culture Night. This has increased our engagement by 60% and our online reach to over 100k+ in 2022.
- Our second 'Museum in a Box' resource is part of the education and engagement work of Tipperary Museum. The box brings a museum learning experience to our users, encouraging them to explore the past in a hands-on, empathetic way. It looks at the history of play and fun in Ireland and contains objects related to this theme, plus activities and talking points to use with students and community groups. It can also be used to stimulate memory and nostalgia.

- A series of artefacts were conserved by wood, textile, painting and metal conservators in 2022. These will be unveiled & exhibited in the gallery during 2023.
- Our marketing campaign focused on bringing our collection alive through various channels: The Mick Delahunty CD project continues to be requested, the Civil War Exhibition and our Ghostly Tours inhouse and across Clonmel. These impressive, exciting and interactive projects brought the local Museum onto the streets of our local Municipal Districts.
- Our partnership with Tipperary Workplace Partnership Forum continued to flourish through various imaginative and successful mindfulness walks in Clonmel and Nenagh, health talks, quizzes and competitions to motivate staff.

## **FUNDING**

Our budget from Tipperary County Council along with increased funding from our cultural partners, The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, SICAP, Environment, CREATIVE Ireland, Culture Night and the Decade of Centenaries has ensured our innovative and exciting programme of events and exhibitions has been realised in 2022 and will continue into 2023.

## **PROPOSED MUSEUM PRIORITIES FOR 2023**

- Looking to 2023 we will continue to actively encourage our visitors across the island of Ireland to visit Tipperary and experience Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, with our partners Tipperary Tourism and Fáilte Ireland.
- To promote our Civil War Exhibition and continue to liaise with local groups to ensure this period in Irish history continues to be documented and artefacts are safeguarded on behalf of our community.

- Liaise with new exhibition partners to bring an International Art Exhibition 'The Big Picture' to the Museum and continue our effective affiliation with Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2023.
- To continue the museum's educational function, digital & outreach programming and ensuring our community is at the heart of our service.
- To document, care for and research artefacts and liaise with donors.
- Ensure artefacts are professionally conserved, photographed and displayed to ensure new objects are added to our impressive state of the art galleries.
- To further develop our website to promote Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and ensure our digitization project continues to expand.
- Strive to achieve a series of objectives set out in our new Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Strategic Management Plan 2022 – 2026.
- Continue the Maintenance of the Museums Standards Programme of Ireland.
- Maintain our Covid19 compliance & health and safety protocols.
- To advocate for Museums nationally through our Tipperary County Council Cultural Team, Local Authority Museums Network, Irish Museums Association, National Museum of Ireland, The Irish Museums Trust, National Gallery of Ireland, Government Departments, and the Local Government Management Agency.

# HERITAGE SERVICES

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## OVERVIEW

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

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

2022 is the first year since the Covid19 Pandemic began that we experienced a return to some levels of normality. The lockdowns ceased after Christmas and we saw a return of in-person activity and events. There has been a palpable delight with people able to get out and about to engage in projects or attend events over the year; such as Biodiversity Week, Cruinniú na nÓg and Heritage Week and one would hope that this will continue into 2023.

## WORKS COMPLETED IN 2022

### **County Heritage Plan Projects:**

**Tipperary Holy Wells Audit** Last year's audit was followed up with a fieldwork survey, ground-truthing and documenting over 113 wells which will now feature on a dedicated website Tipperary Wells.

**Bolton Library Film Project:** This film a collaboration between Tipperary Libraries and Heritage Office, The Glucksman Library UL and the Representative Church Body Library has been completed and will be premiered at end of 2022. The film traces the history of this unique scholarly library, its association with Cashel and its conservation.

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

- Heritage Action Plan for Templemore
- Heritage Week Grant Scheme.

## **National Biodiversity Action Plan**

Biodiversity Action Plan projects this year included:

**Tipperary Wetlands Survey:** Following on from last year's desk survey a mapping of all 662 sites was undertaken in 2022 along with a selection of field surveys.

**Barn Owl Monitoring programme:** Supports were provided to the Barn Owl group to support farmers and landowners build and install nesting boxes. We had also received funding for a series of bird surveys. However, notification of funding came after the breeding season commenced so it has been postponed until 2023.

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

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

**The Quagga Mussel project** on the River Shannon system, including Lough Derg, is almost complete. This is a very important study into the appearance of this invasive species on the system and will help inform planned actions across 9 local authorities.

## **Irish Walled Town Network Programme**

A 42-page booklet on The Medieval Walled Towns of Tipperary was produced this year and will be launched in December 2022.

## **Historic Towns Initiative**

The Historic Towns Initiative is a joint initiative between the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Heritage Council which seeks to strengthen the management and protection of Irelands built, cultural and natural heritage and provides supports to those caring for that heritage. It is a competitive process, and in February Minister Malcolm Noon announced

€1.75 million for projects in 13 towns. A property owner in Tipperary Town received €163,000 for the conservation of the Glove Factory which has been unused for over 50 years. The funding was awarded under a new element to this scheme which is the re-use of historic buildings. The Glove Factory is to be developed for housing and a commercial unit.

### **Community Monuments Fund**

The Community Monuments Fund supports the production of Conservation Plans, interpretative measures and capital works on archaeological monuments in the ownership of the local authority and private landowners. It is an exemplar scheme providing 100% funding towards projects. This year we had 4 successful projects

Coolquill Castle (Phase 2) Stabilisation Works	€49,432
Boolabaun Castle Stabilisation Works	€68,253
Kilnarath Church Stabilisation Works	€78,087
Loughloher Castle Conservation Plan	€14,528

### **Decade of Commemorations Programme**

The Programme continued in 2022. Our Local Legacies Grant Scheme allocated €20,000 in funds to the following:

Remembrance Committee Roscrea
Sean Hogan Commemoration Committee
3 <sup>RD</sup> Tipperary Old IRA Brigade Committee
Margaret Kennedy/TiDR
Michael Ahearn
Burncourt Community Council
Sean Hogan/TiDR
St Mary's Choral Society
Kilbarron/Terryglass Historical Society
3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Association
Tipperary Excel & Arts Centre
John Flannery
General Liam Lynch Commemoration Committee
Thomas McDonagh Museum
Comóradh na nÓglach
Ballyporeen Community Council
Holyford Community Council
Live Art Ireland

We also commissioned the Landscapes of Revolution project to carry out a study on an Old IRA intelligence map in the South Tipperary area. The map was given on loan to Tipperary Studies in December and the Landscapes of the Revolution team and Abarta Heritage conducted a research and public engagement project to uncover the information held on the map.

A special project fund was awarded to counties Tipperary, Galway and Clare in 2022 to commemorate the life of Aleen Cust, native of Cordangan Manor, County Tipperary and the first woman vet in Ireland and the UK. A series of projects and events took place including a 2-day conference and an education pack for schools and a short film and series of podcasts were also produced.

### **Royal Sites of Ireland**

Tipperary County Council has been working with counties Kildare, Meath, Westmeath, Roscommon and Armagh for the last number of years to progress the Royal Sites of Ireland for UNESCO designation as a world heritage site. We were delighted to be announced as one of 3 bids to be included on the new Tentative List in July and have been working on progressing the bid. An exhibition and booklet will be launched at the end of the year and a series of projects will get underway in the new year.

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

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

### **Community Grant Scheme**

Eileen O Brien Minogue	The Legendary Paddy O Brien 1922-2022
Melissa Ryan & Birdhill Art Hub	At One with Nature-Birds and Bees
Autism Awareness Roscrea	Autism Awareness Community Day
Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	Music in the Castle
Burncourt Community Council	Spoon, Pen, Brush and Blossoms
The Source Arts Centre	Sketchbook Town

Daughters of Dun Iascaigh	Hats, Bonnets and Ribbons
Damer House Gallery	Ageing and Creativity
Glengarra Mountain Lodge	Suaimhneas sna Coillte Day 1
Cahir Social and Historical Society	Summer Festival at the Castle
Sui Valley Community Base Initiative	Just Grow Community Project
Old School Mining Museum	The Pit Songs
Féile Brian Boru	Féile Brian Boru

## Open Call Scheme

Tipperary Town Revitalisation	Tipperary Town 1914-1923: At the centre of revolution
Stagecraft Youth Theatre	Pre-Show the Movie Musical
Cloughjordan Circus Club	Outreach programme
Mieke Muylleert with Kilsheelan	Bláthanna na hAbhann
Cashel Arts Festival	A Living Past
Aoife Wade	Scare in Cahir Community Project
South Tipperary Arts Centre	When I grow up...now and then
Nenagh Arts Centre	Community Engagement programme
Live Art Ireland	Collaborative and participatory programme
Eoin Hally	We can be Heroes workshops
Clonmel Applefest	Harvest Procession and festival finale
Clonmel Junction	Placemaking-making place

**Cruinniú na nÓg** the national day of free creativity for children took place on June 13<sup>th</sup> with a full return to in person events. Events took place across the County in Nenagh and Clonmel Arts Centres, Thurles and Cashel Libraries, Tipperary Museum and Suir Island Clonmel. Garageland also brought their live performance to Cahir while the Cloughjordan Circus Club were part of a nationwide juggling initiative.

