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Tipperary County Council



## **ADOPTED BUDGET 2024**

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# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**



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14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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

**Re: Draft Annual Budget, 2024.**

Dear Councillor,

This draft Annual Budget presented to the Council for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 contains:

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

## Introduction

At your budget meeting scheduled for the 24th November, 2023, 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, Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act, 2019 and Regulations made under this legislation.

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

The 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.

By Circular Fin 10/23 of the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, the Council was advised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the commencement of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended. More specifically, the Act which commenced from the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 provides:

- for clarification in relation to the local authority’s role in the adoption of the annual rate on valuation.
- that a local authority shall consider the local authority’s budgetary needs in determining the applicable annual rate on valuation. Accordingly, the annual rate on valuation to be decided at 2024 Budget meetings should be adopted in accordance with section 3 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, rather than in accordance with section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, which has been the underpinning legal provision up to now.
- that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage can limit the level of annual rate on valuation that can be adopted by the local authority. This power is not new, it replicates an existing legislative provision. No limit on the annual rate on valuation has been applied for some years and no limit is applied for 2024.
- that a local authority may provide a temporary abatement for vacant properties, subject to certain considerations. Schemes under section 9 of the Act are to replace the refund of rates on vacant property adopted annually until now. I will return to this later.
- a technical amendment to the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1978 to refer to the determination of the annual rate on valuation under section 3 of this Act.
- a technical amendment to the Local Government Act 2001 to refer to the determination of the annual rate on valuation under section 3 of this Act.
- for the repeal of various provisions of rating law to be replaced by the new provisions.

## Budgetary Challenges

The range and breadth of services provided by the Local Authority has expanded over the years. Tipperary County Council's remit as a service provider extends beyond the traditional services to include expansive roles in areas such as active travel, supports to refugees and asylum seekers, economic development, job creation and community supports. While many of these services are fully funded by Exchequer grants and other financial measures, the multiplicity of services now being provided places greater demands on our support services which is reflected in our budgets.

In previous budgets, I have emphasised, in particular, the challenge presented by inflation and continuing cost escalation. Ireland's inflation rate in 2021 averaged at 2.36%, followed by a further increase on top of this of 7.81% in 2022 with inflation currently averaging at c.6.5% for 2023. The Council will know that cost inflation for certain goods such as fuel and energy has exceeded average inflation rates. The income necessary to fund these types of day to day services has largely remained static. While Tipperary is a large county geographically, the rates base of the county is modest and accordingly the scope to substantially broaden our local tax base is limited. The Council will continue to rely on Exchequer allocations whether by way of general or specific grants. To date, we have been very successful in securing large allocations for the county. The Local Property Tax (LPT) allocation notified to Tipperary County Council for 2024 is the largest in the country and has been increased by approx. €1.5m on the 2023 allocation.

In summary, the overarching challenge in the preparation of this budget has been to seek to balance the competing demands for additional and more expansive services against the financial capacity to meet such demands in an inflationary economic environment.

## Budgetary Opportunities

Notwithstanding the several constraints outlined earlier, this budget underwrites and facilitates an ambitious capital programme with particular reference to investment in renewal of our town centres, villages and rural amenities.

At the meeting to consider the Annual Budget for 2023, the Council approved an increase of 5% in the Annual Rate of Valuation (ARV) on the understanding that the additional income generated from this decision would be ringfenced annually to provide financial capacity to raise loans as *matching funds* for capital projects. This decision supports the ambitious capital programme which is maximising investment into our 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 transforming our town centres and villages.

The following Table 1 provides an update on projects.

**Table 1: Project Ireland 2040 - Approved Projects - Progress to date**

<b>APPROVED PROJECTS</b>	<b>GRANT TYPE AWARDED</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT APPROVED</b>	<b>MATCH FUNDING</b>	<b>INDICATIVE TIMEFRAMES FOR COMPLETION</b>
Tipperary Town Market Yard	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€730,392.00	€547,794.00	€182,598.00	Complete
Clonmel Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1, Clonmel	URDF	€7,356,546.00	€5,573,154.00	€1,783,392.00	Complete
A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre	RRDF CATEGORY 2	€986,354.00	€663,362.00	€322,992.00	Complete
Clonmel Regional Sports Hub	URDF	€7,806,701.00	€5,021,807.00	€2,815,000.00	Complete
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan	RRDF CATEGORY 2	€487,500.00	€365,625.00	€121,875.00	Complete
Tipperary Town River Ara Walkway	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€711,626.00	€533,719.00	€177,907.00	Complete
Fethard Town Park	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€3,145,314.00	€3,003,445.00	€141,869.00	Complete
Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning - Kilsheelan	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€670,833.00	€603,750.00	€67,083.00	TBC
A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	URDF	€12,700,000.00	€9,525,000.00	€3,175,000.00	Q4 2027
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter	RRDF CATEGORY 2	€896,712.00	€672,534.00	€224,178.00	Q1 2024
Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh.	RRDF CATEGORY 2	€1,511,059.00	€1,208,847.00	€302,212	Q1 2024

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Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles	URDF	€10,700,291.00	€5,390,291.00	€5,310,000.00	New car park completed October, 2020. Phase 1 works to Eastern end of Square completed December, 2021. Phase 2 - Q3 2026
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€4,014,746.00	€3,011,060.00	€1,003,686.00	Q3, 2024
Thurles Market Quarter	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€3,825,700.00	€3,443,130.00	€382,570.00	Q2 2025
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€5,639,145.00	€4,511,316.00	€1,127,829.00	Q2 2026
Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€14,894,686.00	€11,915,749.00	€2,978,937.00	Phase 1 works – End of Q1 2024. Full completion - Q1 2027
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan "A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter"	RRDF CATEGORY 1	€17,989,387.00	€14,391,509.00	€3,597,878.00	Phase 1 - End of Q4 2023 Phase 2 - Q2 2024 Phase 3 - Q3 2024 Phase 4 - Q4 2024 Phase 5 - Q3 2025

In addition to projects outlined in the above table which have either been completed or are in progress, there are a number of projects which will be submitted in response to future calls including:

- The Council will be submitting the Clonmel Transformational Regeneration Project under Call 4 of the URDF Scheme. This Call is expected to issue in Q1 of 2024. This will be a substantial application for funding building on successful projects already completed in Clonmel at Kickham Barracks and the TUS Sports Hub.
- In terms of future RRDF projects, work is also ongoing on the preparation of applications for projects including the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Projects (Dan Breen House and Courthouse) and the Nenagh Historic, Cultural and Enterprise Quarter. The call for these projects is expected to issue prior to the end of this year.



- Tipperary County Council is also supporting the REACH - Roscrea Enterprise and Community Hub RRDF Project. This project is being led by North Tipperary Development Company and the board of REACH.

## Climate Action

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, 2015 was signed into law in December 2015. This legislation provided for the establishment of a national framework with the aim of achieving transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by 2050.

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 was signed into law in July 2021 and requires, inter alia, local authorities to prepare Climate Action Plans which will include both mitigation and adaptation measures and will be updated every 5 years. In compliance with this requirement, Tipperary County Council has recently published our Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 entitled "*Setting the Scene For Going Green*". Following conclusion of public consultation processes, the final draft will be brought to the Council for consideration and adoption at your February, 2024 meeting.

Tipperary County Council has, for many years, undertaken a range of actions across our services to address climate change. In many respects, the Council has taken the lead in implementing these actions and investing to reduce our carbon footprint. However, the extent and impact of climate change requires all of us, working with other sectors and our local communities, to significantly increase our efforts. The Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan outlines the main climate risks facing Tipperary and the current greenhouse gas emissions of the Council and of the county. The Draft Plan sets out 100 Council climate actions including the Council's commitment to achieving our own emissions reductions and energy efficiency. Action focussed delivery will mainstream climate actions across Council services and support a collaborative move towards community and sectoral emissions reductions.

Within a financial and budgetary context, the achievement of targets present challenges. By way of examples, Tipperary County Council is required to outline the pathway to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by a minimum of 51% by 2030 when compared with our 2018 baseline. While the Council's own emissions account for only 0.2% of the countywide figures, we must put in place measures to reduce this by the minimum 51% target.

If we are to reach these targets and by way of examples only, we will need to invest in our Civic and District buildings, Leisure Centres, Libraries and Fire Stations, accelerate the retrofitting of our housing stock and replace our stock of vehicles. Some of these measures have already commenced.

To address the financial challenge presented by the level of required investment, the Council will seek to access funding for climate action projects such as government grants, private sector investment and community co-financing. If our targets are to be achieved, enhanced funding from existing sources will be required from established funding bodies including the SEAI, Government Departments, EU funding sources and the Just Transition fund.

## Economic Outlook and Projections

Notwithstanding the very real and continuing challenges presented by Brexit, the Covid-19 pandemic, wars in Eastern Europe and the Middle East and cost of living inflation, this budget has been prepared against a background of local and national economic growth, albeit recognising that not all sectors of the local economy experienced growth levels. In addition, while the Irish economy emerged in a strong and resilient manner post the Covid-19 pandemic, national economic commentary suggests that future growth will be more moderate. International economic activity is contributing to this slowdown. Inflation remains high and interest rate increases are beginning to stabilise.

The domestic Irish economy is operating at capacity in terms of employment and this is evidenced in some sectors of the local economy where employers are challenged to recruit persons with the necessary skills. Unemployment levels have stabilised at approximately 4% over the past year which, in economic terms, is defined as near full employment.

The recently published results of the National Census of Population for 2022 indicates that the population of Tipperary has grown by approx. 5.5% from 159,553 persons in 2016 to 167,895 persons in 2022. The overall growth rate in the county is below the national average of 8.1%. There was 73,207 people (aged 15 and over) at work in Tipperary, an increase of 9,735 people (+15%) between 2016 and 2022. Nationally, there were 313,656 additional people (+16%) at work. 17,665 people (aged 15 and over) worked from home at least one day a week in 2022 in the county. This represented 24% of the workforce. The national figure was 32%. In 2022, 69% of Tipperary households owned their own home, with a further 24% renting. This compared with 66% of households owning their home nationally and 28% renting.

In terms of local economic indicators:

- The *Tipperary State of Season Tourism Pulse Survey* undertaken by Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism in the period January to August 2023 indicates that 70% of survey participating businesses in the county have experienced growth, suggesting a positive upward trend. However, there were disparities between the performance of some sectors in domestic and overseas markets. For example, the overseas market performed stronger in 2023 compared to the previous year while the domestic market presents more of a mixed picture.
- Within the survey period, 67% of attractions and activity providers in Tipperary saw an increase in attendance from the Ireland market compared to the corresponding period in 2022. 22% saw the same level of attendance while 11% witnessed a decline.

Planning and Development activity within the county remains steady. 889 valid planning applications were received by the Council to the end of October 2023 compared with full year figures of 1,116 valid applications in 2022 and 1,358 valid applications in 2021.

## **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, 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 and value for money.

Circular Fin 06/2023 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage sets out that the prescribed periods for the holding of the 2023 Annual Budget meeting is from the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023 to the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The Circular also sets out that the prescribed period for the holding of meetings with Borough/Municipal Districts is from the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 to the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The District meetings and the Statutory Annual Budget meeting of Tipperary County Council comply with these statutory timeframes. The Budget meeting is to be convened on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

**Table 2: The Budget Process**

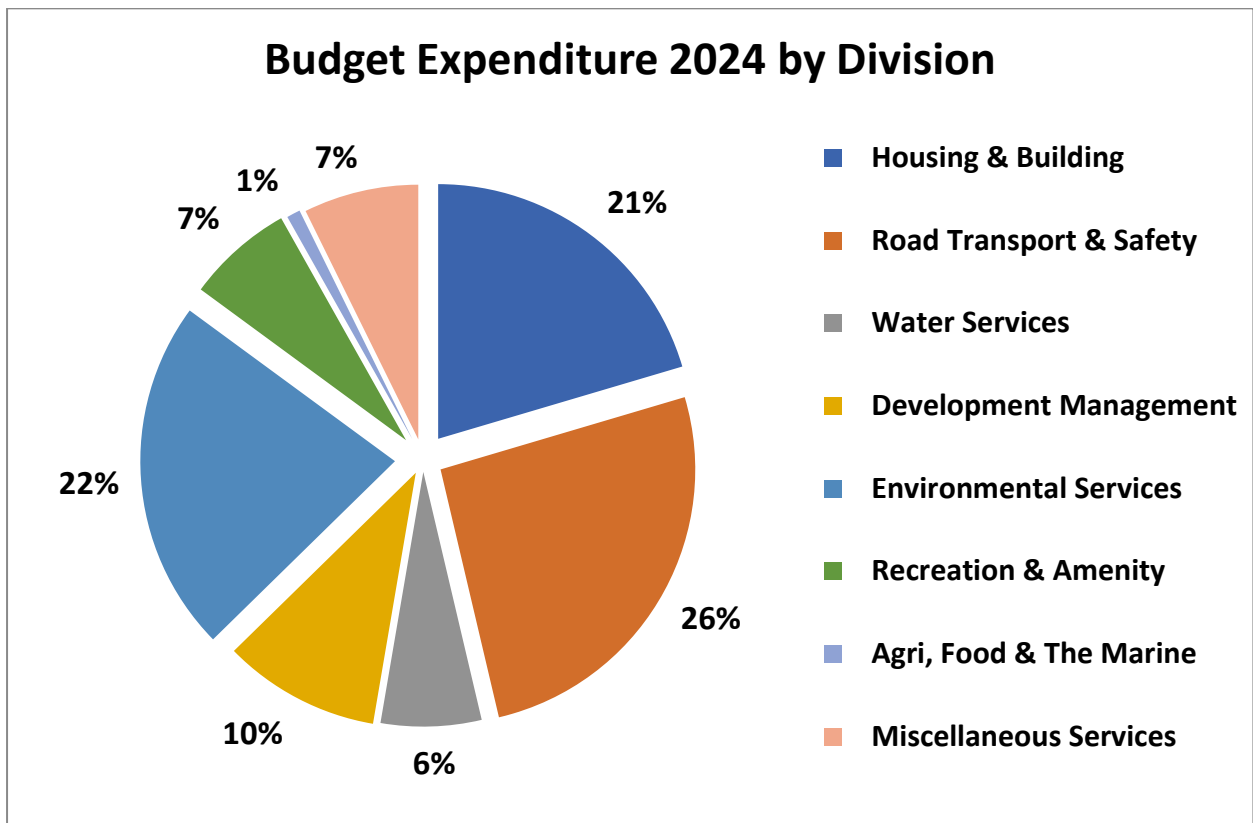
<b>Step 1</b>	Decision by the Council on the adjustment factor to the Local Property Tax (LPT) following a public consultation process.	Decision made at monthly Council meeting on the 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The decision applies for both the 2023 and 2024 financial years.
<b>Step 2</b>	Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) of the Council.	Budget Process and issues outlined at CPG meetings held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023 and 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
<b>Step 3</b>	Consideration of Draft Budgetary Plans (General Municipal Allocation (GMA)) by Borough/District Members.	Draft Budgetary Plans considered at the five Borough/District meetings held as follows: Thurles MD - 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023. Clonmel BD - 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023. Nenagh MD - 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023. Tipp/Cahir/Cashel MD - 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2023 Carrick on Suir MD - 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2023.
<b>Step 4</b>	Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Budget by Council.	Budget Workshops held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2023.  Statutory Budget Meeting scheduled for the 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023.
<b>Step 5</b>	Consideration and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal Works by each of the Borough/Municipal Districts.	Borough/Municipal District meetings to be convened in early 2024 following the adoption of the Budget.

### **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.

Members will be aware that the full management and direction of water services transferred from Tipperary County Council to Uisce Eireann on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 (the effective date). This is reflected in the draft Annual Budget. The financial impact of this transfer is revenue neutral.

**% Budget Expenditure by Division 2024**



Decreases in insurance premia witnessed in the past two years will continue next year. In 2023, the Council's premium payable reduced by 4.8%. The Council's insurers, Irish Public Bodies (IPB) have advised the Council that they are projecting a further reduction of 6.75% on 2023 premium payable across all lines of insurance for 2024. 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 positive impact on the cost of claims arising from the introduction of Personal Injury Guidelines in 2022.

**Table 3: Main Expenditure Headings - Budget 2024**

***Housing and Building***

€ 9,176,284 for maintenance of local authority housing.

€ 2,260,545 for housing grants/disabled persons grants.

€ 20,973,347 for the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) & leasing programme.

***Road Transport and Safety***

€ 8,581,849 towards "own resources" roads funding.

*Note: The Council will be informed of our roads grants allocations in early 2024 following which adjustments will be made to the estimated grants provision in the budget.*

***Development Management***

€ 1,092,592 for the preparation of statutory plans and policies.

€ 883,350 for planning enforcement costs.

€ 546,200 towards tourism promotion.

€ 491,051 provided for unfinished housing estates.

€ 6,715,789 towards economic development and promotion.

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

€ 1,104,259 provided for climate change.

€ 1,906,300 for the operation of recycling centres and bottlebanks.

€ 961,739 towards litter control initiatives.

€ 2,020,417 for street cleaning.

€ 1,209,230 for burial ground grants, maintenance and capital works.

€ 7,360,492 for direct costs of operating the Fire Service.

€ 3,962,552 for the Tipperary Library Services.

€ 2,755,302 towards parks and open spaces.

## Budget Income

Central Government funding to local authorities has developed and evolved over the years from a General Purpose Grant in 2000, to the allocation of the Local Property Tax (LPT) in 2015. The most recent changes to the funding model allows for 100% of the estimated LPT yield to be retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected. Since 2020, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage committed to undertake a baseline review of allocations to local authorities. This review was completed by a Baseline Review Group established by the Department earlier this year and concluded with the following recommendations:

1. That for 2024, funding would be distributed in accordance with the allocation model developed by the working group, according to a set of indicators which included population, extent of geographic area, deprivation levels, capacity of the local authority to raise income locally and achievement of National Policy Priorities;
2. That no local authority should see a reduction in baseline funding upon the application of the model and;
3. That this model is used to review local authority baselines every 5 years following the publication of updated census data.

The Minister approved the recommendations and by Circular Letter Circular Fin 07/2023 of the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, Tipperary County Council was notified that the LPT allocation for 2024 is €27,451,602. As Table 4 shows Tipperary County Council receives the largest LPT allocation in the country under the revised Baseline Model.

Arising from the Council's decision in relation to the variation of the LPT by +10% made in 2022 for the financial years 2023 and 2024, the Council was notified by Circular Letter Fin 08/2023 of the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 that the LPT allocation to Tipperary County Council in 2024 has been increased to €28,556,840. This allocation includes €16,399,227 equalisation funding in order to ensure that the allocation is at least matched to the Baseline.

In previous years, I have highlighted that lack of buoyancy across our income sources was contributing to a widening of the expenditure/income gap. While lack of buoyancy continues to be a cause for concern, the Council has taken a number of decisions to seek to maximise income locally including decisions on increasing the variation of the LPT, an increase in the Annual Rate of Valuation (ARV) by 5% in 2023 and increases in charges for other local services.

Bearing in mind that Tipperary County Council fares well from Exchequer funding allocations generally, it must be appreciated that expectations to introduce additional services and/or increase spend within existing services can only be bridged through further increases in the LPT (which is not now possible for 2024) and/or a further increase in the ARV.

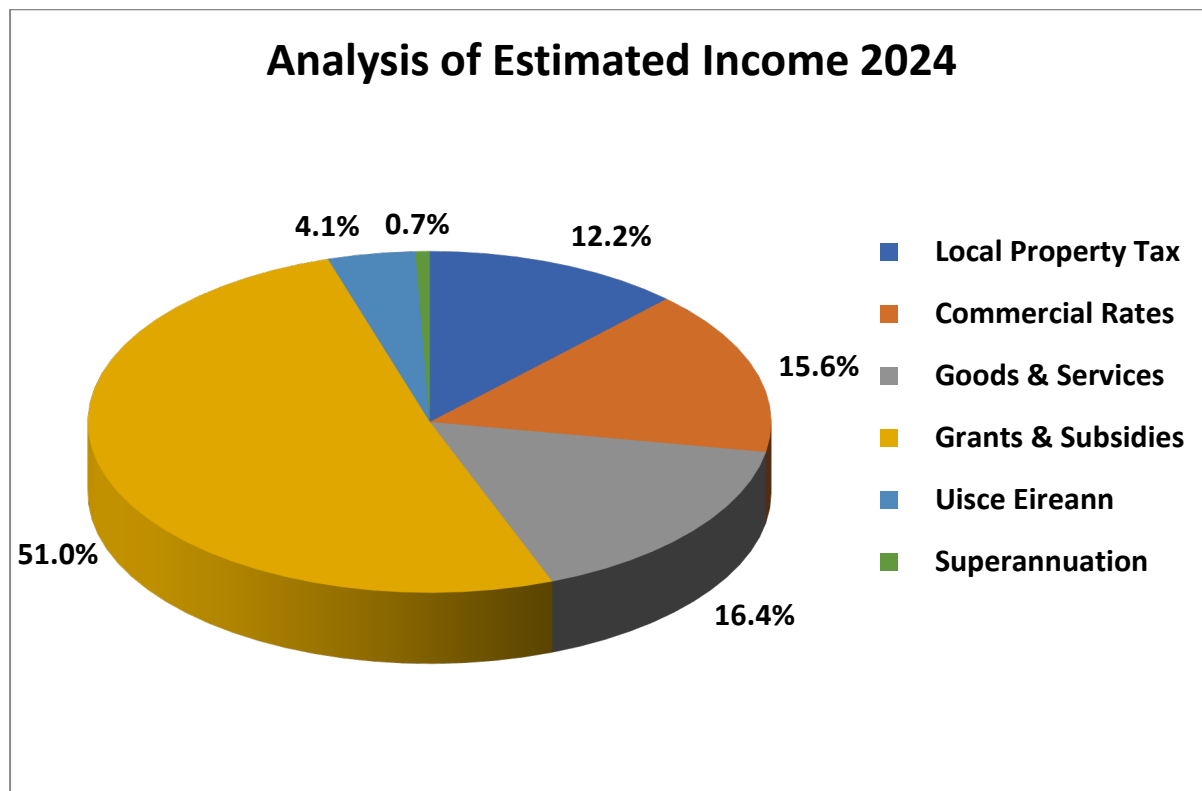
**Table 4: Local Property Tax (LPT) Baseline Allocation 2024 by Local Authority**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>LPT Baseline Allocation 2024</b>
Carlow County Council	€8,914,470
Cavan County Council	€11,783,496
Clare County Council	€10,179,318
Cork City Council	€11,198,643
Cork County Council	€18,453,747
Donegal County Council	€26,619,850
Dublin City Council	€20,595,592
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	€9,770,919
Fingal County Council	€5,824,881
Galway City Council	€4,099,723
Galway County Council	€20,309,071
Kerry County Council	€15,276,761
Kildare County Council	€13,255,790
Kilkenny County Council	€12,173,913
Laois County Council	€11,620,533
Leitrim County Council	€10,456,315
Limerick City & County Council	€19,054,464
Longford County Council	€10,406,648
Louth County Council	€11,366,198
Mayo County Council	€21,312,344
Meath County Council	€12,372,034
Monaghan County Council	€12,738,572
Offaly County Council	€11,252,214
Roscommon County Council	€11,993,634
Sligo County Council	€11,702,627
South Dublin County Council	€8,926,059
<b>Tipperary County Council</b>	<b>€27,451,602</b>
Waterford City and County Council	€20,178,971
Westmeath County Council	€12,705,507
Wexford County Council	€15,126,453
Wicklow County Council	€11,230,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>€428,351,015</b>

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.



**% Estimated Income by Source 2024.**



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 Programme, 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.

The draft Budget has been prepared on the basis that the Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) for Tipperary County Council for 2024 will remain unchanged at 0.2015. As the following table shows, this remains one of the lowest in the country.

**Table 5: Annual Rate on Valuation 2023 (ARV) by Local Authority**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>ARV 2023</b>		<b>% Greater than TCC</b>
Cork County Council	79.68		
Kerry County Council	79.25		
Mayo County Council	78.42		
Cork City Council	77.59		
Clare County Council	75.76		
Donegal County Council	71.81		
Galway County Council	70.59		
Galway City Council	67.4		
Waterford City and County Council	0.2863		42.08%
Limerick City and County Council	0.2797		38.81%
South Dublin County Council	0.276		36.97%
Dublin City Council	0.273		35.48%
Carlow County Council	0.27		34.00%
Wexford County Council	0.253		25.56%
Longford County Council	0.2521		25.11%
Sligo County Council	0.2415		19.85%
Monaghan County Council	0.2374		17.82%
Leitrim County Council	0.2354		16.82%
Kildare County Council	0.2268		12.56%
Roscommon County Council	0.225		11.66%
Laois County Council	0.2217		10.02%
Cavan County Council	0.2211		9.73%
Offaly County Council	0.2198		9.08%
Louth County Council	0.2191		8.73%
Wicklow County Council	0.217		7.69%
Kilkenny County Council	0.206		2.23%
<b>Tipperary County Council</b>	<b>0.2015</b>		
Westmeath County Council	0.194		
Meath County Council	0.1938		
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	0.1801		
Fingal County Council	0.1796		

Rates incentives schemes are made under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2021. As referenced in the *Introduction* paragraph, the Council has been notified of the commencement of the provisions of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the Department has advised that it is not intended to change the legal basis for rates incentive schemes for 2024. Accordingly, the *Early Payments Scheme* which applied during 2023 will continue to be applied in 2024 as follows:

- The upper limit at which a ratepayer will qualify for inclusion in the scheme will be €26,000.
- The percent reduction applied will be 6% with a maximum reduction of €600. Payment of rates must be made in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 or no later than September, 2024 for customers paying by direct debit.
- The scheme will remain open to customers with arrears in their accounts subject to compliance with certain requirements.