## **Creative Ireland 2023-2027**

The programme has been extended by another 5 years so a new culture and Creativity Strategy will be in place by end of the year.

### **WORKS PLANNED FOR 2023**

- Review of the Heritage Plan
- County Heritage Plan Action 2023
- Local Biodiversity Actions In lieu of Biodiversity Officer
- Community Monuments Scheme 2022
- Decade of Centuries final
- Creative Ireland Programme 2023
- Progress the Royal Sites UNESCO bid



## **NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SCHEMES OFFICE**

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Tipperary County Council is providing verification and accreditation services on behalf of SOLAS (the Further Education and Training Authority) at the National Construction Schemes (NCS) Office established in Nenagh in October 2018. The NCS Office is responsible for approving candidates who have undertaken a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) or Quarrying Skills Certification Scheme (QSCS) Programme with public and private sector SOLAS Approved Training Organisations. The services provided cover all of the CSCS and QSCS training programmes that are delivered nationally and the office corresponds with over 60 Approved Training Organisations nationwide. Approximately 12,000 candidates who have undertaken one or more of the 36 programmes available under the CSCS and QSCS schemes are approved to receive their SOLAS Experienced Operator Registration Card by the NCS Office per annum. The National Construction Schemes Office is also responsible for approving the candidates for Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 5 certificates and distributing these certificates to candidates via the Approved Training Organisations.

Examples of the programmes verified and accredited include; Signing Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks, Locating and Avoiding Underground Services, Health and Safety at Roadworks, and plant programmes such as 360 Excavator Operations, Telescopic Handler Operations, Front Loading Site Dumper Operations, Mobile Crane etc. Previously this process was delivered by twelve Education Training Boards before SOLAS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Tipperary County Council in July 2018 to transfer the verification and accreditation processes to Tipperary County Council for a period of five years up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2023. Costs associated with the service are fully recoupable from SOLAS.

It is anticipated that the office will verify approximately 12,000 learners in 2022 and it is expected that a similar number of participants will be verified in 2023.

# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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## CORPORATE PLAN 2020 – 2024

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

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

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

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

## CLIMATE CHANGE

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

identified from a corporate perspective for implementation over the next number of years.

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

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

The Customer Services Desks (CSDs) in both Clonmel and Nenagh Civic Offices is based on a dedicated, trained customer services team who provide a countywide service for customers calling in person, by telephone or email to [customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie) to Tipperary. A Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system is utilised for logging and tracking customer queries to support the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses in a welcoming environment. The CSD offices act as a hub for all customer activity for the Council, with on average in excess of 220,000 customer service interactions made annually between phones, personal callers and emails

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

Local Government faces a number of challenges in ensuring that we can provide services efficiently to our citizens with the best customer service and a standardised, clearly defined list of services called a service catalogue has been developed which provides a full A-Z list of services in the form of a national service catalogue with inbuilt search and data cross-referencing functionality – <https://services.localgov.ie/en-ie/Home/intro>

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

## **CORONERS SERVICE**

The roles and responsibilities of a local authority in relation to the Coroners Service are set down in legislation and include details regarding the appointment of a coroner, the coroner’s salary and related payments to third parties. Fees paid to coroners are determined by the Department of Justice & 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 2023.

## **LOCAL REPRESENTATION/CIVIC LEADERSHIP**

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with councillors annual remuneration, local representational allowance, conference and training allowances together with costs associated with civic receptions and twinning events.

## **WOMENS CAUCUS**

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with the setting up of a Tipperary's Women's Caucus which will work to support the involvement of more women in all aspects of local government from voting to standing as candidates in the 2024 Local Elections and will also help its members find common ground and improve the working conditions of female councillors.

## **FRANCHISE / REGISTER OF ELECTORS**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have begun the modernisation of the Electoral Registration Process.

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 was signed into law by the President on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022, which provides for a range of significant electoral reforms including the establishment of a statutory, independent Electoral Commission for Ireland, the modernisation of our electoral registration process to deliver greater accessibility and greater integrity, regulation of online political advertising, provisions to protect the integrity of our electoral processes to guard against manipulative or inauthentic behaviour during electoral campaigns, the strengthening of our regulatory regime in respect of political donations and accounts, the provision for voting on the islands to take place on the same day as for the rest of the country and the extension of flexible voting facilities which are currently available to persons with physical illnesses or disabilities to persons with mental health difficulties.

Part 3 of the Act, on Franchise and Registration of Electors, commenced on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and sets out a new way of managing the register and registration process with the introduction of a rolling register. The process of a draft, final and supplement register has been replaced by a single live continuously updated register, which means that there will be no Draft Register published in November this year and no Live Register printed in February.

Applications can now also be made on line via [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) or by completing a paper form and submitting to Tipperary County Council. A large-scale national communications/media campaign will commence during

November 2022 to seek the engagement of electors, both new and existing to check and update their information by providing PPSN, Eircode's and DOB.

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

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

## **COURTHOUSES**

The Council will continue to maintain the Courthouses in 2023. This expenditure will be recouped in full from the Courts Service which has assumed responsibility for the provision and maintenance of Courthouses.

## **ARCHIVES**

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

## **IRISH LANGUAGE**

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with the introduction of Section 10A (Advertising by Public Bodies) of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021, which places additional duties on public duties in relation to communicating with the public in the State's official languages. Public bodies must ensure at least 20% of all yearly advertising shall be in the Irish Language and at least 5% of the yearly advertising spend shall be in the Irish Language and published on Irish language media.

## **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Internal Audit section is an independent, objective, assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation's operations. It helps to accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

In carrying out its duties, Internal Audit operates under the direct authority of the Chief Executive and strives to work constructively with management and

staff, who in turn are required to co-operate fully with Internal Audit. Internal Audit maintains ongoing liaison, co-operation & consultation with Local Government Auditors, even though both have their own distinct objectives. This ensures, in so far as possible, that maximum coverage is received and duplication of work is minimised. Internal Audit also provides progress reports to the Audit Committee on a regular basis.

# RATES

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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 5,360 commercial properties.

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

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

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

An Early Payment Scheme is in operation in 2022, whereby a small or medium business, whose annual rates bill is less than €12,000 can avail of savings of 5%, (to a maximum of €500) by paying their rates bill by a defined date.

Proposed changes to the Early payment Scheme for 2023 are outlined as follows:

- The upper limit at which a ratepayer will qualify for inclusion in the scheme will increase from €12,000 to €12,500.
- The percent reduction applied will increase from 5% to 6% with the maximum reduction increasing from €500 to €600.
- The scheme will remain open to customers with arrears in their accounts subject to compliance with certain requirements.

**Section 32 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014** places an obligation on all occupiers to clear all outstanding rates before they vacate the property. Owners must clear all rates due by them before they transfer any



property. Any rates due by the owner will become a charge on the property if transferred to another party without being cleared.

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

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

### **Refunds on Vacant Properties**

The change from 100% relief on all vacant properties has generated the following income to the end of October 2022;

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

2020 – €29,420

2021 - €24,094

2022 - € 236

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

2020 - €117,482

2021 - € 80,449

2022 - € NIL

It is expected that these amounts will increase over time.

#### *Proposed Rates Refund Scheme on Vacant Commercial Property for 2023*

<i>Amount of rates payable (€)</i>	<i>Rebate (%) Actual 2022</i>	<i>Rebate (%) Proposed 2023</i>
<i>Less than 5,000</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>5,000 to 10,000</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Greater than 10,000</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>60</i>

**Covid-19 Waiver Scheme** – The Government announced a revised rates waiver scheme for the first Quarter of 2022, which was restricted to targeted property uses within the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors. Waivers to the value of €797,777 have been applied to appropriate accounts.

## **Appeals following ReValuation 2019**

To date we have been notified of the results of approximately 42% of appeals submitted following the Revaluation process in 2019. There has been an average of 52% reduction on the appeals decided so far, with an overall reduction in valuation of €1,749,910.

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

## MOTOR TAX

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Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting the Motor Tax On-line facility. The total number of Tax Discs issued to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 amounted to 125,059. In percentage terms the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was **82.83%** thereof.

A percentage of **87.72%** was reflected for the equivalent period in 2021.

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

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

A total number of 518 transactions have been carried out from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – this number has increased from last year’s figures due to the fact that this facility was not in use during Level 5 Covid19 restrictions last year.

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

In the financial year 2021, the Motor Taxation Department, dealt with a total of **23,302** postal applications for Motor Tax licences and these were processed in the following manner.

Issued	No. of Transactions	%
On the same day	22,711	97.46
On 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	470	2.02
On 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> Day	16	0.07
Over 5 days	105	0.45

Motor Tax Clonmel is scheduled to relocate to the former Town Hall Building in Parnell Street, Clonmel, during 2023. Every effort to promote climate awareness and sustainable energy will form part of the plan for this move.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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To assist in the fight against climate change, the procurement of IT equipment will continue to include where appropriate “environmental ratings” as an award criteria.

The budget for IT includes:

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

Provisions have been made for the following:

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

- support, maintenance and licensing costs of the Business Systems/Applications for HR, Finance, Roads, Housing, Water Services, Fire Services, Corporate, Planning, Environment, Community and Enterprise, and the Customer Service Desk
- support, maintenance and licensing costs associated with the provision of IT services to Elected Members
- costs associated with protecting the IT environment and keeping it safe and secure (security awareness training, phishing and penetration tests, managed security operations centre, software vulnerability management, 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



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
Tipperary County Council

**SUB-SERVICE**

**BY**

**DIVISION**

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

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

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

A0601- Technical & Administrative Support, Loan Charges  
A0699

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

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

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

A0704 Affordable Leasing

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

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

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

A0899 Housing Loan Support Costs

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

A0902 Loan Charges DPG (Disabled Persons Grants).

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

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

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



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

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

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

B1101- Road Improvement & Maintenance, Agency and recoupable  
B1199 Services – provides for Agency Services to other authorities.

B\*\*99 \* The Overhead Subservices within the Road Services are not  
Note grant-aided, but are met from the Council's own resources, in  
addition to the Own Funds provision towards the Road  
Programme.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

**DIVISION G      AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE**

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

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

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

<b>Cost Pool</b>	<b>€</b>
J01 - Corporate Buildings Overhead	3,344,431
J02 - Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,644,217
J03 - IT Services	3,661,121
J04 - Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	466,289
J05 - Human Resource Function	2,349,660
J06 - Finance Function Overhead	1,935,436
J07 - Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	11,850,000
J08 - Area Office Overhead	0
<b>Total Expenditure Allocated to Services</b>	<b>26,251,154</b>

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

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

<b><u>CODE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
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 2023.

**The Draft Budget 2023 and statutory tables follow this report.**

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



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Tipperary County Council

# **BUDGET TABLES**



**ADOPTED FORMAT OF BUDGET 2023**

**Tipperary County Council**

**TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION**

Summary per Table A 2023							
Summary by Service Division		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2023		Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2022 (as restated)	
		€	€	€	%	€	%
		<b>Gross Revenue Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Housing and Building		39,850,258	39,112,215	738,043	1%	259,232	0%
Road Transport & Safety		59,643,759	41,463,621	18,180,138	28%	18,744,744	30%
Water Services		16,085,133	15,506,586	578,547	1%	736,146	1%
Development Management		19,701,481	8,234,425	11,467,056	18%	9,253,101	15%
Environmental Services		34,821,401	16,243,760	18,577,641	29%	17,495,085	28%
Recreation and Amenity		14,932,200	2,675,783	12,256,417	19%	11,811,537	19%
Agriculture, Food and the Marine		1,844,743	1,212,277	632,466	1%	578,218	1%
Miscellaneous Services		18,092,337	16,600,010	1,492,327	2%	3,520,774	6%
		<b>204,971,312</b>	<b>141,048,677</b>	<b>63,922,635</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>62,398,837</b>	<b>100%</b>
Provision for Debit Balance		0		0			
<b>Adjusted Gross Expenditure &amp; Income</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>204,971,312</b>	<b>141,048,677</b>	<b>63,922,635</b>		<b>62,398,837</b>	
<b>Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances</b>							
Provision for Credit Balance			0	0			
Local Property Tax			26,986,309	26,986,309		27,158,966	
<b>Sub - Total</b>	<b>(B)</b>			<b>26,986,309</b>		<b>27,158,966</b>	
<b>Net Amount of Rates to be Levied</b>	<b>(A-B)</b>			<b>36,936,326</b>			
Value of Base Year Adjustment				0			
<b>Amount of Rates to be Levied (Gross of BYA)</b>	<b>(D)</b>			<b>36,936,326</b>			
<b>Net Effective Valuation</b>	<b>(E)</b>			183,306,834			
<b>General Annual Rate on Valuation</b>	<b>D/E</b>			<b>0.2015</b>			

Division & Services		Expenditure & Income for 2023 and Estimated Outturn for 2022							
		2023				2022			
		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
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Code</b>	<b>Housing and Building</b>								
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	12,532,927	12,532,927	18,146,710	18,146,710	10,945,488	13,753,429	16,066,483	19,826,512
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,218,657	1,218,657	79,692	79,692	1,112,516	1,123,469	129,994	49,259
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,493,435	1,493,435	35,537	35,537	1,419,891	1,419,715	35,894	33,966
A04	Housing Community Development Support	799,448	799,448	89,094	89,094	1,041,323	872,852	364,223	158,709
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	1,300,974	1,300,974	970,089	970,089	1,101,050	1,419,746	819,690	1,102,075
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	1,969,272	1,969,272	1,127,404	1,127,404	1,864,268	1,810,352	1,131,673	1,051,597
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	15,610,429	15,610,429	15,967,364	15,967,364	13,323,376	15,462,019	13,715,456	15,713,760
A08	Housing Loans	865,707	865,707	630,441	630,441	821,532	790,312	598,000	578,751
A09	Housing Grants	3,072,079	3,072,079	1,761,355	1,761,355	3,019,299	4,370,701	1,761,445	2,826,046
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000	25,000
A12	HAP Programme	987,331	987,331	300,528	300,528	1,041,466	889,318	450,635	287,006
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>39,850,258</b>	<b>39,850,258</b>	<b>39,112,215</b>	<b>39,112,215</b>	<b>35,690,209</b>	<b>41,911,913</b>	<b>35,077,493</b>	<b>41,652,681</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>								
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	895,365	895,365	587,956	587,956	815,720	866,076	530,264	570,808
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,505,419	1,505,419	977,780	977,780	1,763,548	1,437,550	1,255,270	924,274
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	15,057,098	15,057,098	11,113,282	11,113,282	19,365,517	14,408,982	15,615,319	10,469,616
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	33,080,954	33,080,954	24,448,100	24,448,100	32,309,903	33,073,330	24,068,669	24,485,315
B05	Public Lighting	2,472,173	2,472,173	165,576	165,576	2,539,752	2,359,533	345,093	160,749
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	135,978	135,978	25,305	25,305	123,040	130,599	37,410	24,564
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	714,790	714,790	678,055	678,055	673,335	693,927	639,480	658,299
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	125,524	125,524	3,216	3,216	119,461	120,646	3,249	3,118
B09	Car Parking	2,259,006	2,259,006	3,101,399	3,101,399	2,169,444	2,190,831	3,073,660	2,628,880
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	2,921,153	2,921,153	30,753	30,753	2,797,593	2,903,577	31,066	29,812
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	476,299	476,299	332,200	332,200	476,299	859,042	328,200	343,914
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>59,643,759</b>	<b>59,643,759</b>	<b>41,463,621</b>	<b>41,463,621</b>	<b>63,153,612</b>	<b>59,044,093</b>	<b>45,927,680</b>	<b>40,299,349</b>