Section 9 of the Local Government 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 (which was commenced from the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023) will allow local authorities to adopt schemes for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant property for 2024. These schemes are to replace the refund of rates on vacant property adopted annually. Vacancy abatement schemes under section 9 are a reserved function to be approved at the Local Authority Budget Meeting. While this provision of the Act has commenced, no regulations have been made by the Minister to effect the making of an abatement scheme for 2024. The draft Annual Budget has been prepared on the basis that the Abatement of Rates Scheme on vacant commercial property in each of the five districts in 2024 will be applied as follows:

**Table 6: Proposed Rates Abatement Scheme on Vacant Commercial Property 2024**

<b>Amount of rates payable (€)</b>	<b>Abatement (%) Proposed 2024</b>
Less than 5,000	100
5,000 to 10,000	80
Greater than 10,000	60

As presented at District meetings, the Draft Budgetary Plans provide for allocation of the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) as set out in Table 7. Members will make decisions at forthcoming District Meetings on the allocation of their GMA. 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.

**Table 7: General Municipal Allocations 2024**

<b>District</b>	<b>Population based on 2022 Census</b>	<b>Allocation of GMA based on 2022 Population</b>
Carrick on Suir MD	20,191	€114,689
Clonmel BD	25,003	€142,023
Nenagh MD	40,879	€232,202
Thurles MD	37,290	€211,815
Tipp/Cahir/Cashel MD	44,532	€252,951

## **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 Mark Connolly, 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 Ger Darcy 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 2024 at your Statutory Budget meeting to be convened on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Joe MacGrath,  
Chief Executive,  
Tipperary County Council.**



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
Tipperary County Council

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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 2024 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% 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 2024 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 Programmes, both of which are funded through the

DHLGH. To date, 119 have been upgraded to a minimum building energy rating (BER) of B2 with an additional 99 being upgraded in 2023. The works typically involve windows and doors, heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), wall insulation and LED lighting. 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.

### **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:

- 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 Coolcroo, Two-Mile-Borris
- Construction of new bay at Waller's Lot Group Housing, Cashel
- Refurbish No. 1 Waller's Lot, Cashel
- Refurbishment works Knocksaintlour

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
- Refurbish and extend existing dwelling at Rathordan, Cashel
- Refurbish group houses at Railway Cottages, Clonmel
- Extension of existing dwelling at Knock, Roscrea
- Demolish existing dwelling and construct new dwelling at Lisnaviddogue, Templemore
- Refurbish halting site and tígíns at Ballyvillane, Nenagh
- Refurbish and extend existing dwelling at 14 Clohessy Place, Bouladuff, Thurles
- Extend dwelling at Brittas, Thurles
- Extension of existing accommodation at Ashbury Halting site
- Refurbishment of Lake Road Halting site, Tipperary Town

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

### **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION MANAGEMENT**

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

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



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

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

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

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

This provision relates to the cost involved in the employment of assessment officers, and administrative staff engaged in offering housing advice, liaising with the Department of Social Protection, the HSE, other relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies, identifying housing needs and making recommendations in the allocation of individual tenancies. Over 1,280 valid housing applications were received up from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, 944 housing assessments completed and 300 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

During 2023 there have been 166 properties advertised to date. 146 have been accepted, 14 are pending acceptance and 6 have been refused. This

gives a refusal rate of 3.6% thus showing that 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 escalates. In cases where arrears do escalate, we will make every effort to negotiate an agreement with tenants before legal proceedings are issued. The rent collection level for the period January to October 2023 is 87%.

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

The easing of the restrictions following the emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that legal issues in abeyance due to Courts not operating can now be pursued. There has been a rise in the number of cases being referred to the Courts with 41 cases being brought by Tipperary County Council in the past 18 months in relation to a number of housing issues. This has meant an increasing amount of funding must be set aside to cover legal fees and other associated costs which are required if the Council is to carry out its statutory remit as a housing authority. The Housing staff continue to work with tenants to resolve any issues which may arise however there are cases where the Council is left with no choice except to pursue legal action.

# **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 and 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 a Homeless Coordinator, two Homeless Prevention Officers, a Resettlement Officer, two HAP Place finders and a Clerical Officer 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 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 the availability of suitable units. The Section is actively trying to source these units. Up to October 2023, 15 units have been provided to accommodate the most complex homeless cases with wrap around supports and all 15 tenancies remain in place.

The Own Front Door Service (OFD) whereby B&B emergency accommodation for on-going repeat users will be replaced by short term managed emergency accommodation is up and running throughout the county. To-date the Council has provided 12 units under the OFD programme.

5 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.

The Council sought and was approved for, a housing target over the 5 years of 1125 housing units, an increase from the original target of 887. This figure is being achieved through a combination of Own Build Local Authority Schemes, "turnkey" delivery through the Local Authority and Approved Housing Body delivery through both Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and Capital Advance Loan Facility (CALF) funding models.

This year has 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. This is starting to ease and, together with the conclusion of the CALF review, has seen a gradual increase in the number of housing units being delivered.

There are 915 units at various stages of delivery, from initial design concept to being on site across the county with 340 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. To date we have sale closed/agreed 49 homes, and a further 13 being investigated. This is in addition to 35 homes purchased in 2022.

The Council will examine Affordable Housing Schemes and are seeking 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. To date we have identified 4 sites in Boherleahan which has received Departmental approval to progress with a Ready to Build Scheme which will offer self-builders the opportunity to construct their own home on an affordable site.

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 2023 we have signed up 9 properties under the RAS short-term scheme. We have been also given flexibility in 2023 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 in the number of RAS properties as landlords exit the market. 65 landlords have exited the market to-date which is a fall of 30% from the same period in 2022.

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

In 2023 to-date 62 inspections of RAS properties have been carried out by Council staff, in order to meet the target of 25% properties to be inspected in 2023.

## **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 289 leased units.

In 2023 to date there have been 107 inspections of long term lease properties.

## **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 2023, there were 110 applications with 18 approved to date.

Provision is also made for the administration of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, which enables local authority tenants to buy their homes. Discounts of 60%, 50% or 40% off the purchase price of the house dependent on your income. In 2023 to date, 50 applications have been approved for sale, of which 13 have been completed. Total proceeds of sales received in 2022 as of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 is €860,650.

## **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 2023, approximately 580 applications were approved through this programme totalling over €3.7M.

The funding received for local authority Disabled Persons Grants (DPG) for 2023 amounted to €2.3M. This allowed approximately 140 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 2023 to-date.

## **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

The war in Ukraine is ongoing, resulting in the continuing displacement of Ukrainians. Tipperary County Council through the Housing, Civil Defence, Community & Enterprise sections and Local Development Companies in addition to support from key community groups have provided the following services in assisting with this humanitarian crisis:

- 2 x temporary rest facilities (one of which is supported by THLT). 1589 arrivals in 72 number intakes. This is equivalent to 32,612 bed nights
- IRC Pledged Properties - 231 Ukrainians have been housed in both vacant and shared units.
- Offer a Home Pledged Property fully managed by the Council has facilitated the provision of 444 Ukrainians with housing in 130 properties.
- Commercial Operators: - there are some 20 commercial operators in the county and housing staff actively support the residents in these facilities to integrate into the broader community.
- Refurbished Properties: The Council is also actively engaging with and supporting the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Department of Children, Equality, Disability , Integrity and Youth to identify appropriate properties which can be refurbished to accommodate additional BOTPs on an interim basis and a number of such properties are currently under consideration.

Community Car Initiative- to assist those Ukrainians living in locations not on a transport route to access services. However, not currently operational pending solution to issue with driver regulation.

## **COMMUNITY INTEGRATION**

Two rest centres are operating in Littleton & Clonmel as temporary emergency centres. However, due to the scarcity of more suitable permanent type accommodation, The Council works closely with other agencies such as the H.S.E., Department of Social Protection, AGS, Education, Local Development Companies etc in assisting the families housed and Ukrainians generally to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational, income and other supports. To this end, the C.E.O. convenes a high level Community Forum Group which meets monthly and includes all the relevant agencies, to track and ensure the provision of support and integration services for the Ukrainians. This model is replicated at service level to implement the policies formulated at the Community Forum Group.

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**

Modular Homes: The OPW has provided 62 such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles which are now fully tenanted. A number of other sites are under consideration for modular homes with the OPW owned site in Newport being actively pursued.

## 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. The Council is delivering an Active Travel investment programme, in partnership with the National Transport Authority, to support the development of high-quality infrastructure across the county. Local Transport Plans are being developed as part of the Local Area Plan process, in the 3 key towns of Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh, which will guide further investment.

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 a summary of progress in 2023 on infrastructure projects in county Tipperary, followed by further project information.

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
<b>N62 Kilnoe(M8) to Thurles Road South</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>N74 Ballyhusty Realignment</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>N76 Grangemoekler Pavement Improvement</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>N74 Golden to Knockroe</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>N24 Main Street Tipperary Town Pavement Improvement</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>N24 Carrick on Suir</b>	<b>Construction</b>
<b>Killaloe Bypass/Shannon Bridge Crossing/R494 Improvement Scheme</b>	<b>Construction</b>

## **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, and are continuing. This stage will define land take required for the preferred option.

## **N24 WATERFORD TO CAHIR**

Kilkenny County Council is the lead authority for this section 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 January 2024.

## **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 works tender assessment stage. A decision will be made on Contract award in Q4 2023 and, subject to TII approval, works are expected to commence in Q1 2024.

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

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The Part 8 planning process is complete and consultants are currently being procured to complete the detailed design which is expected to commence in Q4 2023.

### **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 and public realm improvements.

A consultant has been appointed and is currently progressing the Preliminary Design for the scheme. It is anticipated that the preliminary design will be completed and statutory procedures will commence in Q1 2024.

#### **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 design stage and is anticipated to be ready for construction in 2024.

#### **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 was completed in August 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 through Carrick on Suir. Construction of works commenced in Q3 2022 and will continue into 2024; works are currently on-programme. There has been excellent co-operation between the public, elected representatives and the Contractor throughout this scheme which has been subject to significant Temporary Traffic Management, and this is greatly appreciated by the Council.

#### **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. The scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary design is underway including liaison and design discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Road Safety engineers.

#### **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.

Part 8 Planning Approval has been obtained as well as TII approvals. Tender Documents are being prepared with construction expected to commence in early 2024.

#### **N76 GRANGEMOCKLER PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT**

This scheme was completed in May 2023. The Contract includes maintenance of landscaping for a period of 3 years following the completion of construction.

### **MINOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

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

#### **N74 BALLYHUSTY REALIGNMENT**

This scheme involved the realignment of approximately 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Construction of the Works are completed and are in a 12-month period of maintenance by the Contractor.

#### **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 Q1 2024.

#### **N62 THURLES OUTER BYPASS**

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

### **NON-NATIONAL ROADS**

Grant receipts from the Department of Transport (DoT) in 2024 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, 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. A signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction is complete. It is a priority of the Council to finalise land acquisition and deliver the Inner Relief Road project.

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

The works contract for this project was awarded in February 2022 and works commenced on site in August 2022. The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete and at the end of 2023 is nearing the halfway point of construction. Clare County Council is the lead authority for this project.

### **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. A design consultant has been appointed and is progressing the detailed design and tender documentation for the works contract. It is anticipated that advance works will commence in Q1 2024.

## **BRIDGE REPAIRS**

A grant allocation of €904,752 for bridge rehabilitation works on regional and local roads was received from the Department of Transport in 2023. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2024.

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

A grant allocation of €605,000 was received in 2023 for Safety Improvement Works on non-national Roads in county Tipperary. It is anticipated that a similar allocation will be available in 2024.

## **CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE WORKS**

A grant allocation of €907,887 was received from the Department of Transport in 2023 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 2024.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME**

A grant allocation of €804,600 was received from the Department of Transport for the Community Involvement Scheme 2023, the final year of the current programme. A number of road projects were undertaken across all Districts, where local contributions were paid in accordance with the scheme. A further two-year programme will commence for the period 2024-2025.

## **FORMER NATIONAL ROADS**

A grant allocation of €600,000 was available to the Council in 2023 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 2024.

## **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

An allocation of €744,914 was available to the Council in 2023 for Local Improvement Schemes (Round 1) from the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Council requested and received a further substantial allocation of €1,120,177 for LIS (Round 2). 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 €750,000 will be available to the Council for 2024.

## **CLÁR**

The Department of Rural and Community Development invited applications from Tipperary County Council under CLÁR Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities in 2023, and two applications received approval to proceed with a grant allocation of €38,541. It is anticipated that the CLÁR scheme will be available for a similar number of applications in 2024.

## **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 €4.633m from the National Transport Authority for Active Travel projects in 2023, and is delivering a targeted Active Travel programme and a range of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in many locations across the county. It is expected that a similar allocation will be available in 2024.

## **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 18,300 lights across the county, on all roads with the exception of the motorway network. 1,530 of these are TII street lights

maintained by the Council. Public Lighting is the single biggest user of energy in the overall Council's energy usage – approximately 7,165,550 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 the Council's participation in the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (P.L.E.E.P) will see the remaining 12,300 street lights upgraded throughout 2024. The Eastern Region project, which includes Tipperary, has appointed a Contractor (Killaree Lighting Services ASD Lighting PLC Joint Venture). A survey of all street lights in the county is nearing completion, with lighting designs to follow to select the type of LED lights to install. Installation of these lights will be carried out in 2024.

The Council's adopted Public Lighting Policy went through a review process and a revised policy was adopted in December 2022. This sets out the Council's strategy for managing public lighting assets over the coming years. In 2023, the Council continued implementing the Public Lighting Policy to make energy efficiencies and to undertake essential general maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns, and interface boxes. The Council has also carried out the installation of infill lighting in a number of locations in 2023. 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 resulted in increased energy prices and this is expected to continue in to 2024.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

In the coming year the main focus for Tipperary County Council will be to continue implementation of the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy for the period up to 2030, and a Phase 1 Action Plan for the period to end 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:

- Mobile phone use / Distracted driving
- Walkers 'Be Safe Be Seen' and use of 'Hi-Vis' jackets
- Pedestrian Safety during silage/harvest season
- Driving while under the influence of drink or drugs
- The dangers of speeding
- Back to school safety
- Safety at Roadworks.

Meetings of the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG), which comprises of representatives as outlined above will be held regularly in 2024 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 2024. 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, covering in excess of 1,000 kms of roads in the county. 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, and to maximise benefit to road users, winter maintenance of roads in

Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis and will continue from 2023 into 2024:

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.

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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Please note that the transformation of Water Services to Uisce Éireann was effected on 20 September 2023, upon which date, known as the Effective Date, the national public utility assumed the direct management and control of Water Services staff.

Reference to Water Services in the Chief Executive's Management Report, presented to the elected members at their monthly meetings, was discontinued with effect from 01 January 2023;

Presentation of a Water Services Briefing Note to District meetings has been discontinued from 01 January 2023.

## NON IRISH WATER FUNCTIONS

Non-Irish Water functions have migrated to other sections, as follows:

**RURAL WATER PROGRAMME** – to Environment and Climate Action Section, (this includes private well grants, septic tank grants and lead piping grants).

**WATER SAFETY** – to Environment and Climate Action Section.

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** (Budget) – to Roads Section (there are 13 no. public conveniences, excluding those at Lough Derg).

**SWIMMING POOLS/LEISURE CENTRES** (Budget) – to Community and Economic Development Section (Clonmel, Tipperary, Nenagh and Ballina). (Districts to provide technical support).

# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

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## SECTION 1: WORKS COMMENCED/COMPLETED IN 2023

### DEVELOPMENT PLANS / LOCAL AREA PLANS

#### 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 commenced in late 2022 and continued throughout 2023. 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.

Throughout 2023 the Planning Section, through extensive engagement with local communities, statutory bodies, and other stakeholders, developed Draft Local Area Plans for Roscrea (in February 2023) and Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh (in July 2023). Each of the Draft Plans were published for consultation, advertised in the local press in accordance with statutory requirements and publicised widely on the Council's website, social channels and elsewhere. A further round of public consultation, advertisement and engagement (The Material Alterations stage) took place in June 2023 for Roscrea. In the case of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles, this stage will take place in November 2023.

An external environment team (CAAS) have been appointed from an existing framework to undertake the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment for each of these four towns. Elected Members have been engaged throughout the process with



workshops arranged at critical junctures in the development of each of the Plans.

The Roscrea Local Area Plan was made by the Elected Members at the plenary meeting of the Council on 11 September, and has effect from 23 October 2023.

Work on the Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles Local Area Plans will progress in line with statutory timeframes into 2024, with the Plans expected to come into effect in March 2024.

### **Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)**

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 criterion. 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.

The Planning Section conducted survey work of the 20 no. towns in the county to which the RZLT is applicable.

Draft maps were published on November 1st 2022 for an 8-week consultation period. The planning section liaised closely with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the RZLT working group headed up by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to set up the RZLT processes and procedures including structure and content for the Council webpage.

Submissions received (91no.) were evaluated and formal determinations issued. 18no. determinations were appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

A Supplemental Map, prepared to identify any in-scope sites previously missed, was published on 1st May 2023 for a 4-week consultation period. Submissions received (1no.) were evaluated and formal determinations issued.

For the first year of the RZLT (2022/2023), the legislation allowed for landowners to make a submission to the draft or supplemental maps to request a change to the zoning of in-scope land. These submissions were reviewed separately by the planning section under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Workshops were held with the Elected Members on 30th January and 24th May 2023. Presentations / updates were given to the Planning SPC on 13th June 2023 and 12th September 2023.

A Final RZLT Map will be published on 1st December 2023, taking account of determinations and appeal decisions made on Draft and Supplemental Map submissions, and any other relevant changes including zoning changes that come into effect prior to 1st Nov 2023, most notably the new Roscrea LAP 2023-2029. In addition, the Planning Section will conduct a full review all sites contained on the draft and supplemental maps to ensure the final map is up-to-date and fully informed. There is no public consultation on the final map.

## **Record of Protected Structures (RPS)**

A new county-wide Record of Protected Structures was prepared and adopted as part of the 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.

Through 2023, the Planning Section engaged a Conservation Architect to review the Record of Protected Structures for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles. A period of public consultation on the Record of Protected Structures will begin for these towns in November 2023. The County Record of Protected Structures for the County will be revised to incorporate the reviewed RPSs for each of these towns, in parallel with the making of the local area plans for these towns.

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

### **Town Centre First**

*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 Town Regeneration Officer is leading the engagement of multi-disciplinary teams within the Local Authority to support the delivery of Town Centre First Plans and establishing Town Teams in the county. In 2023, Roscrea received funding as a pilot town to have a Town Centre First Plan prepared and the delivery of the actions in the Plan is now underway. This Plan has replaced the Roscrea Enhancement Plan.

The Town Centre First Programme will see further funding for towns to allow the Local Authority to support our local communities in regenerating towns and villages across the county. 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.

### **Urban Housing & Regeneration Act 2015**

Under the Urban Housing Regeneration Act 2015, planning authorities are 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 were substantially completed in December, 2022. Snagging is currently in progress.

**Clonmel Regional Sports Hub** – Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021 and were substantially completed in February, 2023. Snagging is currently in progress.

**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 and being utilised to its full potential. Works are fully completed on the Eastern side of Liberty Square.

**Phase 2:** - Extensive consultations are ongoing with other statutory bodies such as Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Irish Water, National Transport Agency etc. Options Report prepared by the consultants. Preferred design identified. Part 8 Planning will commence later this year.

**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 will be 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.

Approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to develop the detailed project brief, procure a design team and prepare detailed design. Stage 2 documentation for the engagement of a design team is completed and the tendering process will commence shortly. Extensive consultation with the project partners was undertaken throughout the year. Building Information Modelling (BIM) requirements have also been identified. Survey work undertaken during the year.

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

### **URDF Call 3**

URDF Call 3 seeks to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites across URDF towns and cities primarily in order to accelerate the provision of residential development and regenerate town centres. An allocation of €5m has been approved for Tipperary County Council under this Call and €1m of this allocation has been paid in advance to assist with early activity under an approved acquisition programme in the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles. The development of a management structure for this Call is currently under consideration.

**Tipperary Town Regeneration** - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It included an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the town centre, and an 800-metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks.

**Market Yard** – Works are fully completed.

**River Ara Walkway** – Works commenced in July, 2022 and were substantially completed in April, 2023. Snagging is in progress.

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

### **Fethard Town Park**

The project comprised of 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** which were funded by The Magnier Foundation are fully completed.

**Phase 2 – Pavilion, Public Realm Works and Stand.** Works commenced on site in March, 2022 and were substantially completed in April, 2023.

Fethard Town Park was fully opened to the public on Easter Saturday, 8th. April, 2023. The official opening was undertaken by Minister Heather Humphreys on Sunday, 18th. June, 2023.

**Total costs of the entire facility amounted to €7.1m with significant funding provided by the Magnier Foundation towards the project. RRDF grant amounted to €3,003,445.**

## **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.

Approval to Proceed to Implementation Stage was issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development in April, 2023 with an increase in RRDF of €903,560 and Council's match funding increase of €301,187. A contractor was appointed in April, 2023 and works commenced on site in May, 2023. Construction programme is estimated at 13 months.

**Total project costs approved are €4,014,746 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,011,060.**

## **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.

Concept Development and predesign completed. Survey work completed. Significant levels of consultation with project partners was held throughout the year. Part 8 Planning documentation is under preparation. Detailed design will commence shortly.



**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.

This Category 2 project which entailed Part 8 Planning, and development of detailed design is 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.

This Category 2 project which entailed Part 8 Planning, development of detailed design and purchase of two sites on which a new car park will be developed is completed.

**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 providing much needed café facilities in the area.

Detailed design is completed. Tender documents for the construction stage are currently being finalised and a full review will be undertaken prior to advertising on e-Tenders shortly.

**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 and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019.

Tender action and evaluation for the construction stage is completed. Final Business Case compiled and submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development end of April, 2023. We await a decision from the Department in order to commence the construction stage and there is ongoing liaison with the Department in this regard. 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**

This project involves the preparation of detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility and development of a masterplan for the adjacent brownfield site in order to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity in the heart of the town centre. A proposed social housing scheme on part of the brownfield site is also being progressed by Housing Section through the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

Design team appointed in February, 2023. Preliminary design is almost complete. Survey work is being undertaken. Part 8 documentation is under preparation. Detailed design will commence later this year.

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

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

Funding under the RRDF, Fourth Call, Category 1 Projects was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2022. This project 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 project also includes for the refurbishment of the former An Post building on Main Street into a new enterprise and digital hub. The project was approved by the Minister under Phase 1 for immediate implementation.

Due Diligence & Verification Phase completed in January, 2023. Approval in Principle issued by the Department in April, 2023. Works being undertaken on a phased basis in accordance with application approved. **Phase 1**

**Ormond Park & Healy Park**—Tender action, evaluation and award has

been completed with works commencing shortly. **Phase 2 Digital Hub**– Tender action, evaluation and appointment of design team completed May, 2023. Detailed design is completed. Tender documents for the construction stage are currently under preparation and tender for construction stage in Q4 2023. **Phase 3 Castle Street/Chapel Street/North Quay**–Tender documentation for the construction stage is currently under preparation and tender for construction stage in Q4 2023.

**Total project costs are €17,989,387 and RRDF grant amounts to €14,391,509.**

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

Funding under the RRDF, Fourth Call, Category 1 Projects was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2022. This project 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 project also includes the refurbishment of The Granary building into a state-of-the-art library.

This project was approved by the Minister under Phase 2 and the Department has confirmed that engagement with local authorities to agree a timeline for the commencement of Phase 2 projects will commence towards the end of the year.

Approval received from the Department in July, 2023 to progress with Part 8 Planning and detailed designs on The Granary building and to demolish the derelict vacant buildings on the site on which the car park will be located through the use of Council cash match funding. Tender documents for the demolition works are currently being finalised and a request for tenders will be uploaded to e-Tenders shortly. Part 8 Planning associated with The Granary was adopted by the District Members in September, 2023 and detailed design is in progress.

**Total project costs are €14,894,686 and RRDF grant amounts to €11,915,749.**

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

Funding under the RRDF, Fourth Call, Category 1 Projects was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2022.

This project consists of activation measures to facilitate future development on Gantly Road. Proposals include the realignment of Gantly Road 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.

This project was approved by the Minister under Phase 2 and the Department has confirmed that engagement with local authorities to agree a timeline for the commencement of Phase 2 projects will commence towards the end of the year.

**Total project costs are €5,639,145 and RRDF grant amounts to €4,511,316.**

### **CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE**

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023. Tipperary County Council had 30 applications for funding under the BHIS. 24 applications were approved for funding by the DHLGH with funding ranging from €2,500 to €11,000. The total funding for the Scheme was €126,400. This year Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of €21,377 under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership.

The core aims of this fund are 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 to help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or culturally significant assets;
- **support** the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use;
- **support** employment in the conservation and construction industries;
- **build resilience** in our heritage properties to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

Tipperary County Council received 18 applications under the HSF and 7 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department. Having assessed the projects, the DHLGH chose to financially support 4 projects and the total amount awarded to the projects was €107,300.

## **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 2023 Tipperary assisted with the roll out of ePlanning to 21 other iPlan planning authorities. Tipperary County Council have published all part 8 applications advertised on the portal. Our online applications have increased year on year from 34% in January 2022 to 78% in September 2023. Tipperary County Council has successfully completed its role as a pilot for e-planning.

## **SECTION 2 – WORKS PROPOSED 2024**

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

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

As outlined in the 'Works Commenced / Completed in 2023' section, the Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles Local Area Plans are expected to come into effect in March 2024. Prior to this, the Planning section will hold workshops with Elected Members to outline recommendations with regard to the Plan in advance of the making of the Plan at the plenary meeting in February 2024.

#### **TIPPERARY TOWN, CASHEL, CARRICK-ON-SUIR AND TEMPLEMORE LOCAL AREA PLANS**

The Planning Section will commence the background research required to develop local area plans for each of these towns early in 2024. Workshops will be arranged with the Elected Members with an Issues Paper being published for consultation in Q1 2024 for all four Local Area Plans. It is intended to publish Draft Local Area Plans for each of these towns in Q2 & Q3 of 2024. In a similar fashion to the development of the Roscrea Local Area Plan, each of these Plans will require modelling work on sustainable and active travel measures to complement the other identified objectives and land use zonings for these towns.

For the delivery of these plans and other projects that require environmental assessment, it will be necessary for the Planning Section to create a new framework for provision of environmental services and advice.

#### **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 criterion. 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.

The Final RZLT Map will be published by the planning authority on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023.

The RZLT will continue on an annual basis. The planning authority is required to publish a 'Revised RZLT Map' on 1<sup>st</sup> February each year, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. The planning section will carry out further survey work to inform the preparation of the 'revised map'. This revised map will be subject to an 8-week period of public consultation, with the planning authority required to evaluate submissions received and to make formal determinations. Again, landowners will have a right to appeal determinations to An Bord Pleanála.

### **MONITORING REPORT TO TIPPERARY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028**

The Planning and Development Act requires a monitoring report to be provided to the Elected Members by the Chief Executive within 2 years of the making of the County Development Plan, i.e. by July 2024, on the progress achieved in securing the objectives County Development Plan. The Planning Section will engage with internal and external stakeholders, as well as receiving the necessary environmental advice in early 2024 in developing this report.



## **RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY**

The Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy was adopted in 2016 and incorporated as part of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028. Given the changes in legislation since that time and the forthcoming adoption of Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, it will be necessary to review and update the Renewable Energy Strategy. This will require external advice from experts in this field.

## **RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

In a similar fashion to the work completed in 2023, through 2024, the Planning Section will engage a Conservation Architect to review the Record of Protected Structures for Tipperary Town, Cashel, Carrick-on-Suir and Templemore. A period of public consultation on the Record of Protected Structures will begin for these towns in Q3 & Q4 2024. The Record of Protected Structures for the County will be revised to incorporate the reviewed RPSs for each of these towns, in parallel with the making of the local area plans for these towns.

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

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.

## **TOWN CENTRE FIRST**

The Town Centre First Programme will see further funding for towns to allow the Local Authority to support our local communities in regenerating towns and villages across the county. 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 Development Fund (URDF) and the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF), the Croí Conaithe (Towns) Fund and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

### **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**

The Planning Section will co-ordinate the preparation and submission of applications for funding as opportunities arise throughout 2024.

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** – This Call 1 URDF project is completed.

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

**Phase 1:** - Completed. **Phase 2:** - Complete Part 8 Planning and detailed design.

**A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh:** - Appoint multi-disciplinary design team in Q1 2024. Complete all required surveys, assessments, preliminary designs, detailed design and Part 8 in 2024.

### **URDF Call 3**

Identify owners of properties on the approved programme. Engage with the owners on acquisition of the identified properties on the approved programme in order to bring them back predominately into residential use as quickly as possible in accordance with Town Centre First objectives.

### **Tipperary Town Regeneration**

**Market Yard** – Completed.

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

### **Fethard Town Park**

Category 1 RRDF project is completed.

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

Complete construction works in Q3 2024.

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

Complete detailed design in Q1 2024.

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

Category 2 RRDF project is completed.

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

Category 2 RRDF project is completed.

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

Commence construction works in Q1 2024. Estimated construction programme is 18 months.

## **Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project**

Mobilise works on site in early Q1 2024 subject to Department approval of the Final Business Case. Estimated completion by end of Q2 2024.

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

Complete detailed design in Q1 2024.

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

- **Phase 1 - Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park-** Complete snagging in Q1 2024.
- **Phase 2 - Digital Hub** - Commence works in Q1 2024 and complete in Q2 2024.
- **Phase 3 - Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay** - Commence works in Q1 2024 and complete in Q3 2024.
- **Phase 4 - Main Street, Sean Kelly Square and Greystone Street** - Tender for construction stage in Q2 2024, commence works in Q3 2024 with estimated completion by end of Q4 2024.
- **Phase 5 - Strand Lane and Car Park, remainder of North Quay and Linkages to Main Street** - Tender for construction stage in Q4 2024.

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

Complete demolition works on the site on which the car park will be located by end of Q1 2024. Complete the Due Diligence & Verification Stage and obtain Approval in Principle from the Department of Rural & Community Development in Q2 2024.

- **Phase 1 – Car Park** – Advertise for tenders and complete evaluation in Q3 2024. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q4 2024.

- **Phase 2 – Library** - Advertise for tenders and complete evaluation in Q3 2024. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q4 2024.

### **Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea**

Complete the Due Diligence & Verification Stage and obtain Approval in Principle from the Department of Rural & Community Development in Q2 2024. Complete the tendering process and appoint a multi-disciplinary design team by end Q3 2024. Commence detailed design in Q4 2024.

### **LISHEEN BIOECONOMY CAMPUS MASTERPLAN**

The former Lisheen lead and zinc mine ceased operation in 2014. The lands were cleared of mining infrastructure in 2016 and 2017 with a view to creating a new vision for the lands as a national bio-economy campus. In order to realise this vision, the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 requires that development of the lands are “plan-led” with a masterplan to be put in place.

The Planning Section are arranging for the preparation a Masterplan to guide the future development of the former mining lands at Lisheen. To date background work has been undertaken, an initial briefing document has been prepared and a request for tender has issued seeking environmental consultancy services to undertake SEA, AA and SFRA of the Masterplan. It is scheduled to publish a draft of the Masterplan in Q1 of 2024 with the Masterplan finalised by end of Q2 2024.

## **CONSERVATION AND 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.

## 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
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	327	22	741	12	1102
2023*	166	20	632	6	824

\*2023 figures up to 31<sup>st</sup> October only.

#### ENFORCEMENT

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

2023 Statistics (up to 30<sup>th</sup> September):

<b>Warning Letters</b>	<b>Enforcement Notices</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>
121	24	300

### **TAKING IN CHARGE**

3 housing estates have been advertised for taking-in-charge and are with the relevant District for the December Municipal District Meetings in 2023, totalling 40 housing units.

<b>Development Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Housing Units</b>
Ardlui, Davis Road, Thurles	Thurles	4
Mill House Park, Carrick-on-Suir	Carrick-on-Suir	4
Caisleán Court, Thurles	Thurles	32

Furthermore, 3 housing estates are currently awaiting District approval, totalling 30 housing units.

<b>Development Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Housing Units</b>
Millersbrook, Borrisokane Road, Nenagh (Riverview Close & Riverview)	Nenagh	12
Oakwood, Ballingarry, Thurles	Thurles	13
Rocksprings, Kilross, Tipperary	Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	5

# 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 and Rural Development, Town and Village Renewal, outdoor play, recreation, and sports supports, age-friendly and Healthy Tipperary support, Migrant Integration and Community Participation.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

The LCDC meets monthly and the wide range of schemes and programmes that it has oversight of continues to grow. These include the Community Enhancement Programme, Rural Development Programme, Healthy Ireland, Migrant Integration, SlainteCare and SICAP. In 2023, the LCDC managed the development of the Local Development Strategy, the procurement of the SICAP Programme, the consultation process for the LECP development as well as the implementation of key programmes and the administration of funds such as the Community Recognition Fund and the Community Enhancement Programme

## Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) sets out, for six years, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic and community development of the county. The LECP is the primary tool for delivering actions from national and regional strategies at a local level. It is designed to integrate activities and initiatives related to economic and community development in Tipperary into a single unified strategy. To achieve this, the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has considered the strategic statements and policies of over one hundred agencies and organisations serving the county and has invited inputs from all the key agencies.



From this process, five high-level goals were identified by the LCDC and supported by an array of interrelated Sustainable Community Objectives (SCOs) and Sustainable Economic Development Objectives (SEDOs). In determining the objectives, consideration was given to the anticipated outcomes of these on the current and projected situation of the county.

The LECP Framework is at the draft stage having been informed by the Consultation Outcomes, the Socio-Economic Profile, the policy and Strategy Environment as well as a review of the previous LECP. The Framework is composed of the High-Level Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes. In addition to the Framework, an initial action plan to cover the years 2024/2025 is being developed with actions to meet the identified objectives.

### **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**

SICAP is in the final year of a six-year Programme SICAP (2018-2023). The programme supports local community groups and supports individuals going back to work and employment. The focus is on marginalised communities and target groups. In 2023, SICAP was provided with an 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 €939,355 and the budget for the North Tipperary SICAP programme is €781,470 bringing a total SICAP budget (Including Ukrainian Funds) to €1.72 million in 2023. Funding comes through Tipperary County Council and is paid quarterly. The tendering process for the new SICAP Programme 2024-2028 is currently in train.

## **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/LEADER**

Tipperary Interim Local Development Strategy funding continued throughout 2023 with extensions allowing for project activity up to 31/03/2024 and claims until 30/06/2024.

The new Leader Programme 2023 to 2027 is due to commence in Quarter 4, 2023. The Local Development Strategy has been agreed with a budget of €7.8 million across three main thematic areas. A full action plan is included in the strategy showing the breakdown of spend across sub-themes and administration costs. The budget includes €1,667,250 in funding for Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. A further €377,725 is also allocated across the new programme for developing and promoting the green economy as a driver of rural and economic development and job creation.

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

### **Community Support Fund**

Tipperary was awarded €338,885 in November 2022 under the Community Support Fund. 178 community groups, sports clubs, and organisations were awarded a range of grants to support both operating costs and capital equipment purchases.

### **Community Recognition Fund**

Tipperary was awarded €997,861 under the Community Recognition Fund, which aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. Thirty-three projects across the county were approved for capital costs for building and facilities upgrades,

equipment purchase, and essential maintenance. The fund will be delivered between 2023 and 2024.

## **Town & Village Scheme**

### **2022 Main Scheme**

Under the 2022 Town and Village Main Scheme, 4 projects were successful with a grant funding of €745,012 approved.

#### 2022 Streetscape Measure

This scheme provided funding of €100,000 for Tipperary Town.

#### 2022 Building Acquisition Measure

Under this measure, €400,000 was approved for the acquisition of the Goldcrop site in Carrick-on-Suir.

### **2023 Main Scheme**

The main scheme in 2023 permits 5 project applications to be submitted per Local Authority, one project up to €500,000 and 4 projects up to €250,000. There is no provision for Project Development or Marketing measures under the 2023 scheme.

#### 2023 Building Acquisition Measure

Funding of €500,000 was approved under the Building Acquisition for three projects located in Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Clonmel

## **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME**

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

Measure 2; 2 projects were awarded grant funding of €397,991.

Measure 3; 1 project was awarded grant funding of €450,000.

In 2023:

The 2023 Scheme permits 2 x Project Development Measure applications to be submitted per Local Authority, 7 x Measure 1 applications, 3 x Measure 2 applications, and 1 x Measure 3 application per Local Authority. To date successful applications have not been announced.

## **CLÁR**

15 projects under Measure 1 were submitted to the Department of Community and Rural Development for consideration and awaiting approval in 2023 supporting projects across the county to the overall grant value of €526,379

## **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

As part of the JPC crime and safety work, the JPC is offering property marking training to community groups across the county. Community groups can then borrow a machine from the County Council that engraves property owners' Eircode onto their equipment and machinery making it a less attractive target to thieves and making it simple to re-unite with the owner if it is recovered after being lost or stolen.

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 continues to act as an 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 the Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. CYPSC, which receive its own Healthy Ireland national funding, partner with 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 well-being. Healthy Tipperary delivers the objectives of the Healthy Tipperary Strategy.

## **SLÁINTECARE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CLONMEL**

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme, takes an area-based approach to tackling health and well-being 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 is a youth-led organisation in Tipperary that provides young people with a say in issues that affect them and gives young people a voice in the development of local policies, strategies, and services in Tipperary.

## **PLAY AND RECREATION**

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

## **PRIDE OF PLACE 2023**

The Pride of Place competition was judged in Tipperary on August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. The groups competing were:

- Fethard Town Park
- 'We ❤️ Nenagh'
- PPN Tipperary

Following the success of Tipperary in the previous year's competition, 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 positive impacts on their respective communities.

## **DISABILITY AWARENESS**

Tipperary County Council hosted 'Make Way Day' for the county on Friday September 22<sup>th</sup> with a walk about done in Tipperary Town with the Tipp town branch of the Irish Wheel Chair association. The findings from the walk about highlighted the different obstacles in the way and how the abuse of disabled parking spaces impacted on with people with disabilities were posted up on the Healthy Tipperary social pages and fed back into an online survey on the Make Way Day website. As part of the campaign, a person with a disability did a video recording of how the lack of disabled parking spaces and misuse of the parking spaces affected her everyday life. This was shared on Healthy Tipperary's Social media pages to highlight the campaign and the day. Sign of the Times Project promotes the awareness and use of Irish Sign Language (ISL).

## **Migrant Integration**

The Diverse Tipperary Migrant Integration Strategy has been adopted by both Tipperary County Council and the LCDC. The Strategy was launched by Minister Joe O'Brien in September 2023. The Strategy is composed of 40 actions centred around the thematic area's education/language, Integration, Celebration/Promotion of diversity, Challenging racism/discrimination, and Increasing representation. The introduction of the Local Authority Integration Teams will facilitate the strategy delivery.

Migrant projects that took place in 2023 include Africa Day activities and the International Yoga Festival in Cashel

## **ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) came in to 2023 against a background of a very strong performance in 2022 with 238 new jobs created in the 270 client companies of LEO Tipperary. The breakdown of the various support metrics for Tipperary and the 2022 outturn are shown on table 1 below. Engineering companies across the county increased employment numbers and also the professional services / R&D Development companies around Clonmel experienced notable international growth and exposure. For example, A&C Biobuffers (acquired by US based company in October 2021 <https://actylis.com/News-and-Information/Aceto-Acquires-A-and-C-Bio-Buffer>); Skanstec, a company providing infrastructure to the energy and telecommunications sector, established in November 2021 and now employing over 100 people with offices in Denmark and Portugal ([www.skanstec.com](http://www.skanstec.com)) and Shorla Oncology, a pharmaceutical company involved in the development and commercialisation of oncology products ([www.shorlaoncology.com](http://www.shorlaoncology.com)) and (<https://www.independent.ie/business/irish/goodman-backed-shorla-oncology-secures-35m-in-series-b-funding/a1529713352.html>)

The Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development team in Tipperary has demonstrated an ability to attract, establish and grow companies and this expertise will be deployed in the development of the pilot scale facilities in the

National BioEconomy Campus in Lisheen and the development of planning applications and industrial buildings during 2024, as part of the land activation team established in ECRD in mid-2023. During October 2023, an application for €5m is being made towards the enhancement of Research and Development facilities in the existing pilot plant in Lisheen. The development of the National BioEconomy campus in Lisheen is central to a county wide strategy to provide suitable industrial accommodation and support systems from start up right through to large FDI projects. The ECDR directorate is fully committed and resourced to realise this vision and plan. A number of Section 183 motions have already been put in place or pending for Roscrea, Nenagh and Clonmel.

**Table 1. Tipperary LEO performance 2022.**

	<b>Target 2022</b>	<b>Output 2022</b>	<b>% of Target achieved</b>
<b>Financial Support Packages</b>	-	38	
<b>Lean</b>	15	14	93%
<b>Green</b>	17	6	35%
<b>ToV</b>	38	49	129%
<b>Total Training</b>	1500	1889	126%
<b>SYOB</b>	150	112	75%
<b>MDP</b>	75	55	73%
<b>General</b>	1275	1722	135%
<b>Mentoring</b>	300	690	230%
<b>RD&amp;I Supports (Agile, Standard )</b>	1	2	200%
<b>Export</b>	2		
<b>Digital</b>	-	-	
<b>MFI</b>	13	20	154%
<b>Client Transfers</b>	-	3	



## Retail

A range of supports from Tipperary County Council are offered to the Retail Sector in County Tipperary. These include:

- The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme
- The Christmas Retail Support Grant
- The Painting and Enhancement Scheme
- An Online Directory of businesses that sell online
- The Shop Local Social Media Campaign

### The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme

The Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of the towns and villages in the County through the provision of a grant for new businesses that utilise vacant premises for their start-up location. Over 31 grants were processed since the scheme commenced in 2022, with 15 of these relating to 2023. In addition, a number of recent applications are currently being processed for which it is expected that grants will be issued. Of the 31 applications successfully processed to date under the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme, the value of the grants awarded is €15,812. Of this amount of grant monies awarded, €12,298 were held in the organisation and set off against the next year's rates for the business in question. The value of the rates bills issued on which these grants are based was a total of €36,164. Businesses were across a range of services including Fitness studios, Work Spaces, Beauty/Hairdressing, Cafes/Coffee Shops, Crafts, and Print. The Towns of Carrick-on-Suir, Cahir, Cashel, Clonmel, Emly, Nenagh, Newport, Thurles, Tipperary, and Nenagh had applicants. Full details of the scheme and the link to apply are all available on an information portal at [www.tipperarycoco.ie/cvis](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cvis).



## The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme 2023

The Christmas Retail Support Grant Scheme 2023 continues to offer funding to organisations in County Tipperary to support the towns and villages in retaining their footfall. The activities under this scheme in the past varied from festivities and entertainment that created a joyous and happy atmosphere and brought people and children into the towns and villages and assisted with the retention of these potential customers to the businesses in the towns and villages. These included events such as Santa visiting towns and villages; Christmas Art Exhibitions; Christmas Arts - Lantern and Wreath Making; Lighting up the town/village events; Shop Local promotions in towns and villages; Tractor Runs; Elf hunts; Christmas Markets; Food Markets and Welcome Home for Christmas events. Villages and Towns benefited from the scheme - including all the main towns and villages such as Cloneen; Ballingarry, Terryglass; Borrisokane; Cloughjordan; Newport; Rathcabbin; Ballinderry; Ballychail; Drombane; Cappawhite; Clogheen; Knockavilla; Monard and Mullinahone.

For the 2023 scheme, a closer focus will be placed on ensuring that the activities are targeted at towns and communities that have a retail or business offering in the locality of the proposed event. The scheme is advertised currently and it is expected that similar grant sums to last year will be issued.

## The Painting & Enhancement Scheme

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme offered funding to the 5 Municipal District for painting and general improvements to commercial building frontages; the erection of planters; floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements and the removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and the replacement with shop fascia signage. With the exception of Carrick-on-Suir, who did not participate, a total allocation provided from C&E across the 4 MDs was €20,044 but there was an overall value leveraged from the scheme of **€44,523** - (45% extra funds used for scheme purposes).

## Online Directory for Local Businesses that sell online

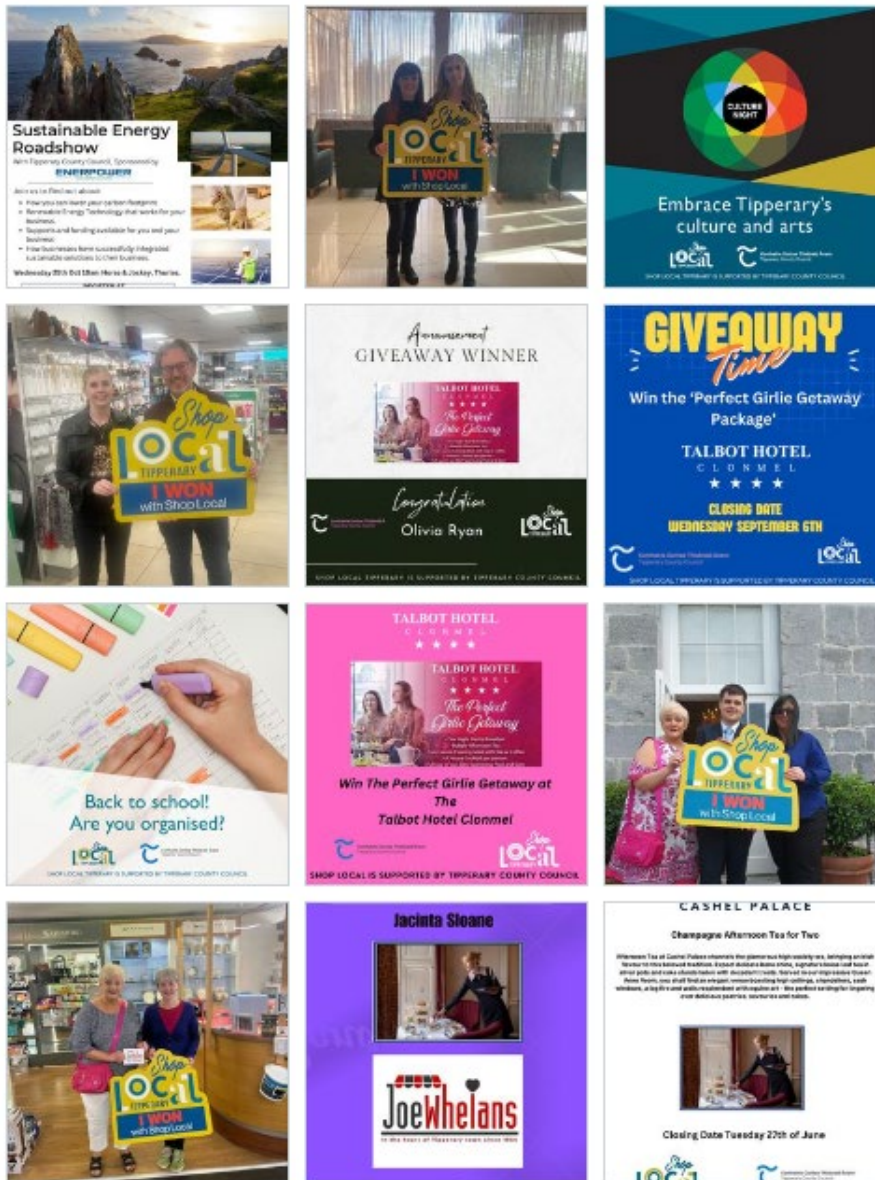
The online directory of businesses at <https://shop.localtipperary.ie> continues to be hosted on the Tipperary County Council Website. The directory highlights any business where purchases can be made online in County Tipperary. It is fully searchable by category or by nearest town, offering a very simple way for people to find shops in their locality for specific categories of goods or services. It also provides a very large database of over 500 businesses in the county which can be used for targeting information about Training Events for businesses in the county. To this end, a quarterly newsletter is issued with the latest updates for the retail sector from around the county and nationally.

## The Shop Local Social Media Campaign



Shop Local Tipperary on Instagram and Facebook has continued to grow 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. Posts on Facebook and Instagram promote shopping locally in County Tipperary. The posts have ranged across a wide range of business targets. We encourage people to like and share the posts and to tag their 'favorite' shop based on a range of themes. We have partnered with different businesses to promote the shop local idea. This included Retail Excellence Ireland for a free ticket to their Annual Retail Retreat, The Cashel Palace Hotel for an Afternoon Tea, and the Talbot Hotel in Clonmel for a Girly Getaway, all the while encouraging people to tag their local shops and businesses. The number of followers is growing and has a reach of over 50,000 which is up 41% on last year.



## Marketing of County Tipperary as a Remote Working Location

Funding was awarded under the Towns and Villages Funding 2022 for a Marketing Campaign to promote remote working opportunities and facilities in County Tipperary. This fund was targeted to develop a successful remote working promotional campaign aligns with Government policy and priorities as outlined in Town Centre First and Our Rural Futures. Stage 1 of the project was to develop a brand for the remote working offering in the county. Following a procurement process, Designedly, based in Thurles were appointed as the company to facilitate and assist in designing this new brand.

*"The new brand gives a nod to the fact that County Tipperary is a forerunner in addressing change, choosing to work wise and make Digital transformation a part of the county's growth. High-speed broadband county-wide and shared digital networks reduce commuting times, lower transport emissions, promote a better work-life balance, and improve quality of life. County Tipperary has significant opportunities to work-wise, for individuals and industry alike."*



The importance of the new brand, fitting with the Council Website and our 'Tipperary, The place, The Time' marketing platform for the economic elements of the county was deemed critical and considered well in the process. Therefore, the new Brand sits well with both entities.