<b>Table B Expenditure &amp; Income for 2023 and Estimated Outturn for 2022</b>									
<b>Division &amp; Services</b>		<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>			
		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Income</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Water Services</b>								
C01	Water Supply	9,385,194	9,385,194	168,202	168,202	8,961,604	9,017,329	169,916	238,059
C02	Waste Water Treatment	3,194,153	3,194,153	74,132	74,132	3,070,130	3,145,545	74,887	71,865
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C04	Public Conveniences	338,104	338,104	54,442	54,442	322,036	335,599	53,472	55,842
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations	1,398,405	1,398,405	1,143,519	1,143,519	1,208,384	1,333,894	1,018,565	1,032,381
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	1,445,609	1,445,609	1,433,109	1,433,109	1,404,798	1,418,175	1,392,296	1,386,539
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	265,918	265,918	12,615,431	12,615,431	239,226	240,080	12,038,651	11,999,790
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	57,750	57,750	17,750	17,750	38,000	42,000	18,000	12,000
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>16,085,133</b>	<b>16,085,133</b>	<b>15,506,586</b>	<b>15,506,586</b>	<b>15,244,178</b>	<b>15,532,622</b>	<b>14,765,787</b>	<b>14,796,476</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Development Management</b>								
D01	Forward Planning	1,488,983	1,488,983	227,319	227,319	1,160,127	1,093,196	22,547	56,637
D02	Development Management	2,112,295	2,112,295	869,445	869,445	2,037,670	2,046,846	812,877	848,147
D03	Enforcement	1,204,359	1,204,359	62,615	62,615	1,078,503	1,104,758	37,825	55,585
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	57,051	57,051	0	0	56,896	35,560	0	0
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	808,963	808,963	107,975	107,975	713,440	983,815	108,049	341,504
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	3,982,241	3,982,241	2,884,114	2,884,114	3,085,269	4,466,401	1,933,724	3,464,272
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates	601,271	601,271	9,428	9,428	571,324	569,638	9,524	9,140
D08	Building Control	208,880	208,880	26,979	26,979	194,967	199,385	27,030	26,827
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	7,553,903	8,199,719	3,313,817	3,313,817	5,275,840	5,510,802	2,606,875	2,867,627
D10	Property Management	882,911	882,911	218,065	218,065	795,738	801,069	217,924	176,609
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	780,624	780,624	494,668	494,668	860,776	815,967	583,705	531,988
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	16,000
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>19,701,481</b>	<b>20,347,297</b>	<b>8,234,425</b>	<b>8,234,425</b>	<b>15,850,550</b>	<b>17,647,437</b>	<b>6,380,080</b>	<b>8,394,336</b>

		<b>Table B Expenditure &amp; Income for 2023 and Estimated Outturn for 2022</b>							
		2023				2022			
Division & Services		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
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	<b>Environmental Services</b>								
<b>Code</b>									
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	3,873,284	3,873,284	1,746,574	1,746,574	3,907,217	3,704,369	1,838,252	1,746,339
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	2,107,095	2,107,095	1,307,546	1,307,546	1,939,007	2,022,639	1,317,704	1,260,721
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	13,185	13,185	0	0	13,095	13,083	0	0
E05	Litter Management	1,452,987	1,452,987	400,649	400,649	1,436,368	1,504,012	396,559	546,924
E06	Street Cleaning	2,041,341	2,041,341	33,933	33,933	1,940,305	1,976,591	34,278	32,895
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	634,792	634,792	83,840	83,840	525,688	514,077	75,901	95,147
E08	Waste Management Planning	361,251	361,251	17,905	17,905	295,536	298,555	19,947	15,779
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,759,839	1,759,839	360,034	360,034	1,678,749	1,680,218	360,299	261,238
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	725,637	725,637	183,756	183,756	650,182	690,277	159,865	183,427
E11	Operation of Fire Service	8,821,403	8,821,403	480,952	480,952	8,261,413	8,348,778	526,226	396,628
E12	Fire Prevention	591,582	591,582	162,129	162,129	557,864	566,629	160,263	160,331
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	609,925	609,925	48,371	48,371	585,359	533,910	42,875	48,057
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	11,009,082	11,009,082	10,718,072	10,718,072	10,067,074	9,312,435	9,797,341	9,043,004
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	820,000	820,000	700,000	700,000	120,000	120,000	0	0
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>34,821,401</b>	<b>34,821,401</b>	<b>16,243,760</b>	<b>16,243,760</b>	<b>31,977,857</b>	<b>31,285,573</b>	<b>14,729,510</b>	<b>13,790,490</b>
	<b>Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>								
<b>Code</b>									
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	3,253,288	3,253,288	1,056,180	1,056,180	2,993,392	3,122,206	1,056,625	904,517
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	5,112,276	5,112,276	207,557	207,557	4,745,376	4,759,309	208,416	206,177
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	3,111,263	3,111,263	41,683	41,683	2,935,295	3,022,201	42,096	40,445
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	857,053	857,053	422,859	422,859	912,545	842,090	410,464	422,542
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	1,842,010	1,842,010	219,629	219,629	1,908,881	2,147,680	307,008	578,717
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	756,310	756,310	727,876	727,876	754,140	754,604	727,893	684,155
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>14,932,200</b>	<b>14,932,200</b>	<b>2,675,783</b>	<b>2,675,783</b>	<b>14,249,629</b>	<b>14,648,090</b>	<b>2,752,502</b>	<b>2,836,553</b>

<b>Table B Expenditure &amp; Income for 2023 and Estimated Outturn for 2022</b>									
<b>Division &amp; Services</b>		<b>2023</b>				<b>2022</b>			
		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Income</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Agriculture, Food and the Marine</b>								
G01	Land Drainage Costs	197,332	197,332	15,580	15,580	194,169	202,204	15,586	11,756
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	813,792	813,792	393,577	393,577	941,346	747,691	508,032	389,293
G05	Educational Support Services	33,372	33,372	2,872	2,872	30,260	31,914	2,779	2,541
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	800,248	800,248	800,248	800,248	768,258	800,248	768,258	800,248
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>1,844,743</b>	<b>1,844,743</b>	<b>1,212,277</b>	<b>1,212,277</b>	<b>1,934,033</b>	<b>1,782,057</b>	<b>1,294,655</b>	<b>1,203,838</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Services</b>								
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	80,928	80,928	86,944	86,944	24,068	55,805	87,830	84,285
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	247,446	247,446	7,683	7,683	220,688	236,165	7,761	7,448
H03	Adminstration of Rates	7,357,819	7,408,569	131,733	131,733	7,026,067	7,927,390	182,056	1,197,168
H04	Franchise Costs	222,600	222,600	1,621	1,621	250,828	228,622	1,637	1,475
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	295,570	295,570	0	0	290,149	296,091	0	0
H06	Weighbridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	29,365	29,365	28,263	28,263	20,061	20,891	15,266	37,755
H08	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	615	2,000	615
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	3,803,274	3,803,274	23,975	23,975	3,741,113	3,567,709	16,617	416,047
H10	Motor Taxation	1,736,798	1,736,798	73,987	73,987	1,645,127	1,636,167	90,333	72,948
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	4,316,538	4,316,538	16,243,804	16,243,804	2,909,882	3,034,489	10,219,881	11,665,429
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>18,092,337</b>	<b>18,143,087</b>	<b>16,600,010</b>	<b>16,600,010</b>	<b>16,129,983</b>	<b>17,003,944</b>	<b>10,623,381</b>	<b>13,483,170</b>
	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>204,971,312</b>	<b>205,667,878</b>	<b>141,048,677</b>	<b>141,048,677</b>	<b>194,230,051</b>	<b>198,855,729</b>	<b>131,551,088</b>	<b>136,456,893</b>

<b>Table D</b>	
<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2023 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	
<b>Source of Income</b>	<b>2023 €</b>
Rents from Houses	19,285,500
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	490,475
Parking Fines/Charges	3,063,800
Irish Water	14,011,684
Planning Fees	747,000
Domestic Refuse	0
Commercial Refuse	0
Landfill Charges	2,798,900
Fire Charges	334,000
Recreation / Amenity / Culture	1,017,500
Agency Services & Repayable Works	151,449
Local Authority Contributions	1,757,646
Superannuation	1,781,850
NPPR	50,000
Misc. (Detail)	7,653,535
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,143,339</b>

<b>Table E</b>	
<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2023 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES</b>	
	<b>2023</b> <b>€</b>
<b>Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</b>	
Housing and Building	18,012,165
Road Transport & Safety	0
Water Services	1,126,750
Development Management	532,000
Environmental Services	10,016,087
Recreation and Amenity	0
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0
Miscellaneous Services	12,387,067
	<b>42,074,069</b>
<b>Other Departments and Bodies</b>	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	33,099,659
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0
National Transport Authority	0
Social Protection	726,167
Defence	139,500
Education	800,248
Library Council	0
Arts Council	169,606
Transport	1,227,815
Justice	0
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	4,000
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	2,083,300
Rural and Community Development	2,976,685
Environment, Climate and Communications	1,192,500
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	179,732
Other	3,232,057
	<b>45,831,269</b>
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies</b>	<b>87,905,338</b>