The next phase is nearing completion which is deploying the brand assets, to the relevant platforms including a new tab on [www.tipperary.ie](http://www.tipperary.ie)

### **Digital Strategy Update**

The County Tipperary Digital Strategy continues to be driven by Tipperary County Council. The infrastructural elements are led out by the Broadband Officer. All other actions are delivered in an interagency approach across the County.

The annual meeting of the Program Management Group for the County Tipperary Digital Strategy provided a full update on all the current actions.

## Digital Manufacturing in County Tipperary

In the era of Industry 4.0 and beyond, the evolution of manufacturing has taken a remarkable leap forward. Referred to as Industry 4.0 and even the more advanced Industry 5.0, these concepts have brought in a new era of digital transformation that empowers manufacturers to create virtual counterparts of their entire production ecosystem. This innovation extends to optimizing all processes and tasks, whether executed by human hands or automated machinery. Digital Manufacturing Ireland, located within the National Technology Park in Limerick (V9423R), serves as a catalytic force in reshaping the manufacturing value chain through pioneering technologies. This holistic approach spans technology integration, supply chain optimization, operational efficiency enhancement, and the cultivation of essential skills and cultural transformations. As a beneficiary of support from IDA Ireland, DMI (formerly known as AMC) aims to aid manufacturers in surmounting business challenges with agility and effectiveness. DMI is a strategic intervention that is charged with ensuring Ireland's manufacturing competitiveness in the future landscape by focusing on sustaining, upskilling, and digitizing the existing 270,000 manufacturing jobs across the nation. As the gap between the virtual and physical realms diminishes, DMI's significance becomes increasingly pronounced, fostering a landscape where transformative change is the norm, and competitive advantage is the outcome. Its location in Limerick/Munster provides a strategic advantage/opportunity to manufacturing companies in County Tipperary.

The Mid West Regional Skills organised jointly with DMI a tour of the DMI facilities on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with a view to showcasing the capabilities of DMI and provide an opportunity to meet with their Data Science Team on-site. Tipperary County Council in collaboration with Mid West Regional Skills and South East Regional Skills selected a range of businesses from the County for invitation to attend. The event provided a valuable platform to gain an understanding of the facility, especially in the area of IoT(Internet of Things), Guided Learning platforms, Automation/Robotics, and Data Analytics.



County Tipperary is well placed to utilise the services from DMI. With a database of 293 manufacturers in the county, we will directly target businesses to encourage them to attend and learn more at the venue as opportunities arise. Education and knowledge will enable engagement and allow us to support the transition to digitalisation in the county.

### **Atlantic Digital Green Basin**

The Digital Green Basin project is an initiative from the Mid West Regional Enterprise Plan 2021-2024 and involves the development and promotion of a range of climate action initiatives and green energy production along the Shannon basin and taking in the counties of Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary. The Shannon Estuary task force published their blueprint to deliver up to 30GW of Atlantic offshore wind through the estuary by 2050 and maximise industrial development opportunities arising from this. Also included are proposed actions for scaling up the deployment of onshore renewable energy across the region, and proposed new initiatives in the transport, logistics, connectivity, and tourism sectors.

### **EU 50 Celebrations**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was Europe Day - the 50th anniversary of our EU membership since our decision to join the EEC in 1972. Communities across the country celebrated this special day and Tipperary County Council partnered with the North and South Branches of Tipperary Macra Na Feirme for a live debate on the theme of our membership of the EU. The Motion explored the fact that 'Membership of the EU may be our greatest protection from today's challenges'. A very exciting debate, with the two teams contesting each other's ideas, fully engaged the audience.

Both Macra na Feirme branches have a very strong tradition in debating and they have held national awards in the skill of debating a number of times in the past. An evening of great entertainment was had by all.



In what was a very tight debate, the winning team, by a margin, was North Tipperary Macra. Team Members were William Clancy, Bill Gleeson, Sean Kelly, and Reanne O'Dwyer.



South Tipperary team members, Tom Long, Anita Lonergan, Mary McCarthy, and Edel Ryan were delighted to receive a specially commissioned medal.

Winner of the Best Speaker

Award went to Edel Ryan.



A specially commissioned medal was presented by Cathaoirleach Rodger Kennedy to C.E. Joe MacGrath.



## **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND JOB CREATION**

### **Task force regeneration of regional towns – Pilot Scheme at Tipperary Town**

The Tipperary Town task force's remit is to examine, research, and execute job creation initiatives and infrastructure within Tipperary Town. A number of initiatives have been completed and the Tipperary Engine in the formerly repurposed Tipperary Technology Park on Rosanna Road is now host to Nephin Renewable Gas, which aims to build and operate up to 30 Anaerobic Digestion renewable natural gas plants.

## **Broadband**

### **1. Digital Connectivity**

Smart infrastructure' or 'Digital infrastructure' is the utility of the twenty-first century. It underpins every aspect of the modern economy and all aspects of smart cities. This includes cellular wireless - 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G - and Wi-Fi, wired (including full-fibre) technologies, Internet of Things (IoT), and emerging non-terrestrial networks such as low-earth orbit satellites.

Digital connectivity is being delivered across the State primarily through the commercial investment of the telecommunications industry. The government will take measures to drive increased Gigabit and 5G connectivity, including complementing commercial investment in infrastructure with Government-led initiatives and facilitating other strategic enablers.

### **2. National Broadband Plan (NBP)**

The 2012 National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the Government's initiative to deliver high-speed broadband services to every premises in Ireland. This will be delivered through investment by commercial enterprises coupled

with intervention by the State in those parts of the country where private companies have no plans to invest.

High-speed broadband services will be delivered through a combination of

- a. Commercial investment by the telecommunications sector within an area (known as the (NBP) Commercial (BLUE) area)
- b. State intervention in those areas where commercial providers acting alone will not provide this service (known as the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) area)

**Table 1 - (NBP) County Tipperary Statistics**

<b>National Broadband Plan (NBP) – County Tipperary Statistics <sup>1</sup></b>		
Total Number of Premises	85,278	
Number of Premises situated in the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area	30,545	36%
Number of Premises situated in the (NBP) Commercial Investment (BLUE) Area	54,677	64%

Note <sup>1</sup> Statistics sourced in June, 23 at

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5634d-national-broadband-plan-map/>

### **3. (NBP) State Led-Intervention Area** known as the “**AMBER**” area

To deliver the National Broadband Plan (NBP) State led-Intervention “AMBER” area, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) went through a rigorous procurement process to choose a company to design, build, operate, and manage a new high-speed Fibre broadband (VHCN) network on behalf of the state.

Following the award of a State led contract in November, 2019 - National Broadband Ireland (NBI™) was established and together with its build partners - including KN Group, Actavo, TLI and Secto – commenced the large-scale roll-out of high-speed Fibre broadband to every home,

business, farm and school (regardless of how rural or remote) in the National Broadband Plan (NBP) state led-Intervention “AMBER” Area.

In May 2021, NBI™ commenced works to deploy high-speed Fibre broadband to over 30,545 premises (within the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area) in rural County Tipperary - including 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs); 35 rural BCPs – National Schools; 20,079 homes; 3,951 farms; 5,305 residential/ commercial businesses and 1,210 commercial premises.

The current NBI™ build status / and projected delivery timelines for a customer Fibre service connection within the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area) in Rural County Tipperary are shown in **Table 2** below -

<b>NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN IA MAPPING AREA - COUNTY TIPPERARY</b>				
<b>Nº</b>	<b>NBI™ DEPLOYMENT AREA</b>	<b>PREMISES Nº</b>	<b>DEPLOYMENT STATUS</b>	<b>PROJECT DELIVERY TIME-LINES FOR CONNECTION 2</b>
1	BALLINAMULT	341	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026
2	BALLINDERRY	1,425	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026
3	BANAGHER	169	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026
4	BIRR	683	SURVEY PENDING	January 2025 - December 2026
5	CAHIR	3,030	NETWORK BUILD IN PROGRESS	July 2024 - September 2024
6	CARRICK-ON-SUIR	2,023	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
7	CASHEL	2,245	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
8	CLONMEL	1,594	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
9	GORT	1	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
10	HOLLYFORD	2,017	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026

11	HOSPITAL	312	NETWORK BUILD IN PROGRESS	January 2024 - March 2024
12	JOHNSTOWN	429	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
13	LITTLETON	2,451	SURVEY PENDING	January 2025 - December 2026
14	MITCHELS-TOWN	437	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026
15	MULLINAHONE	1,662	NETWORK BUILD IN PROGRESS	January 2024 - March 2024
16	NENAGH	2,813	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
17	NEWPORT	1,155	SURVEY UNDERWAY	January 2025 - December 2026
18	OGONNELLOE	562	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026
19	ROSCREA	1,027	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
20	TALLOW	38	NETWORK BUILD IN PROGRESS	July 2024 - September 2024
21	TEMPLEMORE	2,752	SURVEY COMPLETE	January 2025 - December 2026
21	TIPPERARY	2,948	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER	AVAILABLE TO ORDER/ PRE-ORDER
	Additional Premises	431	TBC	TBC
Total		30,545		

Note 2 All dates provided above are estimated and based on the current view of NBI™ at <https://nbi.ie/reps/>

The Network rollout for the National Broadband Plan (IA) is divided into 227 Deployment Areas (DAs) across the country (including 21 Deployment Areas (DAs) in County Tipperary).

These are typically areas of approximately 25 km in radius and, in total, they cover 96% of Ireland's landmass. The architecture of the network design is specifically based on the design of the NBI network coming from the Eir exchanges or the metropolitan area networks managed by Enet. It is based on an engineering design that allows NBI to get to every

premises as quickly as possible working within the confines of how fibre networks are built. Each DA creates a 'fibre ring' which is essential to ensure reliability and resilience. Critical to the success of the network, NBI's fibre rings are built with back-ups, ensuring that in the event of one fibre cable being disrupted, the whole network continues to perform. The network design utilises existing Eir / Enet infrastructure to a very significant degree.

The current build status of NBI™ Network Deployment (Sept 2023) for County Tipperary is shown in **Table 3 below**

Stage	NBI™ Deployment Figures for County Tipperary – per September 2023
	The total number of Premises in the NBP State led- Intervention Area in Tipperary: 30,545
Stage 1	Total number of – Premises "NOT YET SURVEYED" is 3,163 premises (10%) (100% of Tipperary premises will be Surveyed by End 2023)
Stage 2	Total number of – Premises with "SURVEY UNDERWAY" is 1,155 premises (4%)
Stage 3	Total number of – Premises with "SURVEY COMPLETED" is 7,703 premises (25%)
Stage 4	Total number of – Premises with Network <b>"BUILD IN PROGRESS" is 5,678 (20%)</b> Currently working in Four (4) NBI™ Deployment Areas (as shown in Table 2) In total, over 70 NBI™ Planning Applications have been determined (under Section 254 of the Planning Act, 2000 (as amended) by Tipperary County Council to date, for development consisting of placing 1,423 new poles and 3,682 Km of new Fibre Network cable. All s254 applications submitted in 2023 have been determined by TCC within a timeline of 4-6 weeks.
Stage 5	Total number of "Premises Passed with Network Fibre" and are <b>"BUILD COMPLETE" is 12,443 (41%)</b> These Premises can now "place an Order/ pre-Order" for a "New Service Connection" with an approved NBI™ Retail Service Provider (RSP)
Stage 6	Total number of – <b>"NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS" is 2,594</b> (At End September, 2023)

The Projected time-lines for NBI™ to complete the delivery of the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area in County Tipperary are shown in

**Table 4 below**

<b>NBI™</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
<b>"TIME-LINE"</b>	<b>SURVEY COMPLETED</b>	<b>BUILD IN PROGRESS</b>	<b>BUILD COMPLETED</b>
2020	20%		
2021	51%	30%	
2022	86%	61%	20%
<b>2023</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>51%</b>
2024		100%	72%
2025			98%
2026			100%
2027			
2028			

NBI™ does not sell broadband services directly to Customers.

They operate a Wholesale Service where they partner with Retail Service Providers (RSPs) throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customer's door. The Retail Service Providers that are currently setup and certified to sell NBI™ Network services include; Kerry Broadband, Atlantek Broadband, Three, Clare WiFi Networks, Lightnet Telcom, Roctel, BBnet, eir, Chill Wifi, Real Broadband, Budget Broadband, HiSpeed, Rural Wifi, Westnet, Carnsore Broadband, NuWave, Ivertec, Elio Networks, Mynet, Magnet, Zintek, ClearWave, Fastcom, Rocket Broadband, Aptus, Premier Broadband, Rural Broadband, Vodafone, Sky, Pure Telecom, Regional Broadband, Net1, eBroadband, Viatel, Eurona Ireland, Blacknight, Beacon Broadband, Tipp Broadband, KerNet, Whizzy Internet, Airwave, MTS, IMS, IFA, Digiweb and 6NET.

More (RSPs) will be added as the new NBI™ Network continues to be rolled out across Ireland, unleashing the unlimited potential of every individual and organisation in the country – see link for more details <https://nbi.ie/where-can-i-buy/>

#### 4. Connected Communities – the (NBP) Broadband Connection Point Initiative

The (NBP) Broadband Connection Point Initiative will unlock the potential in our rural communities in County Tipperary.



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Whether that is connected to work, the creative arts, eHealth, educational support, or business support, the BCPs (Broadband Connection Ports) will be supported to provide the digital services that their communities need.

**“These premises are not merely a stop-gap measure ahead of the arrival of the National Broadband Plan (NBP IA) it is our hope that they will instead become long-term community assets, fixtures of their communities, providing next-generation services to Tipperary’s rural heartlands.”**

High-quality digital connectivity offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform rural Ireland. It will support the sustainability of rural communities by enabling more people to continue to live and work in rural locations and encouraging others to relocate to rural areas.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of digital connectivity in supporting many aspects of our daily lives.

Throughout the Covid19 crisis, digital connectivity helped many people to avoid becoming socially isolated;

It enabled students to continue their education through online learning, and it demonstrated its potential to support economic activity through remote working and the delivery of services online.

Improved connectivity and digital innovation will help communities to have greater outreach.

It will support older people to live independently in their communities, but with access to more support and services through connected technologies.

It will mean a better quality of life for rural dwellers, enabling people to access online information (including government services) and resources including the provision of online services such as e-education and personalised e-health care. In the longer term, it is envisaged that many of the BCPs will act as a central point for the provision of digital services in the community.

The (NBP) BCP delivery Programme is completed in County Tipperary and the following 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPS) known as the “Tipperary BCP Network” are connected and provide free Public WiFi Services to Members of the Public; including -

- 1) **ROSSMORE COMMUNITY HALL**, ROSSMORE, CASHEL, E25D429
- 2) **DROM COMMUNITY HALL**, DROM, BORRISOLEIGH, THURLES, E41X285
- 3) **CURREENEY COMMUNITY HALL**, CURREENEY, KILCOMMON, THURLES, E41XC62
- 4) **AGLISH COMMUNITY HALL**, AGLISH, ROSCREA, E53E132
- 5) **KILLURNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**, KILLURNEY, BALLYPATRICK, CLONMEL, E91H7W4
- 6) **MOYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL**, MOYGLASS, FETHARD, E91WK25
- 7) **KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE**, KILLOSCULLY, NEWPORT, V94FK20
- 8) **KILLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE**, KILLEA, TEMPLEMORE, E41T6Y0THE
- 9) **PAVILLION, BALLINDERRY SPORTSFIELD**, BALLINDERRY, NENAGH, E45 F627



- 10) **BALLINAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE**, ROSSFINCH, BALLINAHINCH, BIRDHILL, V94 CVC0
- 11) **BOHER PARISH HALL**, BOHER, BALLINA, V94 EY06
- 12) **FANURE COMMUNITY HALL**, FANURE, ROSCREA, 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
- 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, E45 FA43
- 20) **LISMACKIN COMMUNITY HALL**, LISMACKIN, ROSCREA, E53 Y589
- 21) **NORTH TIPPERARY FOOD WORKS**, MAIN STREET, REARCROSS, NEWPORT, V94YW08

*The delivery of the Broadband Point Initiative (BCP) Initiative in County Tipperary was a collaborative effort involving the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), National Broadband Ireland, Vodafone Irl, the Local Authorities and Managers of the BCP sites.*



The receipt of DRCD Funding supported its community involvement and our aim is to further develop the "Tipperary BCP Network" into a more

active network of “remote Digital Hubs – connected hubs” which will support and compliment the development of a National Hub Network, which is a key action of the Our Rural Future, Ireland’s Rural Development Policy 2021-2025.



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Tuaithe agus Pobail  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

connectedhubs

Working with the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD), a number of public and private sector partners, a number of pilot digital thematic programmes were developed seeking to upskill members of the public with no digital skills and also supporting the exploration of STEAM subjects and coding by students and their families.

These Digital literacy Courses offered 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.

Acquiring digital skills is as important as physical access to broadband infrastructure and seeks to enable individuals and communities to maximise the benefits of high-speed broadband connectivity.

Digital technologies are transforming the way people live and work, but figures from the Central Statistics Office show that the use of these technologies decreases in older age categories.

These pilot digital thematic Programmes are currently being rolled out across the “Tipperary BCP Network” and include for –

- a. “OurKidsCode” with Trinity College, Dublin
- b. NALA
- c. “Hi Digital” with Vodafone and Active Retirement Ireland
- d. Microsoft Ireland™ “Dream Space Den”
- e. KINIA
- f. Youth Work Ireland

- g. Our Rural Future: Digital Initiative Programme 2021 – included a programme of “Smart Skills for Farming Communities” (Tipperary) in association with the;

ICMSA - Making Sense of Milk Price

IFA - Agri Technology for Improved Resource Efficiency

Teagasc - Fertiliser rate Setup, Calibration tools, GPS Control, and the Use of Precision Technology on Farms

The “Tipperary BCP Network” ran the “OurKidsCode” pilot programme in Boher BCP, Drom BCP, and Rossmore BCP over the past few months and all have turned out to be successful down in no small part to the enthusiasm of their committee members, local community and their associated primary schools in their catchment area. To deliver this Programme, we worked with Trinity College.

In collaboration with Microsoft Ireland™, OurKidsCode and the Department of Rural and Community Development, the “Dream Space Den” programme aimed to promote and engage groups most affected by the digital divide with STEAM education, particularly students from rural areas with limited access to such opportunities.

The journey for our schools began at the beginning of the academic year, when the Microsoft Dream Space teaching team visited these rural locations and conducted hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) sessions in local Broadband Connection Point (BCPs) sites, generating significant interest within the community. Building on the momentum of these visits, the schools and clubs embarked on a 10-week Microsoft Dream Space experience immersing themselves in learning through MS Dream Space TV and other virtual sessions introducing the students to STEAM subjects in a creative, fun, and collaborative way while also introducing them to the concepts of computational thinking, problem-solving skills and critical thinking.

At the inaugural Microsoft Ireland™ “Dream Space Den” Event in June 2023 over 250 national school students and their teachers from our Network showcased their digital skills in presenting their sustainable projects - which won seven awards on the day including;

<b>Prize Name</b>	<b>Awards Partner</b>	<b>School/Club Winner</b>
Rural Future Prize	Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)	Rossmore National School, Tipperary
OurKidsCode Overall Club Award	OurKidsCode, Trinity College Dublin	Boher Bytes Coding Club, Tipperary
OurKidsCode Most Creative Project	OurKidsCode, Trinity College Dublin	Killoscully Coding Club, Tipperary
Connecting Communities Award	Imagine Broadband	Birdhill National School, Tipperary
Future STEM Leaders Award	Microsoft Dream Space	Drom National School, Tipperary
Tipperary's Global Goal Award	Tipperary County Council	Lackamore National School, Tipperary

## **5. (NBP) - Commercial Investment in Gigabit Network services within the (NBP) Commercial (BLUE) area**

The telecommunication sector employs approximately 25,000 people and has invested circa €3.3 billion over the past 5 years in new and upgraded networks. Recent announcements from Virgin Media, SIRO, and Eir indicate that the vast majority of premises in urban and suburban areas

will be covered with - fibre-to-the-home services (FTTH) - Gigabit Network services - being made available to all these locations by 2028.

The NBP Commercial investment will result in Gigabit Network services being made available to the vast majority of premises, in Primarily Urban and Suburban areas covering circa 77% of the premises across the State. In County Tipperary – the New Gigabit “Fibre” Network (s) are for the most part being built by both SIRO and Open eir (Eir Ltd)

“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.

At the Tipperary County Council Meeting held in May 2023, SIRO announced plans to extend its FTTH Network footprint to the towns of Thurles, Cashel, and Tipperary as part of their ongoing network rollout across County Tipperary. In Thurles and Cashel, SIRO plans to connect over 5,000 Premises to high-quality fibre broadband, and this rollout out is on track to be completed during Q4 2023. SIRO’s FTTH Network is already available in the towns of Clonmel, Nenagh, and Roscrea and to date, they have invested over €20 million in bringing world-class connectivity to County Tipperary. “SIRO” does not sell broadband services to customers. They operate a wholesale service where they partner with Retail Service Providers (RSPs) throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customer's door – see link for more details

<https://siro.ie/broadband-for-home/>

As part of the Liberty Sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project - Tipperary County Council trialled new innovative technologies with the support of the telecommunications industry to pilot the “Dig Once” principle - and innovative uses of existing technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government’s Digital Innovation Programme – including the development of an extensive network of passive ducts and

chambers under the public footway - to pilot the use of the standard known as "Underground Shared Telecommunications Physical Infrastructure" SIRO started using this pilot Infrastructure in November 2022 and it is now available to the telecommunications industry to use.



The recent announcement to deploy Gigabit Network Services (Phase 2) to Thurles, Nenagh, and Tipperary town was made by Senior Officials of SIRO at a Presentation to the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council, which took place in the Clonmel Civic Offices in May 2023 (see photograph above)

In 2019, EIR Ltd commenced the roll-out of their IFN Project in County Tipperary - which aims to cover a majority of the NBP commercial areas in the county. To date, Open Eir has passed c38,000 premises with Gigabit Network services (FTTH) including the towns of Nenagh, Ballina/Killaloe, Tipperary, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel and Cahir, County Tipperary.

Their FTTH deployment works commenced in the town(s) of Cashel, Roscrea, and Carrick-on-Suir in November 2022 and the footprint of this programme is currently being extended to/ planned for Newport; Two-

mile Borris; Cappawhite; Fethard; Borrisokane; Ardfinnan; Borrisoleigh; Clogheen; Cloughjordan; Emly; Mullinahone in 2023/ 2024.

Under its “Commitment Agreement” with the State in 2017 – OPEN Eir recently completed the rural deployment of its Gigabit Network to c16,000 premises in county Tipperary.

When completed, approximately 60,000 premises in the County will have access to an Open Eir FTTH connection – given a Financial Investment by Eir Ltd in the county of circa €30 million.

“Open Eir” does not sell broadband services to customers. They operate a wholesale service where they partner with Retail Service Providers (RSPs) throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customers door – see link for more details

<https://www.openeir.ie/open-eir-irelands-largest-wholesale-full-fibre-network/>

Enet “Open Access Networks” operates a Wholesale Network Service using the existing State funded “Metropolitan Area Networks”

In total, (8) Metropolitan Area Networks have been deployed in the county and located in the towns of Clonmel (Under Phase 1) and Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore, Tipperary Town (Under Phase 2)

These underground Networks, which are being used by NBI™ as part of the NBP IA roll-out, are capable of delivering virtually unlimited bandwidth to their customers.

Enet has delivered over 130 Network service connections to date and their end users include; schools, bank branches, SMEs, Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and State Agencies (Hospitals/Garda Stations etc.).



## 6. Commercial Investment in Fixed Wireless high-speed broadband Services (FWA)

Fixed wireless access (FWA), uses radio waves to deliver internet services between two stationary locations such as a mobile tower and a customer's home or office.

- a) "Imagine broadband" - continues to upgrade and expand - its WTTx network (FWA) services in County Tipperary and over 60,000 premises and businesses in the county are covered on the Imagine Network from 22 mast/ and tower locations both within and in surrounding counties – refer to link: [Imagine Link](#)

The focus of Imagine is on rural areas with no connectivity – and where NBI™ Fibre cable is not expected to be deployed until 2025/2026

- b) There are a number of companies <sup>3</sup> operating in County Tipperary who are also offering (FWA) Services including –

- Arra Communications [www.arra.ie](http://www.arra.ie)
- Celtic Broadband [www.celticbroadband.ie](http://www.celticbroadband.ie)
- Echoitbroadband [www.echoitbroadband.ie](http://www.echoitbroadband.ie)
- Wirelessconnect [www.wirelessconnect.ie](http://www.wirelessconnect.ie)
- Munster Wireless [www.munsterwireless.com](http://www.munsterwireless.com)
- RuralBroadband [www.ruralbroadband.ie](http://www.ruralbroadband.ie)
- Premier (Wireless) Broadband [www.premierbroadband.ie](http://www.premierbroadband.ie)
- Pure Telecom [www.puretelecom.ie](http://www.puretelecom.ie)
- Bbnet Broadband [www.bbnet.ie](http://www.bbnet.ie)
- Orion Broadband [www.orcs.ie](http://www.orcs.ie)
- Imagine [www.imagine.ie](http://www.imagine.ie)
- Magnet Network <https://www.magnetplus.ie/>

Note <sup>3</sup> Other Companies may also be offering (FWA) services in County Tipperary that are not listed above.



- c) SpaceX (StarLink) offer's high-speed, low-latency broadband internet services in remote and rural locations in County Tipperary - using emerging non-terrestrial networks such as low-earth orbit satellites. Refer to link: <https://www.starlink.com/>

## **7. Commercial Investment in Mobile Phone (MP) and Mobile Broadband (MB) Services**

A Mobile Network Operator (MNO), also known as a wireless service provider, wireless carrier, cellular company, or mobile network carrier, is a provider of wireless communications services that own or controls all the elements necessary to sell and deliver services to an end user, including radio spectrum allocation, wireless network infrastructure, back haul infrastructure, billing, customer care, provisioning computer systems, and marketing and repair organizations.

There are three MNOs operating in Ireland; namely Three Ireland, Vodafone PLC, and Eircom Limited. There are also seven mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) using the main networks to deliver mobile services.

These Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs) lease wireless telephone and data spectrum from the aforementioned major carriers for resale.

As of Q1 2022, the market share of MVNOs in Ireland was 13.4%.

At the end of Q4 2022 there were 8,863,983 mobile subscriptions in Ireland, including mobile broadband ('MBB') and Machine to Machine ('M2M'). If mobile broadband ('MBB') subscriptions (355,089) and M2M subscriptions (2,818,877) are excluded, the total number of Mobile Subscriptions is 5,690,017

Note: Machine-to-Machine ('M2M') mobile subscriptions are machines with SIMs. These machines could include anything from SIMs inside car

engines to vending machines, industrial control systems etc and a Mobile broadband ('MBB') device provides a mobile computer with a wireless data connection to a cellular service.

<https://www.comreg.ie/publication/quarterly-key-data-report-q4-2022>

In 2021, 87% of people used a Mobile Device to access the Internet (up from 73% in 2016), which corresponds to the number of regular internet users (87% of people in 2021). Source: Eurostat, European Union survey on ICT usage in Households and by Individuals.

Examples of typical Mobile data Usage include -

- Sending 1 email: 20KB
- 1 Social media update (with photo): 350KB
- Instant messaging for 1hour: 1MB
- 1 hour of web browsing: 10MB
- Streaming 1 hour of music: 28MB
- Downloading one app: 40MB
- Streaming 1 hour of video: 117MB

The aforementioned Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) offer the following technologies in county Tipperary.

- **2G** emerged c1995 and support voice calls and SMS, with relatively low data speeds.
- **3G** emerged in the early 00s and support voice calls and higher data speeds than 2G.
- **4G** appeared around 2011 and support faster data speeds than 2G and 3G. A 4G network does not support traditional voice calls like 2G and 3G, but can support an Internet Protocol (IP) voice service called Voice over LTE (VoLTE).
- **5G** supports new technologies, faster speeds through lower latency and higher throughput.

The telecommunications regulator “ComReg” has a Mobile Signal Checker Map that is searchable by Eircode and by Mobile Phone Operator (MNO) to see what outdoor data services might be available in a particular area. This map is available at <https://coveragemap.comreg.ie/map>.

The world’s economy is at a pivotal point as we see a move towards an increasingly connected society driven by the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence and Big Data. The pace of adoption of these types of technologies will become the basis for long-term national economic growth. The impact of these emerging technologies will be underpinned by the connectivity that 5G offers. 5G stands for “Fifth Generation” wireless technology, also known as the next evolution of mobile technology after 4G LTE. 5G will bring faster speeds through lower latency and higher throughput, improved efficiency and reliability, as well as increased capacity to sustain a massive increase in the number of connections between devices and the internet.

The current 5G deployment model used by the aforementioned Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) is to upgrade their existing high-power Macro-cell Infrastructure with 5G-ready equipment. However - in order to meet the emerging/ ever-increasing appetite for bandwidth-demanding services – MNOs are starting to densify their Networks through the deployment of additional network infrastructure (including small-area wireless access points (SAWAPs) at street level and as the operational range of a SAWAP signal is limited – it means that (SAWAPs) must be installed relatively close to users/ and the Internet of Things (IoT) to provide connectivity.

## 8. The European Commission - WiFi4EU Initiative



<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/wifi4eu>

WiFi4EU is a ground-breaking initiative that promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including public areas, public buildings, libraries, and museums in municipalities throughout Europe. The “Tipperary WiFi4EU Network” consisting of 51 Free-public wifi Access Points across 6 towns was completed in 2021 with the support of Funding from the European Commission and the Department of Rural and Community Development and is currently being maintained by Magnet plus in the towns of Nenagh, Thurles, Roscrea, Tipperary, Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel.

The “Tipperary WiFi4EU Network” was deployed with the support of the Local Chamber of Commerce and the property owners, who kindly agreed to permit WiFi equipment to be attached to their shop facade facing onto the public street/ area.

The demand for this Free on-street Wi-Fi connectivity service, first introduced in Tipperary town in September 2020 has grown exponentially over the past three years. The past year saw an overall increase of 60% in the number of service users across the Network. Over seven (7) million customers used this free service across Europe in 2022.

## 9..IE Digital Town Awards 2023



At the National .IE Digital Town Awards, 2023 which were held in Athlone in June, 2023 – our Digital Projects were declared as “Winners” in three of the ten digital categories on offer; including –

1. The “Overall Winner”
2. “Community Digital Winner, Rossmore, Co. Tipperary”  
Rossmore Scratchers Rural Connectivity

The installation of a Broadband Connection Point (BCP) was a game changer for Rossmore village. It enabled Rossmore Scratchers, a coding club, to provide a space for digital projects through STEAM for students and adults alike. It is volunteer-led, has diverse community involvement, a clear understanding of community needs, all of which is managed on a limited budget. A great example of a community being given the digital tools, and taking it from there.

3. “Agri-tech Winner, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary”  
Smart Skills for Farming Communities

This pilot programme was developed to help farmers use new technologies to make their work easier, save time and money as well as improve the sustainability and profitability of their farms. 60% of farmers report that there are barriers to digital training and support. This project addresses that problem by providing very practical digital training in areas such as soil fertility technology; grassland management technology; tech for time and labour saving; and farm management systems and useful Apps. This project also addresses the digital skills gap amongst farmers and helps them access digital technologies that hold the key for a smarter, more competitive and resource-efficient agricultural sector.

These Awards recognise and reward projects with a digital element that have been created by town groups and local communities. They promote awareness, knowledge, use and understanding of digital in Ireland by its citizens, businesses, and communities. They also highlight the benefits and possibilities of digital and celebrate the digital achievements of local towns, big and small.

# TOURISM

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The Council continues to actively support the tourism industry in Tipperary during 2023 as it moves forward following the impact of the Covid19 pandemic. There are many external and economic factors at play within the Tourism Industry at present including consumer sentiment, inflation rates, domestic and overseas travel patterns, car hire costs, geopolitical instability and weather extremes. Tipperary Tourism are cognisant of these factors and working hard to assist the industry with continued growth and development. Various initiatives to sustain and support the tourism trade in Tipperary during the year include; networking, training needs assessment, State of the Season research, marketing and connecting tourism providers with funding and upskilling opportunities. This coupled with significant progress on tourism product development projects under the Tipperary Transforming Strategy ensures that tourism is positioned well to continue to sustain and develop into 2024.

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

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

### **Cashel Destination Town**

Tipperary County Council with Fáilte Ireland are working together to develop a Destination Town Plan for Cashel. Since 2021, two projects have been progressing 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 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 recent RRDF applications. These Tourism Impact Assessments provided robust economic projections supporting the RRDF application, a vital component in securing €14.39 million award for the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'.

### **Thoroughbred Country**

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism have been 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, they jointly deliver the Fáilte Ireland Thoroughbred Country Destination Development Plan. A huge amount of progress has been made since the launch of the Thoroughbred Country Destination Development Plan, and following extensive development work, **21 new Thoroughbred Experiences** are ready for visitors from 2024, offering unique and unrivalled sales and marketing opportunities for Kildare and Tipperary.

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

To facilitate a Just Transition towards a low-carbon economy in the Midlands, the EU and Government of Ireland, established a €169 million Just Transition Fund for the period 2023-2026. As part of this fund, the EU awarded Fáilte Ireland €68 million for a Regenerative Tourism Scheme to invest in the

sustainable development of tourism in the Midlands with the aim of creating jobs and sustaining communities. The fund will support transition of an identified area in Tipperary, including Carrick-on-Suir and Thurles Municipal Districts, to a carbon neutral destination through funding of sustainable tourism projects that are designed to have significant regenerative impacts on local communities and peatlands. The fund will be used to create more reasons for tourists to visit the Midlands.

Tipperary County Council and Bórd na Mona were successful in a funding bid to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) for €780,000 to develop the first phase of Littleton Labyrinth. 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*. Tipperary County Council is recruiting a Tourism Animator to work on the JTF to promote the availability of the fund to tourism organisations and to advise and assist applicants.

### **Littleton Labyrinth – Brand Development**

During 2023, Tipperary Tourism brought together a working group of stakeholders, to work with DesignWorks branding company who were commissioned to develop a Brand Strategy for the proposed Littleton Labyrinth trail development. A full Brand Kit has now been developed, which will be integral in promotion and signage of the new peatway.

### **Blueways Accreditation**

The first Blueways in the world to achieve accreditation were officially launched in 2023, 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 ensures all Blueways are developed to a consistently 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. These Blueways will continue to be one of the focuses of the marketing of Tipperary as a destination for outdoor recreational 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 2022 and remains in progress, currently examining the various options to connect these two infrastructural assets.

### **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). These projects continue to progress.

### **Tipperary Tourism**

Continued progress has been made on the development of Tipperary as a destination during the year. There was a focus on networking and sharing of information between tourism product providers during the year. In addition, the focus has been on the development of plans to roll out the recently refreshed brand identity in 2024. Research carried out, has strongly influenced these plans, with Tipperary Tourism reaching out to the trade for feedback on the state of the season regarding occupancy levels and visitor numbers in 2023 versus the previous year. There was also an assessment of their training requirements, which will shape training programmes going forward. Having this knowledge is vital in determining the strategy for marketing and development of Tipperary as a strong and competitive destination. Tipperary Tourism continues to be very active across all social media platforms, with Facebook demonstrating a particularly high engagement.

### **Tracks and Trails Programme**

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with OPW (Office of Public Works) and Coillte funded an episode in the Series 11 of Tracks and Trails on RTE. As part

of the licensing agreement with RTE, the series is aired 5 times over 3 years. The initial, and usually second, showing will always be primetime and is likely to be in Spring 2024. The show is on RTE 1, RTE Player, RTE+1, and also on the Irish Eyes AVOD platform in the USA. This is a very effective way of reaching the domestic market in particular.

## **Munster Vales**

During 2023 Munster Vales continued to roll out the Munster Vales Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025 and lead collaborative marketing of the Munster Vales destination incorporating parts of counties Tipperary, Limerick, Cork, and Waterford.

Munster Vales organised and delivered six press trips this year and consistently ran digital marketing campaigns reaching a combined audience of six million people. These campaigns featured over 100 tourism-related businesses in the region with a media value of €3 million. This encouraged more visitors than ever to visit [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**

The Destination Lough Derg Group led the delivery of the Lough Derg Visitor Experience Development Plan 2020 – 2024 and has made significant progress on a number of projects in 2023 including completing the Discovery Points Project, significant collaboration on marketing campaigns digital and traditional media, a brand refresh, development of the Lough Derg Legendary Food Trails and the Festivals projects, as well as supporting large scale events in the region including Quest Lough Derg, Gaelforce, Resonance. Industry networking events were conducted as part of the Food Tourism project as well as the Blueway activation project.

# TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (TSP)

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## TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (TSP)

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

From January 2023 to date, the Sports Partnership delivered, facilitated, and supported 165 individual programmes or initiatives with over 5,508 participants and secured funding in excess of €556,825 to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2023 include:

### **Participation:**

The focus on walking continued, in January the Operation Transformation (OT) Community Walk in Rosegreen to support local OT leader who was participating in the RTE programme kicked off the year. In the Spring, a Couch to Peak programme was delivered which supported participants to walk up to Galteemore. In September, Community Walking programmes were facilitated in Cahir and Nenagh.

Swimming continued to be very popular with 4 Swim for A Mile Programmes running in Carrick on Suir, Clonmel, Nenagh & Roscrea pool which culminated in a SFAM event in each pool. A Swimmin' Women programme is currently running in 6 pools in Carrick, 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. Over 600 people took part in cycling activities delivered by local clubs and supported by TSP.

During the Spring and Summer months as part of the Clonmel Outdoor Community Sports Hub and Urban Adventure projects, a Schools Paddles Up

programme was facilitated along with a Primary school's introduction to Kayaking. Three Inclusive Paddling programmes were also delivered. In addition, TSP linked with Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club to support the 'For the Love of it' canoeing initiative in Clonmel. TSP worked with Coláiste Dun Iascaigh where a canoeing programme was supported as part of their school curriculum for 5 leaving cert students who all achieved excellent results with 1 achieving H1 and 4 receiving H3. Also, supported were 'Learn to Row' programmes for adults and youths with Clonmel Rowing Club. The development of mountain biking continued with Clonmel Mountain Bike Club delivering a mountain bike female only session as part of 'Her Outdoors Week.

The Tipperary Community Sports Hub at the Canon Hayes Sports Centre continues to expand with programmes such as, Activator Walking, Badminton, Boccia, Circuits, Inclusive Soccer programme with the Brothers of Charity and the FAI, during the summer a 6-week programme was delivered on the MUGA consisting of Basketball & Soccer. The current highlight is the establishment of a new iCoach Girls Play Centre with 2 new female head coaches and 10 female assistant coaches trained by Sport Ireland Coaching, with 25 young girls signed up to date.

Throughout the year a number of programmes with schools were delivered which included Sport Leader Programmes, Sports Hall Athletics, Cycle Right, Hoops for Girls, Orienteering, TrY Rowing and Get Going Get Rowing programmes. The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike programme continues 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 3 physical activity programmes targeting disadvantaged youths including LGBTQ+ community.

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; Inclusive Golf; Inclusive Hockey; Learn to Cycle for people with

Autism and Adapted school programmes. Support was provided to a number of clubs to provide and expand their offerings for people with disabilities which included 2 GAA clubs, a Hockey Club, a Soccer Club and a Rugby Club. The highlight was the inaugural Sports Ability Day held in Thurles.

Activities and supports were provided for older adults during the year which included Walking Football, Activator Walking programme and Aqua Fit. In May the annual Go for Life Festival was held in Thurles.

Tipperary Sports Partnership continues to promote female participation in sport and physical activity. In January and March 2 'How to train as midlife woman' were delivered and a Coaching Teenage Girls workshop was also facilitated. A number of initiatives were rolled out for teenage girls which included Hoops for Girls; Teen Fit, Blueway Cycling with the highlight being the establishment of a 'Her Moves' programme in Tipperary Town targeting inactive girls. Also, TSP supported programmes for women which included Swimmin Women; Swimmin Women Midlife Programme; Kit Fit and support for the establishment of the South Tipperary Mini Marathon delivered by Cahir Meet N Train. In August 'Her Outdoors' campaign was promoted and TSP supported 'Aqua Aerobics in Outdoor Pool; Intro to Mountain Biking; and Intro to Dragon Boating and Kayaking.

Training supports were provided to sports clubs in the form of Child Welfare courses; Club Children Officers courses; Designated Officer courses, Coaching Teenage Girls, Disability Awareness Disability Inclusion Training and Autism in Sports. In September, the delivery of the Sports Club Admin Course with TUS commenced in collaboration with our neighbouring LSPs in Clare and Limerick, the course focuses on sports administration and development to support volunteers in running their clubs in an efficient and effective manner.

In the context of developing new infrastructure to address emerging sporting needs, work is continuing on the development and promotion of the Suir Blueway Tipperary. 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 the Technological University of the

Shannon (TUS), the VR Experience of the Suir Blueway Tipperary section from Sandy Banks to Clonmel was completed and is now available. Currently work is being conducted on Phase 2 of the experience. A Research project is being carried out with TUS to investigate the possibility of coaching canoeing through VR.

Funding support was allocated to assist and support the return to sport for sport clubs and organisations following Covid19, €81,422 was allocated to 60 Sport Clubs through the Return to Sport Fund. €37,190 was allocated to 45 Sport Clubs through the TSP Club Sport and Physical Activity Funding Development Scheme

### **TSP PRIORITIES FOR 2024**

- 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.
- Develop ESF Innovation in Sport project.
- Maintain current levels of funding from 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 10 clubs receiving their Club Mark Award with Lough Derg FC and Moneygall FC achieving the FAI Club One Star Award. Work is continuing with 13 clubs who are currently going through the process. Club Project sessions have also been completed with various clubs who have applied for Club Mark soccer club.

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 a new format with 12 clubs taking part. The 'UEFA Disney Playmakers' for young girls aged 5 – 8 years continued with 12 clubs taking part. 'Kickfit' is a programme that provides an opportunity for women to get fit through football, the programme runs in 7 clubs in Tipperary, and many of these clubs have also started playing local friendlies against other Kickfit groups. 5 Aviva Future Stars programmes took place for girls aged 9-12. 3 Aviva Girls in Green programmes aimed at girls aged 13-15 took place in Tipperary. A number of Women's World Cup events also took place in Tipperary during the summer including blitzes for women and UEFA Disney playmakers clubs.

Coach Education continues to be a priority with PDP1; PDP2; PDP3, 4-6 Years Introduction to Football Workshops; Goalkeeper workshops, National D Licence; 9v9 workshops; Football Fitness; Safeguarding and Referee education courses delivered across the County. The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite underage male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both the South and North of the county providing additional coaching and contact time.

Other initiatives delivered throughout the year included new Football for All clubs; Kickstart 2 recovery sessions, Walking Football, Intercultural sessions, including Africa Day events; FAI Primary school 5s'; FAI futsal in the yard and youth and outreach programmes such as MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) programs and FAI Late Night Leagues. Throughout the Summer, the delivery of the FAI Camps took place in Tipperary with 25 camps.

## **FAI PRIORITIES FOR 2024:**

- Continue to provide a service of programmes that enables the youth 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 an emphasis on female coaching.
- Maintain or increase the participants of schools in the primary schools' competitions.
- Maintain or increase the number of clubs providing football for players with disabilities (FFA).
- Maintain or increase Summer Camp numbers.



# ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION SERVICES

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

The final adoption of the County Tipperary Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) by the Council Members is scheduled for February 2024. Local Authorities have had twelve months to develop the Plan from the date of the ministerial announcement in February 2023. The LACAP will map out the climate adaptation and mitigation measures required to enable Tipperary County Council to deliver on its 2030 climate change targets. Community and public engagement have been a key aspect in the development of the LACAP. Guidelines have assisted local authorities to develop the LACAPs, which incorporate the Decarbonisation Zones as per Action 80 of the national Climate Action Plan 2021.

Climate adaptation programmes, such as Active Travel and Housing Retrofit, are expected to receive additional funding in 2024. Additionally, the €700,000 from the new Community Climate Action Fund will be allocated to communities during 2024, following a Call for Proposals. 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 continue to engage with the Climate Area Regional Office and our neighbouring local authorities in order to access available funding programmes in 2024, such as the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Pathfinder Programme.

## **LANDFILL REMEDIATION**

Ballaghveny landfill reopened to accept waste in September 2021. Similar to 2023, it is anticipated that 49,000t of waste will be accepted in 2024.

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-composting facility in Rathcabbin commenced in December 2021 and continues. It is anticipated that all waste will have been removed from the site during 2024.

Other operational costs include the management and monitoring of surface water, leachate and landfill gas, and the removal and disposal of leachate, for Donohill and Ballaghveny landfills. Also included are the monitoring costs incurred at the closed historic landfills at Tipperary Town; Connawarries, Kilsheelan; Brittas Road; Coole, Dundrum; and Monanearla.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **RECOVERY & RECYCLING FACILITIES OPERATIONS**

This service funds the maintenance and operations costs of the five Civic Amenity Sites at Cashel, Clonmel, Donohill, Nenagh and Roscrea. Visitors to these are expected to exceed 130,000 in 2024. 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.

February 2024 will see the introduction, nationally, of the new Deposit Return Scheme for plastic bottles and cans.

## 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 2024 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 2024, implementation of the new Litter Management Plan will commence.

## 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 11 successful prosecutions in the courts to date in 2023. 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 354 household inspections to date in 2023 and reported an 86% compliance rate and plan to do a similar number in 2024.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Implementation of the new National Waste Management Plan for the Circular Economy will commence in 2024. 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 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 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. A Derelict Sites Register is published on the Tipperary County Council website and updated regularly. The Section, together with the Housing Section's Vacant Homes Unit, will intensify engagements in 2024 with the owners of derelict and vacant properties to render them non-derelict.

## ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

### WATER QUALITY, AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

The River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 will drive the Section's monitoring plan for 2024. 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 2024 in respect of group water schemes and small private supplies will continue to be to address the gaps arising from the implementation of the Recast Drinking Water Regulations with the expectation of increased monitoring requirements.

Group Water Schemes (GWS) receive an annual maintenance subsidy with an estimated investment of €640,000.

Grants will be 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 covers 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 and Environmental Management systems, which includes renewing the ISO45001 and ISO14001 accreditations. Tipperary Energy Agency is responsible for monitoring and reporting on energy consumption, carrying out energy audits, and assisting in the development and implementations of the Council's own Decarbonisation Implementation 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.

The Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service continued to provide a service to all Incidents throughout the period of Industrial Action during the middle of 2023. All 12 stations remained operational throughout this period, as did our fire safety and building control sections. Following Interventions at national level by both Labour Court and Workplace Relations Commission and intensive negotiations between National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management and Local Government Management Agency and SIPTU a new Agreement has been put in place in relation to pay and conditions for firefighters in all 12 Fire Stations.

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. This new gas fired solution is now operational after installation and extensive testing in first half of 2023 and will now be used in Breathing Apparatus Training for new Recruits in second half of 2023.

This will be the first time firefighters will have been trained using this new clean technology while still ensuring that same level of training is achieved.

The new fire station located in Wallers Lot in Cashel will be operational by the end of 2023.

This Capital Project was fully funded by NDFEM and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the new facility is a state of the art modern facility with all the required training facilities indoors and outdoors and appropriate welfare and changing facilities and includes a fitness room.



It is also the Fire Services first building to achieve a NZEB (Nearly Zero-Emission Building) in Tipperary and will help the Fire Service to achieve our climate change targets. Further Climate Change projects have been identified including a deep retrofit of Clonmel Fire Station Complex and installation of PV Panels in 9 Stations and elimination of fossil fuel heating solutions in remaining 5 stations.

The Fire Service will also explore alternative methods of fuelling our Fire Service vehicle fleet in order to achieve significant carbon emissions reductions.

It is hoped, subject to funding, to carry out all of these works in next 4 to 5 years and thereby achieve our targeted Climate Change targets by 2030.

Following a national tendering process by the OGP (Office of Government Procurement), Tipperary Fire Service received approval to purchase 2 new fire appliances. These were built by Emergency One in Scotland and have now been delivered to Nenagh Fire Station. Following appropriate training and familiarisation they were delivered and went into service in October 2023 in Roscrea and Tipperary Town Fire Stations.



## **NEW 231 FIRE APPLIANCE ROSCREA FIRE STATION**





## **NEW 231 FIRE APPLIANCE TIPPERARY TOWN FIRE STATION**

Community Fire Service - Tipperary Fire Service continues to promote fire safety awareness in the community by engagement with various statutory, voluntary and community organisations throughout the County. Fire Service continue to carry out Home Fire Safety visits and install 10-year smoke alarms in homes of elderly and vulnerable people. These usually are a result of referrals from various statutory, charitable and community organisations throughout county. As part of Community Education Programmes Fire Service personnel continue to deliver the National Fire Safety Education package to every primary school in the County. We also continue to deliver a Fire Safety Education Programme to TY students in various secondary schools throughout county.

In addition, we continue to deliver fire safety message through various media channels including local media and Facebook and website.

# CIVIL DEFENCE

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Civil Defence is made up of a highly trained, professional, and multi-skilled group of 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. Vehicles and major items of equipment along with Civil Defence uniforms and PPE are mainly 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 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 response to the Ukrainian crisis since March 2022 and this continues for the foreseeable future.

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. Tipperary Civil Defence is one of five counties nationally which has a K9 Search Dog capacity.

Recent years has seen tasking increased dramatically, as a response to the Ukrainian Crisis and continued support to local community events, all of which would not be possible without the commitment of the volunteers and staff.

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.

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 with specialist staff from a broad range of disciplines working in the programme.

LAWPRO operate as a national Water Framework Directive (WFD) office fostering cooperation between local authorities and relevant public bodies both locally and nationally to produce positive water quality outcomes.