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

<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>A0101</b>	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	8,646,899	8,646,899	7,425,982	10,035,985
<b>A0102</b>	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	186,000	186,000	183,000	191,000
<b>A0103</b>	Traveller Accommodation Management	790,355	790,355	745,738	741,024
<b>A0104</b>	Estate Maintenance	0	0	0	0
<b>A0199</b>	Service Support Costs	2,909,673	2,909,673	2,590,768	2,785,420
	<b>Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing</b>	<b>12,532,927</b>	<b>12,532,927</b>	<b>10,945,488</b>	<b>13,753,429</b>
<b>A0201</b>	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	687,432	687,432	625,575	624,253
<b>A0299</b>	Service Support Costs	531,225	531,225	486,941	499,216
	<b>Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer</b>	<b>1,218,657</b>	<b>1,218,657</b>	<b>1,112,516</b>	<b>1,123,469</b>
<b>A0301</b>	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	881,217	881,217	856,678	840,316
<b>A0399</b>	Service Support Costs	612,218	612,218	563,213	579,399
	<b>Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration</b>	<b>1,493,435</b>	<b>1,493,435</b>	<b>1,419,891</b>	<b>1,419,715</b>
<b>A0401</b>	Housing Estate Management	263,976	263,976	258,898	287,572
<b>A0402</b>	Tenancy Management	322,694	322,694	314,897	317,477
<b>A0403</b>	Social and Community Housing Service	6,000	6,000	278,000	73,500
<b>A0499</b>	Service Support Costs	206,778	206,778	189,528	194,303
	<b>Housing Community Development Support</b>	<b>799,448</b>	<b>799,448</b>	<b>1,041,323</b>	<b>872,852</b>
<b>A0501</b>	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	860,000	860,000	757,815	1,107,815
<b>A0502</b>	Homeless Service	278,135	278,135	218,172	165,085
<b>A0599</b>	Service Support Costs	162,839	162,839	125,063	146,846
	<b>Administration of Homeless Service</b>	<b>1,300,974</b>	<b>1,300,974</b>	<b>1,101,050</b>	<b>1,419,746</b>
<b>A0601</b>	Technical and Administrative Support	689,565	689,565	624,476	636,299
<b>A0602</b>	Loan Charges	800,000	800,000	800,000	725,000
<b>A0699</b>	Service Support Costs	479,707	479,707	439,792	449,053
	<b>Support to Housing Capital Prog.</b>	<b>1,969,272</b>	<b>1,969,272</b>	<b>1,864,268</b>	<b>1,810,352</b>
<b>A0701</b>	RAS Operations	7,151,496	7,151,496	6,959,956	7,139,246
<b>A0702</b>	Long Term Leasing	2,797,618	2,797,618	2,730,871	2,740,418
<b>A0703</b>	Payment & Availability	5,230,000	5,230,000	3,230,000	5,170,000
<b>A0704</b>	Affordable Leases	40,600	40,600	40,600	40,600
<b>A0799</b>	Service Support Costs	390,715	390,715	361,949	371,755
	<b>RAS and Leasing Programme</b>	<b>15,610,429</b>	<b>15,610,429</b>	<b>13,323,376</b>	<b>15,462,019</b>

<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>A0801</b>	Loan Interest and Other Charges	534,786	534,786	498,230	493,920
<b>A0802</b>	Debt Management Housing Loans	171,472	171,472	175,721	144,714
<b>A0899</b>	Service Support Costs	159,449	159,449	147,581	151,678
	<b>Housing Loans</b>	<b>865,707</b>	<b>865,707</b>	<b>821,532</b>	<b>790,312</b>
<b>A0901</b>	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	1,300,545	1,300,545	1,300,545	2,242,000
<b>A0902</b>	Loan Charges DPG/ERG	0	0	0	0
<b>A0903</b>	Essential Repair Grants	650,000	650,000	650,000	1,069,750
<b>A0904</b>	Other Housing Grant Payments	0	0	0	1,770
<b>A0905</b>	Mobility Aids Housing Grants	250,000	250,000	250,000	220,000
<b>A0999</b>	Service Support Costs	871,534	871,534	818,754	837,181
	<b>Housing Grants</b>	<b>3,072,079</b>	<b>3,072,079</b>	<b>3,019,299</b>	<b>4,370,701</b>
<b>A1101</b>	Agency & Recoupable Service	0	0	0	0
<b>A1199</b>	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A1201</b>	HAP Operations	692,448	692,448	770,458	613,735
<b>A1299</b>	Service Support Costs	294,883	294,883	271,008	275,583
	<b>HAP Programme</b>	<b>987,331</b>	<b>987,331</b>	<b>1,041,466</b>	<b>889,318</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>39,850,258</b>	<b>39,850,258</b>	<b>35,690,209</b>	<b>41,911,913</b>

<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants &amp; Subsidies</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	18,012,165	18,012,165	16,031,820	19,068,503
Other	90,000	90,000	365,000	160,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>18,102,165</b>	<b>18,102,165</b>	<b>16,396,820</b>	<b>19,228,503</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Rents from Houses	19,285,500	19,285,500	16,936,140	19,702,624
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	490,475	490,475	457,720	442,975
Superannuation	244,325	244,325	246,813	236,854
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other Income	989,750	989,750	1,040,000	2,041,725
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>21,010,050</b>	<b>21,010,050</b>	<b>18,680,673</b>	<b>22,424,178</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>39,112,215</b>	<b>39,112,215</b>	<b>35,077,493</b>	<b>41,652,681</b>

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2023		2022	
		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	133,385	133,385	129,500	129,500
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	438,476	438,476	384,505	425,705
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	0	0	0	0
B0199	Service Support Costs	323,504	323,504	301,715	310,871
<b>National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement</b>		895,365	895,365	815,720	866,076
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	153,985	153,985	149,500	149,500
B0205	NS – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	804,828	804,828	1,086,609	756,386
B0207	NS – General Improvement Works	0	0	0	0
B0299	Service Support Costs	546,607	546,607	527,439	531,664
<b>National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement</b>		1,505,420	1,505,420	1,763,548	1,437,550
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	1,302,788	1,302,788	2,603,664	1,214,843
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	3,525,035	3,525,035	4,239,613	3,422,364
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	309,000	309,000	0	0
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	6,608,495	6,608,495	6,839,907	7,045,490
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	949,979	949,979	3,489,780	542,310
B0399	Service Support Costs	2,361,801	2,361,801	2,192,553	2,183,975
<b>Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance</b>		15,057,098	15,057,098	19,365,517	14,408,982
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	3,896,652	3,896,652	2,762,837	3,783,157
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	13,479,235	13,479,235	10,981,388	13,086,636
B0403	Local Roads Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	0	0	150,000	20,000
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	6,081,864	6,081,864	6,473,315	6,637,407
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	5,338,535	5,338,535	7,902,055	5,469,145
B0499	Service Support Costs	4,284,669	4,284,669	4,040,308	4,076,985
<b>Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement</b>		33,080,955	33,080,955	32,309,903	33,073,330
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	2,314,590	2,314,590	2,390,474	2,206,243
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	0	0	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	157,583	157,583	149,278	153,290
<b>Public Lighting</b>		2,472,173	2,472,173	2,539,752	2,359,533

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2023		2022	
		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	22,325	22,325	34,400	21,675
B0699	Service Support Costs	113,653	113,653	88,640	108,924
	<b>Traffic Management Improvement</b>	<b>135,978</b>	<b>135,978</b>	<b>123,040</b>	<b>130,599</b>
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures	673,620	673,620	635,000	654,000
B0702	Other Engineering Improvements	0	0	0	0
B0799	Service Support Costs	41,170	41,170	38,335	39,927
	<b>Road Safety Engineering Improvements</b>	<b>714,790</b>	<b>714,790</b>	<b>673,335</b>	<b>693,927</b>
B0801	School Wardens	80,643	80,643	76,411	76,411
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
B0899	Service Support Costs	26,881	26,881	25,050	26,235
	<b>Road Safety Promotion/Education</b>	<b>125,524</b>	<b>125,524</b>	<b>119,461</b>	<b>120,646</b>
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	517,125	517,125	495,048	517,977
B0902	Operation of Street Parking	331,511	331,511	328,750	327,400
B0903	Parking Enforcement	714,937	714,937	681,097	690,381
B0999	Service Support Costs	695,433	695,433	664,549	655,073
	<b>Car Parking</b>	<b>2,259,006</b>	<b>2,259,006</b>	<b>2,169,444</b>	<b>2,190,831</b>
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme	404,925	404,925	315,309	410,377
B1099	Service Support Costs	2,516,228	2,516,228	2,482,284	2,493,200
	<b>Support to Roads Capital Programme</b>	<b>2,921,153</b>	<b>2,921,153</b>	<b>2,797,593</b>	<b>2,903,577</b>
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	451,299	451,299	451,299	834,042
B1199	Service Support Costs	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>476,299</b>	<b>476,299</b>	<b>476,299</b>	<b>859,042</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>59,643,759</b>	<b>59,643,759</b>	<b>63,153,612</b>	<b>59,044,093</b>