The European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014, gave effect to a three-tier governance framework and placed new obligations on local authorities in coordinating the catchment management and public participation elements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The regulations assign responsibility to local authorities for regional coordination, public participation, and support to the EPA and Minister in the development and implementation of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and Programmes of Measures (POMs). The regulations provide for the establishment of Regional Water Framework Directive Offices to deliver on these obligations. These responsibilities are in addition to longstanding water protection responsibilities delivered by local authorities.

In order to meet the requirements of the WFD and to support delivery of a new River Basin Management Plan, due to be approved and published by Government in 2024, the LAWPRO staff compliment is expanding from 61 to 75, with staff working out of 13 local authority centres in a five-region structure: Border, West, East and Midlands, South East and South West.



### **Water Framework Directive Regions**

LAWPRO's team of catchment scientists carry out detailed scientific assessments in Priority Areas for Action (PAAs), to figure out the causes of poor water quality and a team of community water officers support active communities with knowledge, skills and grant funding to build capacity and care for their local water environment.

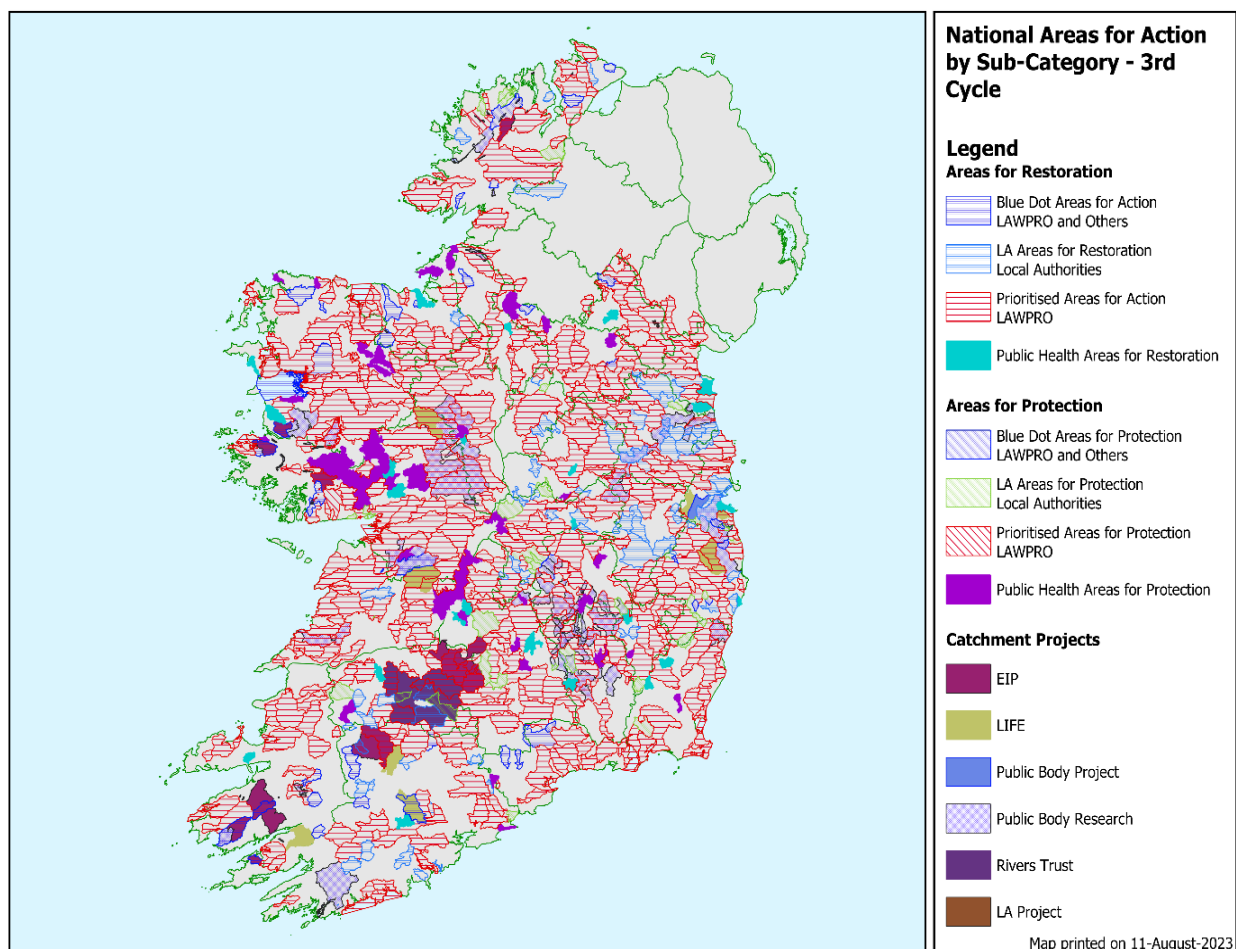
The programme is fully funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage through a Memorandum of Funding Agreement which allows for recoupment of certified expenditure.

The strategic role of the Local Authority Waters Programme is as follows:

1. To promote knowledge sharing and coordination in implementing RBMPs and POMs by local authorities, public authorities, sectoral interests and community groups.



2. To coordinate and undertake statutorily required public consultation in development of the RBMPs and POMs on behalf of the Minister and implement a public awareness campaign in water resources management.
3. To seek consistency of RBMP implementation across agencies.
4. To assist the Minister and the EPA and work collaboratively with local authorities in the development of RBMPs and POMs.
5. To mobilise and support engagement of voluntary and community groups in protecting our natural waters.
6. To foster linkages with industry and agricultural sectors.
7. To develop linkages with local sectoral representatives including farmers associations, industry and business organisations, angling clubs, Tidy Towns groups, Rivers Trusts and other river catchment partnerships.



## **Other Supports to Local Authorities**

- a) LAWPRO has proposed water quality improvement actions for inclusion in the Local Authority Climate Action Plans which also align with the Water Framework Directive and the draft River Basin Management Plan. A guidance document has been prepared and shared with local authority climate action teams.
- b) Training in catchment science and management (CSM) has been provided to local authority and implementing body staff.
- c) LAWPRO co-ordinate the sharing of information between the Department of Agriculture and Local Authorities, and manage the data sharing agreements to provide LPIS (land parcel identification system) and nitrates information to be distributed to local authorities in the coming weeks.
- d) LAWPRO are a member of the National Agricultural Inspection Programme Working Group which is to provide guidance and focus to local authority agricultural inspection programmes.
- e) LAWPRO in partnership with the DHLGH and Engineers Ireland provide information, training and deliver webinars on mainstreaming nature-based solutions (NBS) in public and private infrastructure projects.

While there is significant work and collaboration taking place with implementation of the current RBMP, we are still unfortunately facing a significant challenge to turn around the decline in our water quality in Ireland. The publication this year of the EPA Water Quality in Ireland 2016 – 2021 report shows only over half, 54% of our surface waters are in satisfactory ecological health being in either good or better ecological status<sup>1</sup>. This means that 46% of the surface water bodies in Ireland are not as ecologically healthy or resilient as they should be. Our rivers and transitional waters in particular are suffering from continued and persistent declines.

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<sup>1</sup> [EPA\\_WaterQualityReport2016\\_2021.pdf](#)

Looking ahead to the third Cycle River Basin Management Plan, which is due to be approved by Government and published in the first quarter of 2024, we must take every opportunity to further develop our collaborative work and integrate our work programmes across the Local Authority sector especially in the development of Local Authority Climate Action Plans.

LAWPRO are working with the Local Authority Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) to advise on the integration of water quality and biodiversity in to Local Authority Climate Action Plans and to build capacity and understanding of the multiple benefits in the fight against climate change.

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

LAWPRO's Regional Coordinators are responsible for coordination of the programme, supporting the WFD governance structures for water quality management, and promoting cooperation and knowledge exchange between water management actors. At the core of programme delivery is support to implementing bodies and community stakeholders towards achieving water quality objectives.

Five local authority regional committees known as Regional Water and Environment Management Committees have responsibility for the co-ordinated delivery of measures at regional and local levels and ensuring a consistency of approach across the regions, with active participation and technical advice from the EPA. Each committee is supported by a Regional Operational Committee with membership drawn from all the relevant public and implementing bodies and chaired at Director of Services level.

These local authority structures are central to tracking the evolution of the local catchment assessment approach, largely undertaken by LAWPRO, and a number of local authorities. A central part of the Operational Committee has also been the examination of water management issues arising at county and river catchment levels.

The committees are also 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***

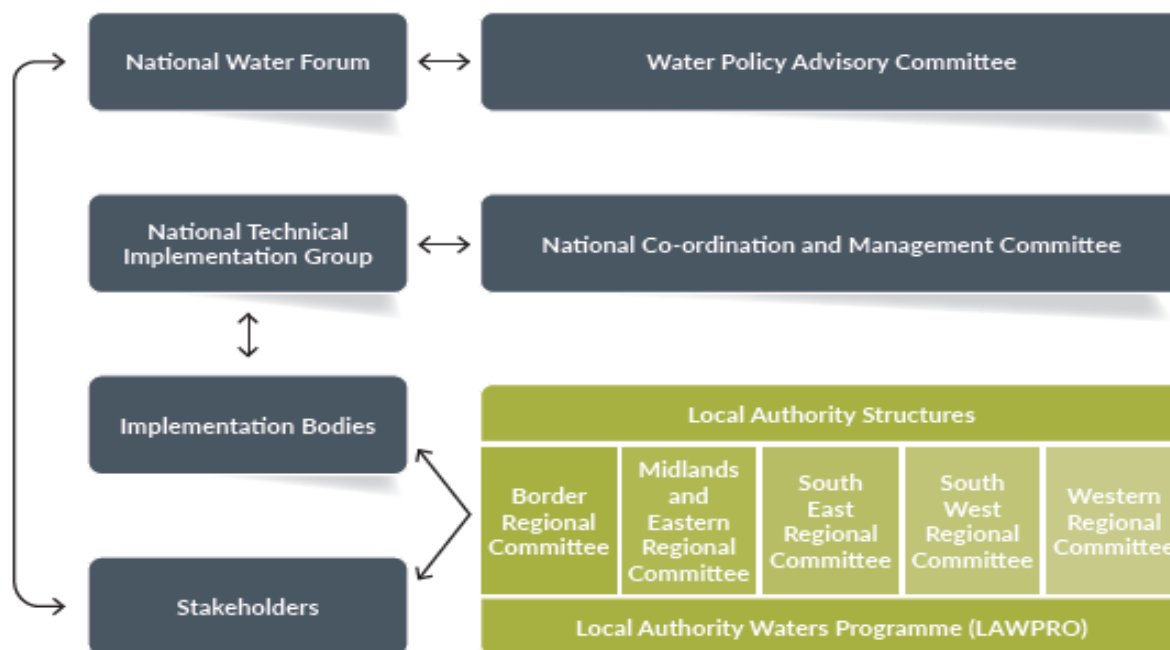
Each of the five regions has a Regional Operational Committee (ROC), with membership including operational staff from the respective local authorities and 23 different public bodies, which allow for effective knowledge transfer and tracking of progress on implementation of measures set out in the RBMP.

The ROCs meet on average four times per year and are facilitated by LAWPRO who, in addition to providing secretariat services lead on discussion of work programmes, provide regional updates and raise significant issues to be escalated to local or national governance structures.

### ***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
- Climate Action Regional Offices
- Agricultural Sustainability, Support and Advisory Programme (managed by TEAGASC)
- Rivers Trusts & River Catchment Partnerships



## ***WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE STRUCTURES***

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

LAWPRO is building networks of active communities with the knowledge, skills, and capacity to make a difference. This is clear by the growing number of groups and champions getting involved in caring for their local water bodies i.e. rivers, lakes and coastal areas.

### **COMMUNITY WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND**

LAWPRO manages the Community Water Development Fund to support projects and initiatives directly undertaken by communities.

- In 2022, over €510,000 was made available in grant for communities
- In 2023, over €523,000 was offered in funding supports

Every project funded helps promote a fundamental objective of LAWPRO which is to support local communities to get involved in the care of their local waters. Types of projects approved for funding included:

- River and habitat enhancement work such as planting of native tree species and hedgerows, river-bank stabilisation, fencing, installation of riparian buffer zones and enhancement of wetlands.
- Match funding for large projects with biodiversity and water quality elements.
- Preparation of local plans, such as feasibility studies, habitat management plans, ecological surveys, and biodiversity action plans.
- Water literacy awareness raising initiatives such as riverbank clean-ups, biodiversity information boards, citizen science workshops, outdoor classrooms and rainwater harvesting projects.

LAWPRO's Community Water Officers are also working with communities in all counties delivering a range of activities and programmes including:

### **Heritage Week Events**

During Heritage Week and on Water Heritage Day LAWPRO in partnership with the Heritage Council organise and support events to celebrate water, its history and heritage and our connections with it. As an island nation, our history and our heritage have been shaped by the sea and the great Irish rivers, lakes and wetlands.

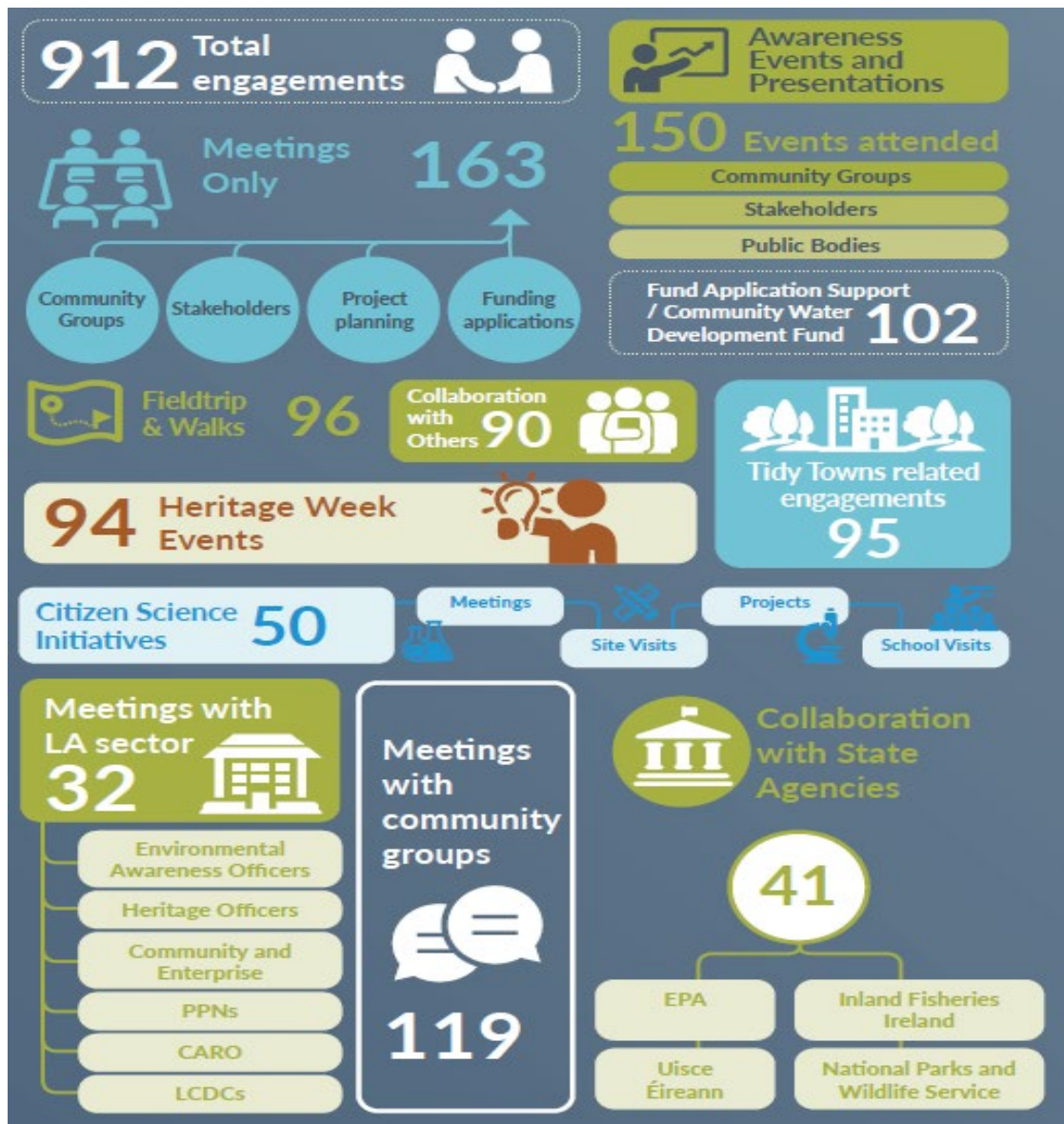
### **Waters and Communities Special Award**

Every year, LAWPRO coordinates a Waters and Communities Special Awards competition along with co-sponsors, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Waterways Ireland. This special award is run in conjunction with the national SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards, an annual competition organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

### **GAA Green Clubs**

The GAA Green Clubs Programme [Green Clubs Programme \(gaa.ie\)](http://gaa.ie) is a partnership between the GAA, LGFA, Camogie Association and local authorities across Ireland. The programme was established to support clubs in taking simple and effective sustainability action in their grounds and as part of their activities. The programme is structured around the themes of water,

biodiversity, waste, energy and travel / transport and is designed to promote sustainability awareness and action in GAA clubs and communities.



### CATCHMENT SCIENCE

The Catchment Team is comprised of scientists covering a range of disciplines including ecology, hydrogeology and agricultural science within the wider environmental sciences sector.

The Catchments Team carries out scientific assessments or Local Catchment Assessments, in Priority Areas for Action (PAAs) across the country. The PAAs were selected because the waterbodies in these areas were 'at risk' of not meeting their water quality objectives under the WFD. This targeted approach

aims to restore water quality in these 'at risk' waterbodies, thereby helping to meet national objectives for compliance with the WFD.

Local Catchment Assessments use chemical, biological and environmental information gathered by the Catchments Team or others to figure out what is causing impacts on water bodies. This very often identifies highly complex issues affecting water quality across a range of sectors.

LAWPRO then issues referrals on the problems identified and evidence collated, to the relevant implementing bodies, such as the Local Authority, EPA, Forest Service and the Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP), where related to agriculture.

ASSAP is a collaborative initiative between government and industry which has been put in place to support the implementation of best agricultural practice at farm level to help address agricultural pressures on water quality. Its advisory services are provided jointly by Teagasc and the dairy processing co-ops with support from the main farming organisations.



**Other Programmes and Initiatives Supported by LAWPRO**

## **Blue Dot Catchments Programme**

The Blue Dot Catchments Programme is a collaborative programme being delivered by a range of agencies as a means of focusing attention and resources towards the protection and restoration of our high status objective waters. The programme also endeavours to raise awareness amongst land managers and state bodies on the sensitivity of these waters.

The protection of high status waters was highlighted as one of the main priorities of the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021. The Plan places particular emphasis on the protection and, where possible, seeks to restore high-status of some water bodies, where deterioration has occurred.

## **Waters of Life**

The Waters of Life is an EU LIFE integrated project (IP) which aims to support the implementation of measures to protect/restore Ireland's High Status Objective Waters and thus to support the work of the Blue Dot Catchments Programme and implementation of the RBMP in general. LAWPRO are a project partner, together with the EPA, Teagasc, Coillte, Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM Agriculture), Forest Service (DAFM Forestry), OPW, with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as the Project Coordinator.

LAWPRO has responsibility for multiple actions which will be delivered by the project over its lifetime which include undertaking detailed local catchment assessments in each of demonstration catchments, along with enhanced community engagement activities and project delivery in Blue Dot catchments.

## **Nature Based Solutions**

Nature-based solutions leverage nature and the power of healthy ecosystems to protect people, optimise infrastructure and safeguard a stable and biodiverse future. LAWPRO has been working with partners to develop and promote nature-based solutions that will help improve water quality by filtering heavy metal pollutants, while also supporting flood risk management and biodiversity.



The identification of significant public funding initiatives earmarked by the government for local authority-led projects offers the perfect opportunity to integrate nature-based solutions at scale and develop best practice in terms of design and project delivery.

### **Citizen Science**

Citizen science actively involves citizens in scientific studies that generates new knowledge and understanding. The experience of LAWPRO shows that citizen science helps to engage people in water quality initiatives and by involving the public in the monitoring of their local waterbodies, it increases local knowledge and the potential for data collection.

LAWPRO is working with a number of research institutes, the EPA and the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) to put in place a citizen science recording system appropriate for the Irish riverine environment.

### **Water European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Project**

In 2024 LAWPRO will start implementation of the Water European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Project in partnership with Teagasc/ ASSAP and Dairy Sustainability Ireland, which will operate until 2027.

The Water EIP is an agri-environmental project providing grant funding for farmers to implement targeted actions to reduce losses of nutrients, sediment and pesticides from agricultural lands. The project will promote the adoption best practice in nutrient management, the application of nature-based natural water retention measures and other suitable measures at the farm level following the principals of integrated catchment management and science.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has awarded LAWPRO under the EIP initiative a budget of €50m over 5 years which will be used to provide grants to farmers and landowners to put in place measures to improve water quality and reduce water runoff from farms into water bodies. In addition, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage has allocated €10m over 5 years to fund the administrative costs of the Water EIP Project.

A new Water EIP Project Team of 24 staff will support the work of LAWPRO catchment scientists and ASSAP farm advisors with particular focus on Priority Action Areas identified in River Basin Management Plans.

## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024**

Preparation for the third Cycle RBMP is well underway within the programme, with a review of new actions assigned or enhancement of existing functions for LAWPRO being progressed. These include:

- Further activation, development and support of local level initiatives (rivers trusts, catchment partnerships).
- Restoration works to be advanced in areas where environmental objectives are not being met.
- Protection measures to be progressed in areas that are meeting their environmental objectives but require protection to ensure their water quality does not deteriorate.
- Catchment projects aimed at improving water quality to be advanced in 15 areas.
- LAWPRO, in consultation with stakeholders, to produce templates for the catchment management plans that will be put in place for each of the 46 hydrometric catchments over the next cycle.
- The Blue Dot Programme to draft a detailed work plan for waters with a high-status objective, with a view to it forming part of the proposed local catchment plans.
- Evaluate the outcome of the Resilience Project for Rivers Trusts to inform future community engagement initiatives.
- Examine ways in which further support can be provided for the formation and capacity building of local forums to help identify and implement measures. 5 pilot catchments are identified where research will be undertaken to deliver a facilitated catchment community engagement process in 2024.



- The Local Authority Waters Programme will conduct assessments of water bodies with unknown pressures in priority areas for action to identify the significant pressures in these areas with a high level of confidence.
- The Community and Catchment Teams will continue to work with local community groups, education providers, farming organisations 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 newly established LAWPRO Water EIP Team with Teagasc, the Dairy Industry and Tipperary County Council, will begin its work in processing and paying grants to eligible farmers in 2024.

# 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 2023. In 2024, 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 2023. 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 2023. The Library Service will concentrate on promoting reading and providing high quality events throughout 2024. Other programmes that will continue to run in the Library Service in 2024 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 pumps systems in several libraries, and the Service will continue to work with the Tipperary Energy Agency in 2024 to retro-fit Library Buildings with high quality systems to reduce the Library carbon footprint. In addition, the Library Service will work to meet the many goals of Tipperary County Council's Climate Action Plan and our Branch Libraries will continue to be venues for climate action workshops.

## **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, 2023 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 2024. Provision has been made in the draft budget to maintain the book fund at the same level as 2023.

## **PROPOSED LIBRARY PRIORITIES FOR 2024**

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 2024.

- **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 2024.

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 draft budget will allow Library Service to maintain its commitment to develop the Tipperary Studies Local History Collections. In addition, the digitisation programme of Local History materials will continue to develop and expand. The Tipperary Studies website has been very successful for several years. Library Staff have 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 2024.

- **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 2024. The Schools Mobile Library Service 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 continue in 2024 to convert the Town Hall in Templemore into a Library and Enterprise Centre. The Library will be an anchor tenant in this development and the new library will open to the public in 2024.

Work is progressing on the conversion of the Craft Granary, Cahir into a public library. A design team is currently working on a full design and construction tender. Construction works will commence in 2024.

# ARTS

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## OVERVIEW

A new Arts Strategy “Tipperary – A Place for the Arts 2023-2027” was launched in April 2023 and will guide the work of the Tipperary Arts Service over the next five years. Our vision is to *Make Tipperary a better place through the arts by supporting an environment where the arts can flourish to the benefit of artists, creative practitioners, local communities and visitors to the county.* We plan to work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county during 2024 in partnership with stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council across four strategic priorities:

Strategic Priority 1 - A space for artists

Strategic Priority 2 - Creative Infrastructure

Strategic Priority 3 - Art Connecting Communities

Strategic Priority 4 – Placing Art

## ACTIVITIES IN 2023

The work of the Tipperary Arts Office team in implementing Tipperary County Council’s vision for the arts is multi-faceted and imaginative, and encompasses a wide range of services, actions, and activities. This includes provision of information and advice, advocating for the arts at a local and national level, brokering partnerships and collaborations, undertaking research and planning, seeking investment for the arts, and supporting artists, cultural producers and the arts infrastructure through the management of a range of schemes and programmes.