<b>ROAD TRANSPORT &amp; SAFETY</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	33,099,659	33,099,659	31,918,390	31,645,296
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
National Transport Authority	0	0	5,343,532	0
Transport	1,227,815	1,227,815	1,192,054	1,192,053
Rural and Community Development	1,421,285	1,421,285	849,857	1,421,285
Other	77,400	77,400	213,679	77,400
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>35,826,159</b>	<b>35,826,159</b>	<b>39,517,512</b>	<b>34,336,034</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Parking Fines & Charges	3,063,800	3,063,800	3,041,800	2,591,564
Superannuation	461,963	461,963	466,668	447,836
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	2,111,700	2,111,700	2,901,700	2,923,914
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>5,637,463</b>	<b>5,637,463</b>	<b>6,410,168</b>	<b>5,963,314</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>41,463,621</b>	<b>41,463,621</b>	<b>45,927,680</b>	<b>40,299,348</b>

<b>WATER SERVICES</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
C0101	Water Plants & Networks	6,198,852	6,198,852	6,045,105	6,149,051
C0199	Service Support Costs	3,186,342	3,186,342	2,916,499	2,868,278
	<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>9,385,194</b>	<b>9,385,194</b>	<b>8,961,604</b>	<b>9,017,329</b>
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	1,579,763	1,579,763	1,533,420	1,583,420
C0299	Service Support Costs	1,614,390	1,614,390	1,536,710	1,562,125
	<b>Waste Water Treatment</b>	<b>3,194,153</b>	<b>3,194,153</b>	<b>3,070,130</b>	<b>3,145,545</b>
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water	0	0	0	0
C0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	308,191	308,191	294,202	306,760
C0499	Service Support Costs	29,913	29,913	27,834	28,839
	<b>Public Conveniences</b>	<b>338,104</b>	<b>338,104</b>	<b>322,036</b>	<b>335,599</b>
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations	360,000	360,000	290,000	300,000
C0502	Grants for Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0503	Grants for Waste Water Group Schemes	0	0	0	0
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies	624,000	624,000	624,000	620,000
C0599	Service Support Costs	414,405	414,405	294,384	413,894
	<b>Admin of Group and Private Installations</b>	<b>1,398,405</b>	<b>1,398,405</b>	<b>1,208,384</b>	<b>1,333,894</b>
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision	924,487	924,487	925,727	925,727
C0699	Service Support Costs	521,122	521,122	479,071	492,448
	<b>Support to Water Capital Programme</b>	<b>1,445,609</b>	<b>1,445,609</b>	<b>1,404,798</b>	<b>1,418,175</b>
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	195,937	195,937	174,853	174,853
C0799	Service Support Costs	69,981	69,981	64,373	65,227
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>265,918</b>	<b>265,918</b>	<b>239,226</b>	<b>240,080</b>
C0801	Local Authority Water Services	17,750	17,750	18,000	
C0802	Local Authority Sanitary Services	40,000	40,000	20,000	12,000
C0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	30,000
	<b>Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>16,085,133</b>	<b>16,085,133</b>	<b>15,244,178</b>	<b>15,532,622</b>



<b>WATER SERVICES</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	1,126,750	1,126,750	1,032,000	1,040,000
Other	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>1,165,750</b>	<b>1,165,750</b>	<b>1,071,000</b>	<b>1,079,000</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Irish Water	14,011,684	14,011,684	13,393,715	13,350,600
Superannuation	286,602	286,602	289,521	277,838
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	42,550	42,550	11,550	89,038
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>14,340,836</b>	<b>14,340,836</b>	<b>13,694,786</b>	<b>13,717,476</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>15,506,586</b>	<b>15,506,586</b>	<b>14,765,786</b>	<b>14,796,476</b>

<b>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy	1,140,285	1,140,285	840,163	764,932
D0199	Service Support Costs	348,698	348,698	319,964	328,264
	<b>Forward Planning</b>	<b>1,488,983</b>	<b>1,488,983</b>	<b>1,160,127</b>	<b>1,093,196</b>
D0201	Planning Control	1,270,557	1,270,557	1,260,562	1,253,062
D0299	Service Support Costs	841,738	841,738	777,108	793,784
	<b>Development Management</b>	<b>2,112,295</b>	<b>2,112,295</b>	<b>2,037,670</b>	<b>2,046,846</b>
D0301	Enforcement Costs	828,895	828,895	733,298	751,593
D0399	Service Support Costs	375,464	375,464	345,205	353,165
	<b>Enforcement</b>	<b>1,204,359</b>	<b>1,204,359</b>	<b>1,078,503</b>	<b>1,104,758</b>
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations	0	0	0	0
D0403	Management of & Contris to Other Commercial Facs	0	0	0	0
D0404	General Development Promotion Work	55,000	55,000	55,000	33,685
D0499	Service Support Costs	2,051	2,051	1,896	1,875
	<b>Industrial and Commercial Facilities</b>	<b>57,051</b>	<b>57,051</b>	<b>56,896</b>	<b>35,560</b>
D0501	Tourism Promotion	457,700	457,700	416,200	663,539
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
D0599	Service Support Costs	351,263	351,263	297,240	320,276
	<b>Tourism Development and Promotion</b>	<b>808,963</b>	<b>808,963</b>	<b>713,440</b>	<b>983,815</b>
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	1,160,264	1,160,264	1,511,049	1,588,456
D0602	RAPID Costs	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
D0603	Social Inclusion	2,448,091	2,448,091	1,227,000	2,523,630
D0699	Service Support Costs	337,886	337,886	311,220	318,315
	<b>Community and Enterprise Function</b>	<b>3,982,241</b>	<b>3,982,241</b>	<b>3,085,269</b>	<b>4,466,401</b>
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates	439,135	439,135	422,742	417,575
D0799	Service Support Costs	162,136	162,136	148,582	152,063
	<b>Unfinished Housing Estates</b>	<b>601,271</b>	<b>601,271</b>	<b>571,324</b>	<b>569,638</b>

<b>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
D0801	Building Control Inspection Costs	0	0	0	0
D0802	Building Control Enforcement Costs	0	0	0	0
D0899	Service Support Costs	208,880	208,880	194,967	199,385
	<b>Building Control</b>	<b>208,880</b>	<b>208,880</b>	<b>194,967</b>	<b>199,385</b>
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	4,503,843	5,149,659	2,037,334	2,791,912
D0906	Local Enterprise Office	2,163,300	2,163,300	2,461,300	1,951,744
D0999	Service Support Costs	865,760	865,760	756,206	746,146
	<b>Economic Development and Promotion</b>	<b>7,553,903</b>	<b>8,199,719</b>	<b>5,275,840</b>	<b>5,510,802</b>
D1001	Property Management Costs	788,231	788,231	708,523	712,081
D1099	Service Support Costs	94,680	94,680	87,215	88,988
	<b>Property Management</b>	<b>882,911</b>	<b>882,911</b>	<b>795,738</b>	<b>801,069</b>
D1101	Heritage Services	462,709	462,709	459,139	504,742
D1102	Conservation Services	0	0	0	0
D1103	Conservation Grants	235,000	235,000	324,000	232,250
D1199	Service Support Costs	82,915	82,915	77,637	78,975
	<b>Heritage and Conservation Services</b>	<b>780,624</b>	<b>780,624</b>	<b>860,776</b>	<b>815,967</b>
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
D1299	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>19,701,481</b>	<b>20,347,297</b>	<b>15,850,550</b>	<b>17,647,437</b>

<b>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	532,000	532,000	349,000	410,900
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	219,450
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	2,083,300	2,083,300	2,381,300	1,871,744
Rural and Community Development	1,555,400	1,555,400	1,543,500	2,589,513
Other	1,844,907	1,844,907	806,016	2,117,179
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>6,015,607</b>	<b>6,015,607</b>	<b>5,079,816</b>	<b>7,208,786</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Planning Fees	747,000	747,000	732,000	732,000
Superannuation	161,518	161,518	163,163	156,579
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	16,000	16,000	136,000	44,350
Other income	1,294,300	1,294,300	269,100	252,620
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>2,218,818</b>	<b>2,218,818</b>	<b>1,300,263</b>	<b>1,185,549</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>8,234,425</b>	<b>8,234,425</b>	<b>6,380,079</b>	<b>8,394,335</b>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2023		2022	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations	2,864,293	2,864,293	2,937,000	2,725,993
E0102	Contribution to other LA's - Landfill Facilities	0	0	0	0
E0103	Landfill Aftercare Costs.	41,000	41,000	35,000	34,000
E0199	Service Support Costs	967,991	967,991	935,217	944,376
<b>Landfill Operation and Aftercare</b>		<b>3,873,284</b>	<b>3,873,284</b>	<b>3,907,217</b>	<b>3,704,369</b>
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	1,691,835	1,691,835	1,556,350	1,621,350
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	95,000	95,000	82,000	92,000
E0204	Other Recycling Services	0	0	0	0
E0299	Service Support Costs	320,260	320,260	300,657	309,289
<b>Recovery &amp; Recycling Facilities Operations</b>		<b>2,107,095</b>	<b>2,107,095</b>	<b>1,939,007</b>	<b>2,022,639</b>
E0301	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
E0399	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Waste to Energy Facilities Operations</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
E0401	Recycling Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0402	Organic Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0403	Residual Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0404	Commercial Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0406	Contribution to Waste Collection Services	0	0	0	0
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
E0499	Service Support Costs	1,185	1,185	1,095	1,083
<b>Provision of Waste to Collection Services</b>		<b>13,185</b>	<b>13,185</b>	<b>13,095</b>	<b>13,083</b>
E0501	Litter Warden Service	611,159	611,159	603,995	539,275
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	343,139	343,139	363,400	489,985
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
E0599	Service Support Costs	453,689	453,689	423,973	429,752
<b>Litter Management</b>		<b>1,452,987</b>	<b>1,452,987</b>	<b>1,436,368</b>	<b>1,504,012</b>
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	1,737,166	1,737,166	1,656,998	1,680,998
E0602	Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	0	0	0	0
E0699	Service Support Costs	304,174	304,174	283,307	295,593
<b>Street Cleaning</b>		<b>2,041,340</b>	<b>2,041,340</b>	<b>1,940,305</b>	<b>1,976,591</b>
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	344,361	344,361	255,306	220,795
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	37,000	37,000	37,000	55,000
E0799	Service Support Costs	253,431	253,431	233,382	238,282
<b>Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement</b>		<b>634,792</b>	<b>634,792</b>	<b>525,688</b>	<b>514,077</b>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2023		2022	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0801	Waste Management Plan	244,710	244,710	182,907	187,876
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	57,800	57,800	58,657	55,133
E0899	Service Support Costs	58,741	58,741	53,972	55,546
	<b>Waste Management Planning</b>	<b>361,251</b>	<b>361,251</b>	<b>295,536</b>	<b>298,555</b>
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,186,128	1,186,128	1,153,320	1,160,945
E0999	Service Support Costs	573,711	573,711	525,429	519,273
	<b>Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds</b>	<b>1,759,839</b>	<b>1,759,839</b>	<b>1,678,749</b>	<b>1,680,218</b>
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	335,618	335,618	293,018	335,046
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	16,000	16,000	16,000	15,500
E1003	Emergency Planning	23,448	23,448	23,448	23,448
E1004	Derelict Sites	142,962	142,962	124,784	119,649
E1005	Water Safety Operation	25,700	25,700	25,680	25,700
E1099	Service Support Costs	181,909	181,909	167,252	170,934
	<b>Safety of Structures and Places</b>	<b>725,637</b>	<b>725,637</b>	<b>650,182</b>	<b>690,277</b>
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	5,528,774	5,528,774	5,332,440	5,341,300
E1103	Fire Services Training	1,014,564	1,014,564	943,234	966,877
E1104	Operation of Ambulance Service	0	0	0	0
E1199	Service Support Costs	2,278,065	2,278,065	1,985,739	2,040,601
	<b>Operation of Fire Service</b>	<b>8,821,403</b>	<b>8,821,403</b>	<b>8,261,413</b>	<b>8,348,778</b>
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	544,521	544,521	510,803	519,568
	<b>Fire Prevention</b>	<b>591,582</b>	<b>591,582</b>	<b>557,864</b>	<b>566,629</b>
E1301	Water Quality Management	444,791	444,791	433,567	378,587
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	0	0	0	0
E1399	Service Support Costs	165,134	165,134	151,792	155,323
	<b>Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution</b>	<b>609,925</b>	<b>609,925</b>	<b>585,359</b>	<b>533,910</b>
E1401	Agency & Recoupable Service	10,708,087	10,708,087	9,790,668	9,029,210
E1499	Service Support Costs	300,995	300,995	276,406	283,225
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>11,009,082</b>	<b>11,009,082</b>	<b>10,067,074</b>	<b>9,312,435</b>
E1501	Climate Change and Flooding	820,000	820,000	120,000	120,000
E1599	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Climate Change and Flooding</b>	<b>820,000</b>	<b>820,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>34,821,401</b>	<b>34,821,401</b>	<b>31,977,857</b>	<b>31,285,573</b>

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	10,016,087	10,016,087	9,293,643	8,456,960
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Defence	139,500	139,500	138,000	139,500
Environment, Climate and Communications	1,192,500	1,192,500	302,225	534,742
Other	586,500	586,500	571,500	569,415
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>11,934,587</b>	<b>11,934,587</b>	<b>10,305,368</b>	<b>9,700,617</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Domestic Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Commercial Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Landfill Charges	2,798,900	2,798,900	2,900,500	2,752,550
Fire Charges	334,000	334,000	359,000	334,603
Superannuation	203,273	203,273	205,343	197,057
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	13,800	13,800	15,800	13,374
Other income	959,200	959,200	943,500	792,288
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>4,309,173</b>	<b>4,309,173</b>	<b>4,424,143</b>	<b>4,089,872</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>16,243,760</b>	<b>16,243,760</b>	<b>14,729,511</b>	<b>13,790,489</b>

RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2023		2022	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	2,231,841	2,231,841	1,965,120	2,078,520
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	520,900	520,900	557,500	557,500
F0199	Service Support Costs	500,547	500,547	470,772	486,186
	<b>Leisure Facilities Operations</b>	<b>3,253,288</b>	<b>3,253,288</b>	<b>2,993,392</b>	<b>3,122,206</b>
F0201	Library Service Operations	3,408,631	3,408,631	3,122,579	3,138,393
F0202	Archive Service	78,981	78,981	95,411	78,235
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	0	0	0	0
F0299	Service Support Costs	1,364,665	1,364,665	1,267,386	1,282,681
	<b>Operation of Library and Archival Service</b>	<b>5,112,277</b>	<b>5,112,277</b>	<b>4,745,376</b>	<b>4,759,309</b>
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	2,445,853	2,445,853	2,316,767	2,381,967
F0302	Playgrounds	105,034	105,034	105,000	105,000
F0303	Beaches	0	0	0	0
F0399	Service Support Costs	560,376	560,376	513,528	535,234
	<b>Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations</b>	<b>3,111,263</b>	<b>3,111,263</b>	<b>2,935,295</b>	<b>3,022,201</b>
F0401	Community Grants	116,000	116,000	121,800	121,800
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	0	0	0	0
F0403	Community Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0404	Recreational Development	526,500	526,500	591,018	521,072
F0499	Service Support Costs	214,553	214,553	199,727	199,218
	<b>Community Sport and Recreational Development</b>	<b>857,053</b>	<b>857,053</b>	<b>912,545</b>	<b>842,090</b>
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	457,438	457,438	582,281	443,883
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	627,146	627,146	628,008	984,244
F0503	Museums Operations	448,836	448,836	409,675	422,432
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	18,600	18,600	18,600	20,900
F0599	Service Support Costs	254,990	254,990	235,317	241,221
	<b>Operation of Arts Programme</b>	<b>1,842,010</b>	<b>1,842,010</b>	<b>1,908,881</b>	<b>2,147,680</b>
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	726,167	726,167	726,167	726,167
F0699	Service Support Costs	30,143	30,143	27,973	28,437
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>756,310</b>	<b>756,310</b>	<b>754,140</b>	<b>754,604</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>14,932,200</b>	<b>14,932,200</b>	<b>14,249,629</b>	<b>14,648,090</b>



<b>RECREATION &amp; AMENITY</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
Education	0	0	0	0
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	286,000
Social & Protection	726,167	726,167	726,167	682,498
Library Council	0	0	0	0
Arts Council	169,606	169,606	169,607	174,856
Transport	0	0	0	0
Rural and Community Development	0	0	0	0
Other	449,500	449,500	519,245	519,736
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>1,345,273</b>	<b>1,345,273</b>	<b>1,415,019</b>	<b>1,663,090</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	1,017,500	1,017,500	1,022,500	865,173
Superannuation	193,600	193,600	195,572	187,680
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	119,410	119,410	119,410	120,610
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>1,330,510</b>	<b>1,330,510</b>	<b>1,337,482</b>	<b>1,173,463</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>2,675,783</b>	<b>2,675,783</b>	<b>2,752,501</b>	<b>2,836,553</b>