During 2023, the Arts Office co-ordinated the central application process for festivals and events. Under the Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme, 125 festivals were funded by Tipperary County Council in 2023. The Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy aims to support the festival sector as identified during the strategy consultation process. During May 2023 a series of training events in marketing and communications were delivered to festivals and event

organisers under the Festivals and Events Supports initiative. A series of training sessions for event organisers also took place during October and November as part of a national collaboration project which included a session on the development of a sustainability plan across the environmental impacts of events for organisers. Workshops were designed to build festival capacity and sustainable skills, were free of charge and delivered online.

The Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme is intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts in the county. 35 groups were awarded funding to support artistic projects & events during 2023 to the value of €38,350 under this scheme.

The Tipperary Artist Directory, a new website showcasing professional Tipperary Artists was launched in September. This website is designed to act as a resource to promote the work of artists and arts practitioners living and/or working in Tipperary. The directory includes contact details, artist bios, images and links to websites and other work of Tipperary artists, across all art-forms, which can be used as a resource for festivals, curators, producers, collectors and collaborators and is accessed through the Tipperary County Council website or directly at <http://tipperaryarts.ie/>

Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in Tipperary Library service collaborated to present the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival, an interactive programme running throughout the month of May celebrating creativity as we age. The 2023 programme included over 120 events across Tipperary, a mix of workshops, live and online performance, exhibitions and socially engaged projects across a wide range of art forms including theatre, music, literature, film and visual arts. The festival was launched in Roscrea Library by Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach with an event featuring participants of Age Friendly Roscrea. The Tipperary Bealtaine Music Tour is a centrepiece of the festival offering, and this year professional musicians visited a number of day care centres, nursing homes and hospital settings- including Borrisokane Day Care Centre, St Conlon's Nenagh, as well as centres in Tipperary Town, Templemore, Thurles, Holycross and Cashel.

Our aim for Culture Night Tipperary 2023 was to demonstrate the rich tapestry of artistic and cultural talent which is evident throughout the county. Collaborating closely with arts and cultural partners, 32 events were developed and coordinated across 13 towns and villages, including live performances, exhibitions, workshops, tours, screenings and community events. One of our primary goals was to ensure a broad geographic spread of activity in order to strengthen awareness of the arts, forge new connections, and foster greater participation within rural locations and marginalised communities. We celebrated the diversity of culture in Tipperary again this year. The 'Sunflowers Soniashnyk' exhibition, curated by artist Trish Taylor Thompson was a tribute to the Ukrainian national flower and was developed in collaboration with the Ukrainian communities in North Tipperary. Down Syndrome Tipperary's Culture Night event was a joyous celebration and the Clonmel Theatre Guild staged a rehearsed reading of a new original comedy play 'Sacred Old Cow' developed through a collaboration with the Indian community in Clonmel, promoting cultural exchange.

During February and March 2023, Tipperary Arts office coordinated a series of art engagement opportunities at congregated Ukrainian rest centres with the support of the Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing support fund. The aim was to promote the health and wellbeing of Ukrainian refugees who have sought protection in Ireland. A total of 16 arts workshops took place across 3 sites in the county, with over 200 Ukrainian refugees in attendance, with participants ranging from young children to older adults. Six artists working in various disciplines visited residential settings in Dundrum and Fethard and the Ukrainian Community Centre in Thurles.

The Tipperary Youth Theatre Programme continued to be delivered in Nenagh & Thurles in partnership with local arts centres during 2023. This programme makes participation in the arts accessible to young people between 13 and 17 years and encourages the exploration and development of all art forms in particular theatre and the performing arts.

The Tipperary Artist in Primary School Scheme give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off

unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. 12 schools were successful in receiving support under this scheme for 2023.

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 33 artists through artists support schemes in 2023 in music, visual arts, film, theatre and literature. 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. 52 artist places were utilised by Tipperary artists in the 2023 programme.

### **PROPOSED ARTS PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR 2024**

Implementation of *Tipperary- A Place for the Arts*, 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, Creative Places Tipperary and Music Generation Tipperary.

Artists & Creative Practitioners – Investment in artistic development initiatives to support the development of new artistic work to the benefit of artists, creative practitioners, local communities and visitors to the county.



# 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 service during 2023. We were awarded Maintenance of Full Accreditation at Kilkenny Castle in the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland.

During the year, the Museum's strategy was to concentrate on our visitors and to ensure we maintained the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland. We were acutely aware that our visitors sought onsite cultural stimulation and live experiential performances, and so 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 tender and install a new chiller which will be environmentally & economically efficient. Through the Local Authority Museums Networks Strategic Management Plan, a focus on Climate Change will be addressed through a series of far reaching actions.

## 2023 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

Our Traditional Irish Skills & Diversity Programme 'Rock Paper Scissors' continued into its second of a three-year project, funded by The Heritage Council, through the Heritage Stewardship Funding stream. With the €30k award we commissioned a documentary to highlight the significant learnings

and experiences of the participants. The traditional Irish crafts were stone masonry, wood carving, embroidery, textiles and basketry. Students from \*Coláiste Shliabh na mBan based in Ferry house & Ukrainians living in Tipperary all participated.

The museum commissioned a series of music nights which were hosted in the intimate setting of our collection's gallery, titled "Hidden Gems at the Museum". We received €10k grant, the sell-out gigs were funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media through their *After Hours at the Museum Scheme 2023 #NTE23*. These have been hugely successful as night time events and hope the funding will be available in 2024.

- We concluded our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series with the ever-intriguing world of 'The Big House'. In collaboration with TCC Corporate Services section, the museum hosted the lectures in the Councils Chamber. We received positive feedback about the location, refreshments and the resumption of the lectures combined with in person chats.
- The Museum's website [www.hiddenhistory.ie](http://www.hiddenhistory.ie) and Museums UTUBE Channel has proven to be valuable resources when promoting and marketing our vast collection.
  - Digitised exhibitions: Cashin Photography Collection, An Post / Postcard Exhibitions, Mick Delahunty Collection, Hemphill material & Decade of Centenary
  - Live Streamed Lecture Series
  - Museum Programming
- Significant new artefacts were donated to the Museum such as Dan Breen's Revolver & his cut throat razor, Paddy Cashin's Photography Collection, additional Hemphill material. When items of this significance are donated, it highlights the strong connections the Museums staff are fostering and nurturing within our local community.

- Our third 'Museum in a Box' - *Play & Fun* 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 2023. These will be unveiled & exhibited in the gallery during 2024.
- Our marketing campaign focused on bringing our collection alive, supporting innovation and reviving traditional skills through various channels: Uploading our extensive programming onto our website, bringing our Civil War Exhibition and educational outputs to various locations across Tipperary, supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) through Science Week and supporting innovation through Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn's F1 project to name but a few.
- 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 Heritage Council, The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Environment, CREATIVE Ireland, and the Decade of Centenaries has ensured our innovative and exciting programme of events and exhibitions has been realised in 2023 and will continue into 2024.

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

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

\*Coláiste Shliabh na mBan is a High Support School which caters for students with a clearly identified Special Educational Need & for students whose diverse needs have not been met in mainstream education).

#### **PROPOSED MUSEUM PRIORITIES FOR 2024**

- Looking to 2024 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 interactive Paddy Cashin Photography Exhibition and continue to liaise with local groups to ensure this era 1977 – 1992 is documented & archived on behalf of our community.
- Liaise with new exhibition partners to bring an International Exhibitions to the Museum and continue our effective affiliation with Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2024.
- To continue the museum's educational function, digital & outreach programming and ensuring our community is at the heart of our service.
- To continue our Traditional Skills programme, with the hope of rolling it out across Local Authority Museums.
- 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.
- To advocate for Museums nationally through our TCC 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 Office 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.

## WORKS COMPLETED IN 2023

### **County Heritage Plan Projects:**

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

- Heritage Week Grant Scheme.
- Heritage Week Promotion
- Charles Bianconi film Project
- ICAN (Irish Community Archive Network) Tipperary set up
- Templemore Heritage Action plan activation projects
- Irish Landmark Trust Feasibility Study DW Parkes Clonmel
- Conservation report on graffiti and method statement for removal on monument site Templemore

**Heritage Plan 2023-2030:** An online and in person consultation process took place and a draft plan was prepared to oversee the work of the Heritage Office to 2030.

### **National Biodiversity Action Plan**

Biodiversity Action Plan projects this year included:

**Tipperary Wetlands Survey:** Field work took place on an additional 25 sites in 2023.

**The Quagga Mussel project** on the River Shannon system including Lough Derg continued for a second year with a final report and recommendations on actions that can be taken across the river system to deal with this invasive species.

**Alpine Newt Project:** A study took place in counties Tipperary, Galway and Offaly following on reports of the presence of a new invasive species in these counties, the Alpine Newt.

**Lough Nahinch Project/Gurteen College:** A number of initiatives were supported on Lough Nahinch including bird survey, underwater survey, butterfly monitoring and hydrological monitoring with a view to further actions.

**Sustainable Gardening Course:** A one day course was provided at the allotments at Cabragh Wetlands which looked at elements of sustainable gardening.

**Biodiversity Week Grant Scheme:** A scheme supporting groups to put on events or carry out actions during Biodiversity Week was piloted in 2023.

**Biodiversity Officer:** Tipperary County Council was accepted on the Heritage Council Biodiversity Officer programme at start of 2023 and advertised the post. Interviews have taken place and when the Biodiversity Officer is appointed, will take over the management of the Local Biodiversity Actions.

### **Irish Walled Town Network Programme**

A 42-page booklet on The Medieval Walled Towns of Tipperary was launched in April. A digital story map on the four walled towns in Tipperary was created in 2023. The Heritage Officer was co-opted onto the IWTN Management Committee in September 2023 following a meeting and site visit by the committee to Fethard.

## **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 7 successful projects

Boolabaun Castle (Phase 2)	Stabilisation Works	€75,605
Kilnarath Church (Phase 2)	Stabilisation Works	€100,000
Loughloher Castle	Vegetation removal	€28,831.50
Loughmoe Castle	Conservation Plan	€29,520
Monastic Site Emly	Holy well interpretation	€12,915
Kilsheelan Graveyard	Conservation Assessment	€8,487

## **Decade of Commemorations Programme**

The Programme continued in 2023. Our Local Legacies Grant Scheme allocated €20,000 in funds to the following

Liam Lynch Memorial Committee
Stephen Callaghan
3 <sup>RD</sup> Tipperary Old IRA Brigade Committee
Tipperary Town Revitalisation Taskforce
Tom Hennessy

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 workbook was launched in May for primary school children.

## **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. Tipperary County Council was delighted to be announced as one of 3 bids to get on the new Tentative List in July 2022 and have been working on progressing the bid.



A mapping exercise was completed in 2023 mapping the OUV attributes of each of the 6 sites. An MOU is also in discussion with the Department and Local Authorities and should be in place by year end 2023. It is also hoped that recruitment will take place for a project coordinator to be a contact point between all sites to progress work on the bid.

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

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

#### Community Grant Scheme

Community Group	Events
Glengarra Mountain Lodge	Suaimhneas sna Coillte
Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	Programme
Cahir Social and Historical Society	Summer at the Castle
Féile Brian Boru	Festival
Clonmel Applefest	Harvest Fair
Cashel Arts Festival	Gathering Memoir
Linguan Valley Tourism	Sliabh na mBan 1848 Monster Meeting
Thomas MacDonagh Museum	History Beats and Poetry Rhymes
Birdhill Art Hub	At one with Nature
Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force	Tipperary Town Memories

#### Project Award Scheme

Tipperary Town Revitalisation	Scenes from a Tipperary Landscape
Clingfilm Productions	The Friary
South Tipperary Arts Centre	Art, Climate, Community
Allill Martin	Hit the Wall-documentary on Irish Handball
Aoife Barrett	The Crop, The Shop and the Table
Tipperary Dance Platform	Ages in Stages, a parliament for the future
Gerry Carew	How I see myself
Nenagh Arts Centre	Lost Songs of Tipperary
Cloughjordan Circus Club	Cluichí na Coillte
Tipperary Libraries	Children's Book Festival
Tipperary Libraries	Mná Month 2023

**Cruinniú na nÓg** the national day of free creativity for children took place on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Events took place across the County. We launched an open call in April to facilitate events across the county.

### **Creative Ireland 2023-2027**

The programme has been extended by another 5 years so a new culture and Creativity Strategy was launched in January at Farmleigh House in January.

### **WORKS PLANNED FOR 2024**

- County Heritage Plan Action 2024
- Historic Towns imitative scheme 2 potential projects
- Community Monuments Scheme 2024
- Irish Walled Town Network projects
- Creative Ireland Programme 2024
- 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 successfully 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 and Mobile Crane Operations 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. In September 2023 a new MOU was agreed between SOLAS and Tipperary County Council for the verification and accreditation processes to remain

with this council for a period of two years up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025.  
Costs associated with the service are fully recoupable from SOLAS.

It is anticipated that the office will verify approximately 12,000 learners in 2023 and it is expected that a similar number of participants will be verified in 2024.

# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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## **CORPORATE PLAN 2020 – 2024**

Tipperary County Council is a large and diverse organisation, responsible for providing a wide range of services and supports to a diverse range of customers. The customers of Tipperary County Council include, the 167,661 residents in 69,106 households, approximately 14,000 businesses with over 63,400 employees, along with those who visit our county for recreation.

The Tipperary Corporate Plan 2020-2024 sets out the strategic vision and direction for the Council for the next five years. The Corporate Plan serves as the framework for action during the lifetime of the current Council, delivered through the supporting strategies of all Council directorates, with the goal to make Tipperary a better place to live and conduct business. The Tipperary County Council Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 describes a future for Tipperary, and how the Council, together with all stakeholders, intends to deliver the vision: –

***"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"***

The Corporate Plan has had due regard to the Public Sector Duty as set out in Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act, 2014, and in particular the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and treatment, and to protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

A limited number of strategic objectives have been identified which translate into more detailed supporting actions and activities and are set out in the annual service delivery plans.

## **CLIMATE ACTION AND LOW CARBON ECONOMY**

Climate Action will be a key determinant in how the Climate Change objectives will be delivered at local level to help reduce the risks and impacts of climate change across communities. The Council's new Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) is a further step in the process of adaptation and mitigation planning in Tipperary County Council and 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 LACAP sets out 100 Council climate actions, including the Council's commitment to achieving its own emissions reductions (51%) and energy efficiency (50%) targets by 2030 and a carbon neutral economy by 2050.

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with climate action delivery across its built environment with a particular focus on the development of a Building Stock Plan of all Council owned buildings and land assets to determine their capacity for more efficient use and occupation, and to help plan for their most efficient use i.e. renovation, retrofitting, disposal etc to help achieve emissions reductions and energy efficiency targets.

The following actions have been identified from a corporate perspective for implementation over the next number of years.

- Mainstream the LACAP 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, buildings and infrastructure (excluding social housing).

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

The Customer Services Desks (CSDs) in both Clonmel and Nenagh Civic Offices are 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 200,000 customer service interactions made annually between phones, personal callers and emails.

The Council continues to enhance the access to online services available to the public and utilises Map-Alerter, which is a 24/7 free alert service. Members of the public can sign up for free to receive alerts relating to specific topics such as road closures, floods, severe weather and planning applications. 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. 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's communications strategy ensures that information is up-to-date, readily available and easily accessed by members of the public and other stakeholders and a Communications Liaison Team (CLT) is in place 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. The responsibility to appoint and pay for the Coroners Service is the responsibility and liability of the local authorities and provision has been allowed to fund the cost of this public service in the draft budget for 2024.

### **LOCAL REPRESENTATION/CIVIC LEADERSHIP**

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with the various Councillor related Allowances such as Annual Remuneration, Local Representational Allowance, Maternity and Security Allowance, Training and Development and conference-seminar related together with costs associated with Civic Receptions and twining events.

### **WOMENS CAUCUS**

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with the development of the Tipperary's Women's Caucus whose remit is 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 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:

- Introduction of a legal requirement to have one single central shared national electoral registration database;



- Rolling Register –single live and continuously updated register –Draft, Final and supplement replaced with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022;
- Simplified process -Delivering a more accurate and timely register – Register on [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) or completion of ERF1 Form;
- All Local Authorities are scheduled to migrate their data by the end of 2025;
- Additional data is now required from all electors including PPS Numbers, Dates of Birth, Eircode and contact details -email/phone no – including both new and existing electors;
- Anonymous & No fixed abode electors provided for i.e. People whose safety may be at risk or people with no fixed address;
- Pre-Registration now available for 16/17-year olds;
- Electoral Commission established to provide oversight;
- Development of a new national shared database called Voter.ie which will replace iReg and Check the Register;

Provision has been allowed in the Draft Budget to continue local communications/media campaigns across the county during 2024 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 Clonmel and Cashel in 2024. 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 the ongoing digitisation and conservation work on material held by the archivist.

## **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

The public are facilitated to make requests for records held by the Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, the AIE Regulations and Data Protection legislation.

## **IRISH LANGUAGE**

Provision has been allowed towards costs associated with Section 10A (Advertising by Public Bodies) of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021, which places 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.

Provision is also made for staff to receive professional Irish language training in order to make available more of our services in Irish to the public. This promotes the use of our native language in the Council and the community it serves.

## **INTERNAL AUDIT**

### **Background**

Internal Audit is an independent, objective, assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation's operations. It helps Tipperary County Council accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the risk management, control and governance processes.

It is the policy of Tipperary County Council to maintain and support a quality Internal Audit function in accordance with the Internal Audit Charter.

Internal audit operates with the direct authority of the Chief Executive and, in carrying out its duties, works constructively with management and staff.

## **Strategic Audit Plan**

The Strategic Audit Plan sets out audit priorities for the medium term and shows intended coverage of areas identified in the risk assessment process.

## **Annual Audit Plan**

The Annual Audit Plan is the detailed plan prepared for each year of the Strategic Audit Plan Cycle and concentrates mainly on Operational, Financial and Regulatory risk.

## **Value for Money**

The concept of Value for Money in relation to Local Authorities means delivering Local Authority services in a more economical, efficient and effective manner. Local Authorities operate in an environment where accountability and responsibility for decisions made must be clear to customers, elected members and staff.

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

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.

Further provisions of the Local Government and Other Matters Act 2019 are being commenced, with a view to modernising rates legislation and practice, including variation of rates payment arrangements and provision that newly valued properties and amendments to valuations of existing properties are effective immediately for rating purposes.

One change for 2023 is that Rates will no longer be payable in two moieties. A rates bill will issue in early 2023 and will be payable immediately. As an alternative, ratepayers can opt to pay by agreed payment plans.

An **Early Payment Scheme** was in operation in 2023, whereby a small or medium business can avail of savings by paying their rates bill by a defined date.

The Early Payment Scheme for 2024 will be similar to 2023. Details are outlined as follows:

- The scheme will be open to all ratepayers whose annual rate bill is less than €26,000.
- The percent reduction applied will be 6% with a maximum reduction of €600.

- Payment to be made by a specified date.
- The scheme will remain open to customers with arrears in their accounts subject to compliance with certain requirements.

### **Appeals following ReValuation 2019**

To end of September 2023, we have been notified of the results of approximately 72% of appeals submitted following the Revaluation process in 2019. There has been an average of 43% reduction on the appeals decided so far, with an overall reduction in valuation of €4,936,870.

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

### **Refunds on Vacant Properties**

The change from 100% relief on all vacant properties has generated the following income to the end 2022;

**Relief** on properties where the amount payable is between €5,000 and €10,000:

2020 – 85% - €37,918  
 2021 – 85% - €31,100  
 2022 – 85% - €26,941

**Relief** on properties where the amount payable is in excess of €10,000

2020 – 70% - €131,072  
 2021 – 70% - €93,084  
 2022 – 70% - €45,922

It is expected that these amounts will increase over time.

#### *Proposed Rates Refund Scheme on Vacant Commercial Property for 2024*

<i>Amount of rates payable (€)</i>	<i>Rebate (%) 2024</i>
<i>Less than 5,000</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>5,000 to 10,000</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Greater than 10,000</i>	<i>60</i>

# 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 2023 amounted to 127,955. In percentage terms, the number of discs issued on-line as of this date was **83.16%** thereof.

A percentage of **82.83%** was reflected for the equivalent period in 2022.

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 589 transactions have been carried out from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – this number has increased from last year's figures.

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 2022, the Motor Taxation Department, dealt with a total of **11,490** postal applications for Motor Tax licences and these were processed in the following manner.

Issued	No. of Transactions	%
On the same day	11,354	98.82
On 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	88	0.76
On 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> Day	9	0.08
Over 5 days	39	0.34

The Motor Tax Office in Clonmel has relocated to the former Town Hall Building in Parnell Street, Clonmel, in late October 2023. Every effort to promote climate awareness and sustainable energy formed part of the plans for this move.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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The draft budget for IT includes:

- the hardware, software, communications and services costs associated with running the business systems, online systems, web sites, email systems and geographical systems in the organisation
- the costs for maintaining the IT infrastructure, Networks, Data links and services that support the above systems in 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
- provision of web-sites, online systems, external hosting, digital solutions and associated services costs
- 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 Email, File Services, Database, and Geographical Information Systems
- 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

- provision of internet connectivity, and Wi-Fi systems and services costs
- 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 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

To assist in the fight against climate change, the procurement of IT equipment will continue to include where appropriate “environmental ratings” as an award criterion.





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**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    apportioned costs relating to this service area.

A1201    Includes HAP Operational Costs, salaries, and apportioned  
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 the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) the national shared service managed jointly by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils. Also 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

<b>DIVISION G</b>	<b>AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>
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<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	3,483,701
J02 - Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,807,820
J03 - IT Services	3,937,407
J04 - Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	459,209
J05 - Human Resource Function	2,474,409
J06 - Finance Function Overhead	2,081,748
J07 - Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	12,900,000
J08 - Area Office Overhead	0
<b>Total Expenditure Allocated to Services</b>	<b>28,144,294</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 Brinks security cash collection costs.
J07	Pensions and Lump Sum Costs – includes pension payments to former staff, and a provision towards lump-sums in 2024.