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2023		2022	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	162,063	162,063	161,098	168,098
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	0	0	0	0
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions	28,424	28,424	26,708	27,550
G0199	Service Support Costs	6,844	6,844	6,363	6,556
	<b>Land Drainage Costs</b>	<b>197,331</b>	<b>197,331</b>	<b>194,169</b>	<b>202,204</b>
G0201	Operation of Piers	0	0	0	0
G0203	Operation of Harbours	0	0	0	0
G0299	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
	<b>Coastal Protection</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
G0401	Provision of Veterinary Service	0	0	0	0
G0402	Inspection of Abattoirs etc	189,732	189,732	301,000	186,056
G0403	Food Safety	0	0	0	0
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	217,579	217,579	214,415	211,321
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	121,171	121,171	163,560	80,629
G0499	Service Support Costs	285,310	285,310	262,371	269,685
	<b>Veterinary Service</b>	<b>813,792</b>	<b>813,792</b>	<b>941,346</b>	<b>747,691</b>
G0501	Payment of Higher Education Grants	0	0	0	0
G0502	Administration Higher Education Grants	0	0	0	0
G0505	Contribution to Education & Training Board	0	0	0	0
G0506	Other Educational Services	0	0	0	0
G0507	School Meals	7,200	7,200	6,200	7,680
G0599	Service Support Costs	26,172	26,172	24,060	24,234
	<b>Educational Support Services</b>	<b>33,372</b>	<b>33,372</b>	<b>30,260</b>	<b>31,914</b>
G0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	800,248	800,248	768,258	800,248
G0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>800,248</b>	<b>800,248</b>	<b>768,258</b>	<b>800,248</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>1,844,743</b>	<b>1,844,743</b>	<b>1,934,033</b>	<b>1,782,057</b>

<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	0	0	0	0
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
Education	800,248	800,248	768,258	800,248
Transport	0	0	0	0
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	179,732	179,732	291,000	176,056
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	4,000	4,000	6,000	2,000
Other	17,100	17,100	17,000	12,987
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>1,001,080</b>	<b>1,001,080</b>	<b>1,082,258</b>	<b>991,291</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Superannuation	19,697	19,697	19,897	19,094
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	191,500	191,500	192,500	193,453
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>211,197</b>	<b>211,197</b>	<b>212,397</b>	<b>212,547</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>1,212,277</b>	<b>1,212,277</b>	<b>1,294,655</b>	<b>1,203,838</b>

<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
H0101	Maintenance of Machinery Service	0	0	0	0
H0102	Plant and Machinery Operations	(725,000)	(725,000)	(725,000)	-725,000
H0199	Service Support Costs	805,928	805,928	749,068	780,805
<b>Profit/Loss Machinery Account</b>		80,928	80,928	24,068	55,805
H0201	Purchase of Materials, Stores	0	0	0	0
H0202	Administrative Costs Stores	88,437	88,437	73,000	87,812
H0203	Upkeep of Buildings, Stores	84,100	84,100	78,000	76,000
H0299	Service Support Costs	74,909	74,909	69,688	72,353
<b>Profit/Loss Stores Account</b>		247,446	247,446	220,688	236,165
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	513,408	513,408	493,308	438,017
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	337,777	337,777	293,629	286,621
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	5,891,876	5,942,626	5,675,000	6,624,777
H0399	Service Support Costs	614,758	614,758	564,130	577,975
<b>Administration of Rates</b>		7,357,819	7,408,569	7,026,067	7,927,390
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	97,498	97,498	129,000	106,096
H0402	Local Election Costs	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
H0499	Service Support Costs	40,102	40,102	36,828	37,526
<b>Franchise Costs</b>		222,600	222,600	250,828	228,622
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	290,000	290,000	285,000	291,000
H0502	Operation of Morgue	0	0	0	0
H0599	Service Support Costs	5,570	5,570	5,149	5,091
<b>Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses</b>		295,570	295,570	290,149	296,091
H0601	Weighbridge Operations	0	0	0	0
H0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Weighbridges</b>		0	0	0	0

<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
		<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
H0701	Operation of Markets	0	0	0	0
H0702	Casual Trading Areas	16,963	16,963	8,662	9,457
H0799	Service Support Costs	12,402	12,402	11,399	11,434
	<b>Operation of Markets and Casual Trading</b>	<b>29,365</b>	<b>29,365</b>	<b>20,061</b>	<b>20,891</b>
H0801	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	2,000	615
H0899	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Malicious Damage</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>615</b>
H0901	Representational Payments	1,051,520	1,051,520	1,051,520	1,033,720
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	82,000	82,000	82,000	82,000
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	445,000	445,000	445,000	375,000
H0904	Expenses LA Members	212,000	212,000	212,000	143,854
H0905	Other Expenses	170,500	170,500	163,000	148,178
H0906	Conferences Abroad	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,000
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	21,885	21,885	21,175	21,295
H0909	General Municipal Allocation	953,680	953,680	953,680	953,680
H0999	Service Support Costs	726,689	726,689	672,738	684,982
	<b>Local Representation/Civic Leadership</b>	<b>3,803,274</b>	<b>3,803,274</b>	<b>3,741,113</b>	<b>3,567,709</b>
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	1,008,019	1,008,019	978,638	955,031
H1099	Service Support Costs	728,779	728,779	666,489	681,136
	<b>Motor Taxation</b>	<b>1,736,798</b>	<b>1,736,798</b>	<b>1,645,127</b>	<b>1,636,167</b>
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	3,477,286	3,477,286	2,128,812	2,251,049
H1102	NPPR	133,878	133,878	131,517	123,085
H1199	Service Support Costs	705,374	705,374	649,553	660,355
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>4,316,538</b>	<b>4,316,538</b>	<b>2,909,882</b>	<b>3,034,489</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>18,092,337</b>	<b>18,143,087</b>	<b>16,129,983</b>	<b>17,003,944</b>

<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b>				
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Income by Source</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated by Chief Executive</b>	<b>Adopted by Council</b>	<b>Estimated Outturn</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>				
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	12,387,067	12,387,067	6,562,182	9,217,883
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Justice	0	0	0	0
Other	127,650	127,650	141,300	122,800
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>12,514,717</b>	<b>12,514,717</b>	<b>6,703,482</b>	<b>9,340,683</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Superannuation	210,873	210,873	213,021	204,425
Agency Services & Repayable Works	151,449	151,449	148,119	137,940
Local Authority Contributions	1,727,846	1,727,846	1,558,623	1,687,855
NPPR	50,000	50,000	300,000	300,000
Other income	1,945,125	1,945,125	1,700,135	1,812,266
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>4,085,293</b>	<b>4,085,293</b>	<b>3,919,898</b>	<b>4,142,486</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>16,600,010</b>	<b>16,600,010</b>	<b>10,623,380</b>	<b>13,483,169</b>

<b>APPENDIX 1</b>	
<b>Summary of Central Management Charge</b>	
	<b>2023</b> <b>€</b>
Area Office Overhead	0
Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,644,217
Corporate Buildings Overhead	3,344,431
Finance Function Overhead	1,935,436
Human Resource Function	2,349,660
IT Services	3,661,121
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	466,289
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	11,850,000
<b>Total Expenditure Allocated to Services</b>	<b>26,251,154</b>

**APPENDIX 2**

**Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation**

			<b>2023 €</b>
Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)			26,986,309
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
<b>Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget</b>			<b>0</b>
			26,986,309
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
<b>Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget</b>			<b>0</b>
			0
<b>Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)</b>			<b>26,986,309</b>



## **APPENDIX 3**

### **REPORT ON THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 2023 – 2025**

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In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 set out over are details of the proposed Capital Programme for the three years 2023 to 2025.

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

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

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

Over the next three years expenditure will be approximately €600 million on capital projects. Grants are estimated at €482 million with the balance being funded from own resources, loans or development levies.

*Joe MacGrath  
Chief Executive  
Tipperary County Council*

## Tipperary County Council

### Summary of Proposed Capital Programme 2023 - 2025

Programme					Sources of Funding			
	2023	2024	2025	Total	Grants	Loans	Other	Total
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
Housing & Building	65.250	65.000	65.300	195.550	187.150	6.000	2.400	195.550
Roads Transport & Safety	30.135	44.620	44.705	119.460	98.760	11.700	9.000	119.460
Water Services	0.380	0.700	0.600	1.680	0.300	-	1.380	1.680
Environment	9.092	8.819	10.526	28.437	19.727	4.500	4.210	28.437
Economic Development & Project Ireland 2040	38.903	57.354	98.517	194.774	135.340	49.750	9.684	194.774
Recreation & Amenity	15.516	15.015	23.035	53.566	40.554	3.050	9.962	53.566
Miscellaneous	3.359	2.220	0.750	6.329	0.050	-	6.279	6.329
<b>Total</b>	<b>162.635</b>	<b>193.728</b>	<b>243.433</b>	<b>599.796</b>	<b>481.881</b>	<b>75.000</b>	<b>42.915</b>	<b>599.796</b>