**The Draft Budget 2024 and statutory tables follow this report.**

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



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# **BUDGET TABLES**

**ADOPTED BUDGET 2024**

**Tipperary County Council**

**TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION**

Summary by Service Division						Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2023	
		Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2024		€	%
		€	€	€	%	€	%
<b>Gross Revenue Expenditure &amp; Income</b>							
Housing and Building		47,811,603	47,104,166	707,437	1%	1,334,614	2%
Road Transport & Safety		60,638,999	41,698,401	18,940,598	29%	18,629,308	29%
Water Services		14,930,489	14,366,139	564,350	1%	584,383	1%
Development Management		23,356,907	11,031,135	12,325,772	19%	11,522,542	18%
Environmental Services		52,473,153	32,619,608	19,853,545	30%	18,412,026	29%
Recreation and Amenity		15,841,198	2,668,927	13,172,271	20%	12,353,530	19%
Agriculture, Food and the Marine		2,012,720	1,327,851	684,869	1%	693,439	1%
Miscellaneous Services		17,088,811	18,186,945	-1,098,134	-2%	195,647	0%
		<b>234,153,880</b>	<b>169,003,172</b>	<b>65,150,708</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>63,725,489</b>	<b>100%</b>
Provision for Debit Balance		0		0		0	
<b>Adjusted Gross Expenditure &amp; Income</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>234,153,880</b>	<b>169,003,172</b>	<b>65,150,708</b>		<b>63,725,489</b>	
<b>Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances</b>							
Provision for Credit Balance			0	0		0	
Local Property Tax			28,556,840	28,556,840		26,986,309	
<b>Sub - Total</b>	<b>(B)</b>			<b>28,556,840</b>		<b>26,986,309</b>	
<b>Net Amount of Rates to be Levied</b>	<b>(A-B)</b>			<b>36,593,868</b>			
Value of Base Year Adjustment				0			
<b>Amount of Rates to be Levied (Gross of BYA)</b>	<b>(D)</b>			<b>36,593,868</b>			
<b>Net Effective Valuation</b>	<b>(E)</b>			181,607,293			
<b>General Annual Rate on Valuation</b>	<b>D/E</b>			<b>0.2015</b>			

<b>Table B</b>		<b>Expenditure &amp; Income for 2024 and Estimated Outturn for 2023</b>							
<b>Division &amp; Services</b>		<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</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>Code</b>		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	<b>Housing and Building</b>								
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	13,295,054	13,295,054	18,787,658	18,787,658	12,532,927	13,362,451	18,146,710	19,071,648
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,319,367	1,319,367	76,595	76,595	1,218,657	1,171,660	79,692	77,192
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,551,271	1,551,271	31,883	31,883	1,493,435	1,454,132	35,537	32,587
A04	Housing Community Development Support	1,064,425	1,064,425	230,476	230,476	799,448	1,022,333	89,094	230,729
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	1,506,087	1,506,087	1,110,529	1,110,529	1,300,974	1,386,900	970,089	976,704
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	2,494,080	2,494,080	1,624,650	1,624,650	1,969,272	2,256,268	1,127,404	1,459,904
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	21,438,381	21,438,381	22,145,703	22,145,703	15,610,429	21,222,980	15,967,364	20,922,990
A08	Housing Loans	917,908	917,908	687,818	687,818	865,707	863,961	630,441	649,689
A09	Housing Grants	3,178,635	3,178,635	1,820,424	1,820,424	3,072,079	4,892,183	1,761,355	3,248,168
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	0	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000	4,000
A12	HAP Programme	1,046,395	1,046,395	584,430	584,430	987,331	962,999	300,528	587,641
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>47,811,603</b>	<b>47,811,603</b>	<b>47,104,165</b>	<b>47,104,165</b>	<b>39,850,259</b>	<b>48,595,867</b>	<b>39,112,215</b>	<b>47,261,253</b>
	<b>Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>								
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	932,347	932,347	603,968	603,968	895,365	846,232	587,956	538,845
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	1,297,147	1,297,147	730,253	730,253	1,505,420	1,332,605	977,780	818,617
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	16,593,123	16,593,123	12,505,714	12,505,714	15,057,098	18,018,121	11,113,282	13,742,309
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	32,633,892	32,633,892	23,520,074	23,520,074	33,080,955	34,852,277	24,448,100	26,101,952
B05	Public Lighting	2,502,354	2,502,354	165,286	165,286	2,472,173	2,554,555	165,576	398,007
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	141,172	141,172	26,724	26,724	135,978	202,623	25,305	46,889
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	668,202	668,202	627,727	627,727	714,790	647,035	678,055	609,061
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	132,602	132,602	2,880	2,880	125,524	126,331	3,216	2,945
B09	Car Parking	2,391,166	2,391,166	3,156,029	3,156,029	2,259,006	2,291,698	3,101,399	2,950,957
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	2,834,757	2,834,757	27,545	27,545	2,921,153	2,995,972	30,753	28,163
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	512,238	512,238	332,200	332,200	476,299	563,967	332,200	564,363
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>60,639,000</b>	<b>60,639,000</b>	<b>41,698,401</b>	<b>41,698,401</b>	<b>59,643,761</b>	<b>64,431,416</b>	<b>41,463,622</b>	<b>45,802,108</b>

		<b>Table B Expenditure &amp; Income for 2024 and Estimated Outturn for 2023</b>							
		2024				2023			
		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>Division &amp; Services</b>		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Code</b>	<b>Water Services</b>								
C01	Water Supply	6,886,621	6,886,621	0	0	9,385,194	9,402,650	168,202	154,040
C02	Waste Water Treatment	1,879,938	1,879,938	0	0	3,194,153	3,198,972	74,132	67,890
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C04	Public Conveniences	360,822	360,822	54,141	54,141	338,104	357,143	54,442	54,034
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations	1,406,717	1,406,717	1,189,047	1,189,047	1,398,405	1,321,303	1,143,519	1,123,138
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	458,574	458,574	443,574	443,574	1,445,609	1,444,609	1,433,109	1,430,249
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	111,057	111,057	8,892,616	8,892,616	265,918	264,246	12,615,431	12,615,188
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	3,826,761	3,826,761	3,786,761	3,786,761	57,750	59,000	17,750	19,000
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>14,930,490</b>	<b>14,930,490</b>	<b>14,366,139</b>	<b>14,366,139</b>	<b>16,085,133</b>	<b>16,047,923</b>	<b>15,506,586</b>	<b>15,463,540</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Development Management</b>								
D01	Forward Planning	1,466,302	1,466,302	254,991	254,991	1,488,983	1,473,568	227,319	255,440
D02	Development Management	2,326,035	2,326,035	882,980	882,980	2,112,295	2,104,268	869,445	680,885
D03	Enforcement	1,283,525	1,283,525	50,465	50,465	1,204,359	1,201,108	62,615	50,880
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	57,198	57,198	0	0	57,051	44,427	0	0
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	991,557	991,557	147,221	147,221	808,963	906,213	107,975	305,068
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	6,425,027	6,425,027	5,160,543	5,160,543	3,982,241	6,641,294	2,884,114	5,516,072
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates	664,610	664,610	8,445	8,445	601,271	600,517	9,428	8,635
D08	Building Control	240,108	240,108	26,460	26,460	208,880	204,206	26,979	26,560
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	7,641,901	7,641,901	3,353,077	3,353,077	7,553,903	7,404,618	3,313,817	3,282,015
D10	Property Management	1,016,190	1,016,190	255,164	255,164	882,911	909,433	218,065	152,297
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	1,224,454	1,224,454	871,789	871,789	780,624	919,100	494,668	608,359
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>23,356,907</b>	<b>23,356,907</b>	<b>11,031,136</b>	<b>11,031,136</b>	<b>19,701,481</b>	<b>22,428,751</b>	<b>8,234,425</b>	<b>10,906,209</b>

<b>Table B</b>		<b>Expenditure &amp; Income for 2024 and Estimated Outturn for 2023</b>							
<b>Division &amp; Services</b>		<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</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>Environmental Services</b>								
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	3,749,526	3,749,526	1,745,773	1,745,773	3,873,284	3,683,002	1,746,574	1,745,928
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	2,248,115	2,248,115	1,413,425	1,413,425	2,107,095	2,199,836	1,307,546	1,435,237
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	13,269	13,269	0	0	13,185	13,221	0	370
E05	Litter Management	1,483,241	1,483,241	405,495	405,495	1,452,987	1,442,628	400,649	388,410
E06	Street Cleaning	2,348,889	2,348,889	30,393	30,393	2,041,340	2,116,845	33,933	31,076
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	566,855	566,855	67,199	67,199	634,792	522,695	83,840	69,115
E08	Waste Management Planning	431,964	431,964	17,677	17,677	361,251	316,173	17,905	17,559
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,812,087	1,812,087	365,319	365,319	1,759,839	1,778,702	360,034	359,042
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	798,242	798,242	189,634	189,634	725,637	760,090	183,756	187,854
E11	Operation of Fire Service	10,789,320	10,789,320	2,205,516	2,205,516	8,821,403	8,809,463	480,952	377,332
E12	Fire Prevention	629,093	629,093	162,760	162,760	591,582	559,857	162,129	162,441
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	704,789	704,789	57,700	57,700	609,925	631,432	48,371	55,234
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	25,793,506	25,793,506	25,079,459	25,079,459	11,009,082	11,191,554	10,718,072	10,903,874
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	1,104,259	1,104,259	879,259	879,259	820,000	319,000	700,000	199,000
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>52,473,155</b>	<b>52,473,155</b>	<b>32,619,608</b>	<b>32,619,608</b>	<b>34,821,402</b>	<b>34,344,498</b>	<b>16,243,760</b>	<b>15,932,472</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>								
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	3,243,731	3,243,731	1,051,624	1,051,624	3,253,288	3,260,319	1,056,180	1,052,002
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	5,511,750	5,511,750	219,759	219,759	5,112,277	5,150,090	207,557	224,458
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	3,456,474	3,456,474	37,461	37,461	3,111,263	3,160,798	41,683	38,275
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	892,430	892,430	429,278	429,278	857,053	1,081,657	422,859	659,487
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	1,978,221	1,978,221	203,107	203,107	1,842,010	1,870,883	219,629	224,043
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	758,594	758,594	727,698	727,698	756,310	755,779	727,876	727,732
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>15,841,200</b>	<b>15,841,200</b>	<b>2,668,927</b>	<b>2,668,927</b>	<b>14,932,201</b>	<b>15,279,526</b>	<b>2,675,783</b>	<b>2,925,996</b>



<b>Table B</b>		<b>Expenditure &amp; Income for 2024 and Estimated Outturn for 2023</b>							
<b>Division &amp; Services</b>		<b>2024</b>				<b>2023</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	212,713	212,713	20,519	20,519	197,331	259,527	15,580	43,531
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	975,986	975,986	515,883	515,883	813,792	858,028	393,577	410,516
G05	Educational Support Services	35,763	35,763	3,191	3,191	33,372	32,737	2,872	2,807
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	788,258	788,258	788,258	788,258	800,248	763,258	800,248	763,258
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>2,012,720</b>	<b>2,012,720</b>	<b>1,327,851</b>	<b>1,327,851</b>	<b>1,844,743</b>	<b>1,913,550</b>	<b>1,212,277</b>	<b>1,220,111</b>
<b>Code</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Services</b>								
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	144,444	144,444	77,876	77,876	80,928	99,292	86,944	79,624
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	267,299	267,299	6,882	6,882	247,446	242,886	7,683	7,036
H03	Adminstration of Rates	7,617,554	7,617,554	628,423	628,423	7,357,819	7,700,650	131,733	564,596
H04	Franchise Costs	276,249	276,249	51,463	51,463	222,600	264,615	1,621	51,693
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	325,968	325,968	0	0	295,570	321,982	0	0
H06	Weighbridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	28,657	28,657	38,236	38,236	29,365	28,094	28,263	38,241
H08	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,338	2,000	0
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	3,996,020	3,996,020	27,517	27,517	3,803,274	3,739,648	23,975	175,760
H10	Motor Taxation	1,843,641	1,843,641	70,442	70,442	1,736,798	1,701,016	73,987	71,125
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,586,979	2,586,979	17,284,107	17,284,107	4,316,538	4,166,176	16,243,804	17,083,975
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>17,088,811</b>	<b>17,088,811</b>	<b>18,186,946</b>	<b>18,186,946</b>	<b>18,092,338</b>	<b>18,267,697</b>	<b>16,600,010</b>	<b>18,072,050</b>
	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>234,153,886</b>	<b>234,153,886</b>	<b>169,003,173</b>	<b>169,003,173</b>	<b>204,971,318</b>	<b>221,309,229</b>	<b>141,048,678</b>	<b>157,583,741</b>

<b>Table D</b>	
<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2024 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	
<b>Source of Income</b>	<b>2024 €</b>
Rents from Houses	19,282,500
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	567,000
Parking Fines/Charges	3,115,400
Uisce Éireann	9,701,590
Planning Fees	747,000
Domestic Refuse	0
Commercial Refuse	0
Landfill Charges	2,893,900
Fire Charges	336,000
Recreation / Amenity / Culture	1,017,500
Agency Services & Repayable Works	159,130
Local Authority Contributions	1,850,053
Superannuation	1,596,000
NPPR	25,000
Misc. (Detail)	8,300,385
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,591,458</b>

<b>Table E</b>	
<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2024 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES</b>	
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	<b>2024</b>
	<b>€</b>
<b>Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</b>	
Housing and Building	25,689,879
Road Transport & Safety	0
Water Services	4,393,033
Development Management	800,467
Environmental Services	26,181,035
Recreation and Amenity	0
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0
Miscellaneous Services	13,079,209
	<b>70,143,623</b>
<b>Other Departments and Bodies</b>	
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	34,282,422
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0
National Transport Authority	0
Social Protection	726,167
Defence	142,000
Education	788,258
Library Council	0
Arts Council	154,442
Transport	1,192,000
Justice	0
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	5,000
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	2,155,400
Rural and Community Development	3,464,095
Environment, Climate and Communications	1,244,759
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	302,951
Other	4,810,597
	<b>49,268,091</b>
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies</b>	<b>119,411,714</b>

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

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2024		2023	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	9,176,284	9,176,284	8,646,899	9,471,021
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	200,290	200,290	186,000	238,000
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management	826,112	826,112	790,355	773,661
A0104	Estate Maintenance	0	0	0	0
A0199	Service Support Costs	3,092,368	3,092,368	2,909,673	2,879,769
	<b>Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing</b>	<b>13,295,054</b>	<b>13,295,054</b>	<b>12,532,927</b>	<b>13,362,451</b>
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	752,578	752,578	687,432	644,800
A0299	Service Support Costs	566,789	566,789	531,225	526,860
	<b>Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer</b>	<b>1,319,367</b>	<b>1,319,367</b>	<b>1,218,657</b>	<b>1,171,660</b>
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	900,315	900,315	881,217	845,620
A0399	Service Support Costs	650,956	650,956	612,218	608,512
	<b>Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration</b>	<b>1,551,271</b>	<b>1,551,271</b>	<b>1,493,435</b>	<b>1,454,132</b>
A0401	Housing Estate Management	295,329	295,329	263,976	313,700
A0402	Tenancy Management	541,633	541,633	322,694	496,850
A0403	Social and Community Housing Service	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
A0499	Service Support Costs	221,463	221,463	206,778	205,783
	<b>Housing Community Development Support</b>	<b>1,064,425</b>	<b>1,064,425</b>	<b>799,448</b>	<b>1,022,333</b>
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	900,000	900,000	860,000	860,000
A0502	Homeless Service	394,570	394,570	278,135	295,800
A0599	Service Support Costs	211,517	211,517	162,839	231,100
	<b>Administration of Homeless Service</b>	<b>1,506,087</b>	<b>1,506,087</b>	<b>1,300,974</b>	<b>1,386,900</b>
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support	680,710	680,710	689,565	645,900
A0602	Loan Charges	1,300,000	1,300,000	800,000	1,134,723
A0699	Service Support Costs	513,370	513,370	479,707	475,645
	<b>Support to Housing Capital Prog.</b>	<b>2,494,080</b>	<b>2,494,080</b>	<b>1,969,272</b>	<b>2,256,268</b>
A0701	RAS Operations	6,529,204	6,529,204	7,151,496	7,148,500
A0702	Long Term Leasing	2,596,143	2,596,143	2,797,618	2,792,200
A0703	Payment & Availability	11,848,000	11,848,000	5,230,000	10,848,000
A0704	Affordable Leases	50,000	50,000	40,600	50,000
A0799	Service Support Costs	415,034	415,034	390,715	384,280
	<b>RAS and Leasing Programme</b>	<b>21,438,381</b>	<b>21,438,381</b>	<b>15,610,429</b>	<b>21,222,980</b>

<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	613,468	613,468	534,786	575,600
<b>A0802</b>	Debt Management Housing Loans	136,953	136,953	171,472	131,100
<b>A0899</b>	Service Support Costs	167,487	167,487	159,449	157,261
	<b>Housing Loans</b>	<b>917,908</b>	<b>917,908</b>	<b>865,707</b>	<b>863,961</b>
<b>A0901</b>	Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme	1,300,545	1,300,545	1,300,545	2,410,000
<b>A0902</b>	Loan Charges DPG/ERG	0	0	0	0
<b>A0903</b>	Essential Repair Grants	750,000	750,000	650,000	1,300,000
<b>A0904</b>	Other Housing Grant Payments	60,000	60,000	0	120,000
<b>A0905</b>	Mobility Aids Housing Grants	150,000	150,000	250,000	200,000
<b>A0999</b>	Service Support Costs	918,090	918,090	871,534	862,183
	<b>Housing Grants</b>	<b>3,178,635</b>	<b>3,178,635</b>	<b>3,072,079</b>	<b>4,892,183</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	733,848	733,848	692,448	674,100
<b>A1299</b>	Service Support Costs	312,547	312,547	294,883	288,899
	<b>HAP Programme</b>	<b>1,046,395</b>	<b>1,046,395</b>	<b>987,331</b>	<b>962,999</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>47,811,603</b>	<b>47,811,603</b>	<b>39,850,259</b>	<b>48,595,867</b>

<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	25,689,879	25,689,879	18,012,165	25,801,918
Other	232,695	232,695	90,000	232,695
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>25,922,574</b>	<b>25,922,574</b>	<b>18,102,165</b>	<b>26,034,613</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Rents from houses	19,282,500	19,282,500	19,285,500	19,199,700
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	567,000	567,000	490,475	536,300
Superannuation	218,841	218,841	244,325	223,754
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other Income	1,113,250	1,113,250	989,750	1,266,886
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>21,181,591</b>	<b>21,181,591</b>	<b>21,010,050</b>	<b>21,226,640</b>
		0		
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>47,104,165</b>	<b>47,104,165</b>	<b>39,112,215</b>	<b>47,261,253</b>

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2024		2023	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0102	NP – Pavement Overlay/Reconstruction	0	0	0	0
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance	129,500	129,500	133,385	129,500
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	460,052	460,052	438,476	394,605
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	0	0	0	0
B0199	Service Support Costs	342,795	342,795	323,504	322,127
<b>National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement</b>		<b>932,347</b>	<b>932,347</b>	<b>895,365</b>	<b>846,232</b>
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0202	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction	0	0	0	0
B0203	NS - Overlay/Reconstruction – Urban	0	0	0	0
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance	149,500	149,500	153,985	149,500
B0205	NS – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	0	0	0	0
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	563,763	563,763	804,828	651,746
B0207	NS – General Improvement Works	0	0	0	0
B0299	Service Support Costs	583,884	583,884	546,607	531,359
<b>National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement</b>		<b>1,297,147</b>	<b>1,297,147</b>	<b>1,505,420</b>	<b>1,332,605</b>
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	1,559,825	1,559,825	1,302,788	1,559,825
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	4,280,428	4,280,428	3,525,035	5,743,643
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0304	Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	681,000	681,000	309,000	681,000
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	6,498,459	6,498,459	6,608,495	6,894,050
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	1,096,000	1,096,000	949,979	867,000
B0399	Service Support Costs	2,477,411	2,477,411	2,361,801	2,272,603
<b>Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance</b>		<b>16,593,123</b>	<b>16,593,123</b>	<b>15,057,098</b>	<b>18,018,121</b>
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	3,588,175	3,588,175	3,896,652	3,588,175
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	13,719,572	13,719,572	13,479,235	13,719,572
B0403	Local Roads Winter Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	0	0	0	0
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	5,641,143	5,641,143	6,081,864	6,997,247
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	5,003,554	5,003,554	5,338,535	6,255,260
B0499	Service Support Costs	4,681,448	4,681,448	4,284,669	4,292,023
<b>Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement</b>		<b>32,633,892</b>	<b>32,633,892</b>	<b>33,080,955</b>	<b>34,852,277</b>
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	2,314,590	2,314,590	2,314,590	2,391,848
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	0	0	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	187,764	187,764	157,583	162,707
<b>Public Lighting</b>		<b>2,502,354</b>	<b>2,502,354</b>	<b>2,472,173</b>	<b>2,554,555</b>



ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2024		2023	
		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	24,055	24,055	22,325	94,160
B0699	Service Support Costs	117,117	117,117	113,653	108,463
	<b>Traffic Management Improvement</b>	<b>141,172</b>	<b>141,172</b>	<b>135,978</b>	<b>202,623</b>
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures	623,755	623,755	673,620	605,000
B0702	Other Engineering Improvements	0	0	0	0
B0799	Service Support Costs	44,447	44,447	41,170	42,035
	<b>Road Safety Engineering Improvements</b>	<b>668,202</b>	<b>668,202</b>	<b>714,790</b>	<b>647,035</b>
B0801	School Wardens	83,558	83,558	80,643	80,643
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	20,000	20,000	18,000	18,000
B0899	Service Support Costs	29,044	29,044	26,881	27,688
	<b>Road Safety Promotion/Education</b>	<b>132,602</b>	<b>132,602</b>	<b>125,524</b>	<b>126,331</b>
B0901	Maintenance and Management of Car Parks	650,151	650,151	517,125	554,219
B0902	Operation of Street Parking	280,254	280,254	331,511	331,430
B0903	Parking Enforcement	725,146	725,146	714,937	697,608
B0999	Service Support Costs	735,615	735,615	695,433	708,441
	<b>Car Parking</b>	<b>2,391,166</b>	<b>2,391,166</b>	<b>2,259,006</b>	<b>2,291,698</b>
B1001	Administration of Roads Capital Programme	479,036	479,036	404,925	473,300
B1099	Service Support Costs	2,355,721	2,355,721	2,516,228	2,522,672
	<b>Support to Roads Capital Programme</b>	<b>2,834,757</b>	<b>2,834,757</b>	<b>2,921,153</b>	<b>2,995,972</b>
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	487,238	487,238	451,299	538,967
B1199	Service Support Costs	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>512,238</b>	<b>512,238</b>	<b>476,299</b>	<b>563,967</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>60,639,000</b>	<b>60,639,000</b>	<b>59,643,761</b>	<b>64,431,416</b>

<b>ROAD TRANSPORT &amp; SAFETY</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	34,282,422	34,282,422	33,099,659	35,860,918
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
National Transport Authority	0	0	0	0
Transport	1,192,000	1,192,000	1,227,815	1,192,000
Rural and Community Development	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,421,285	2,073,623
Other	77,400	77,400	77,400	252,759
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>36,551,822</b>	<b>36,551,822</b>	<b>35,826,159</b>	<b>39,379,300</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Parking Fines & Charges	3,115,400	3,115,400	3,063,800	2,909,813
Superannuation	413,779	413,779	461,963	423,067
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other Income	1,617,400	1,617,400	2,111,700	3,089,928
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>5,146,579</b>	<b>5,146,579</b>	<b>5,637,463</b>	<b>6,422,808</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>41,698,401</b>	<b>41,698,401</b>	<b>41,463,622</b>	<b>45,802,108</b>

<b>WATER SERVICES</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	6,179,786	6,179,786	6,198,852	6,198,852
C0199	Service Support Costs	706,835	706,835	3,186,342	3,203,798
	<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>6,886,621</b>	<b>6,886,621</b>	<b>9,385,194</b>	<b>9,402,650</b>
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	1,407,027	1,407,027	1,579,763	1,579,763
C0299	Service Support Costs	472,911	472,911	1,614,390	1,619,209
	<b>Waste Water Treatment</b>	<b>1,879,938</b>	<b>1,879,938</b>	<b>3,194,153</b>	<b>3,198,972</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	328,553	328,553	308,191	326,851
C0499	Service Support Costs	32,269	32,269	29,913	30,292
	<b>Public Conveniences</b>	<b>360,822</b>	<b>360,822</b>	<b>338,104</b>	<b>357,143</b>
C0501	Grants for Individual Installations	360,000	360,000	360,000	310,000
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	640,000	640,000	624,000	624,000
C0599	Service Support Costs	406,717	406,717	414,405	387,303
	<b>Admin of Group and Private Installations</b>	<b>1,406,717</b>	<b>1,406,717</b>	<b>1,398,405</b>	<b>1,321,303</b>
C0601	Technical Design and Supervision	443,574	443,574	924,487	924,487
C0699	Service Support Costs	15,000	15,000	521,122	520,122
	<b>Support to Water Capital Programme</b>	<b>458,574</b>	<b>458,574</b>	<b>1,445,609</b>	<b>1,444,609</b>
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	111,057	111,057	195,937	195,937
C0799	Service Support Costs	0	0	69,981	68,309
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>111,057</b>	<b>111,057</b>	<b>265,918</b>	<b>264,246</b>
C0801	Local Authority Water Services	545,400	545,400	17,750	19,000
C0802	Local Authority Sanitary Services	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
C0899	Service Support Costs	3,241,361	3,241,361	0	0
	<b>Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services</b>	<b>3,826,761</b>	<b>3,826,761</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>59,000</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>14,930,490</b>	<b>14,930,490</b>	<b>16,085,133</b>	<b>16,047,923</b>

<b>WATER SERVICES</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	4,393,033	4,393,033	1,126,750	1,108,000
Other	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>4,432,033</b>	<b>4,432,033</b>	<b>1,165,750</b>	<b>1,147,000</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Uisce Éireann	9,701,590	9,701,590	14,011,684	14,011,684
Superannuation	189,966	189,966	286,602	262,471
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other Income	42,550	42,550	42,550	42,385
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>9,934,106</b>	<b>9,934,106</b>	<b>14,340,836</b>	<b>14,316,540</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>14,366,139</b>	<b>14,366,139</b>	<b>15,506,586</b>	<b>15,463,540</b>

<b>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	1,092,592	1,092,592	1,140,285	1,125,895
D0199	Service Support Costs	373,710	373,710	348,698	347,673
	<b>Forward Planning</b>	<b>1,466,302</b>	<b>1,466,302</b>	<b>1,488,983</b>	<b>1,473,568</b>
D0201	Planning Control	1,433,070	1,433,070	1,270,557	1,279,214
D0299	Service Support Costs	892,965	892,965	841,738	825,054
	<b>Development Management</b>	<b>2,326,035</b>	<b>2,326,035</b>	<b>2,112,295</b>	<b>2,104,268</b>
D0301	Enforcement Costs	883,350	883,350	828,895	830,300
D0399	Service Support Costs	400,175	400,175	375,464	370,808
	<b>Enforcement</b>	<b>1,283,525</b>	<b>1,283,525</b>	<b>1,204,359</b>	<b>1,201,108</b>
D0401	Industrial Sites Operations	0	0	0	0
D0403	Management of & Contribs to Other Commercial Facs	0	0	0	0
D0404	General Development Promotion Work	55,000	55,000	55,000	42,500
D0499	Service Support Costs	2,198	2,198	2,051	1,927
	<b>Industrial and Commercial Facilities</b>	<b>57,198</b>	<b>57,198</b>	<b>57,051</b>	<b>44,427</b>
D0501	Tourism Promotion	546,200	546,200	457,700	567,740
D0502	Tourist Facilities Operations	0	0	0	0
D0599	Service Support Costs	445,357	445,357	351,263	338,473
	<b>Tourism Development and Promotion</b>	<b>991,557</b>	<b>991,557</b>	<b>808,963</b>	<b>906,213</b>
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	1,346,974	1,346,974	1,160,264	1,936,270
D0602	RAPID Costs	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
D0603	Social Inclusion	4,681,081	4,681,081	2,448,091	4,334,628
D0699	Service Support Costs	360,972	360,972	337,886	334,396
	<b>Community and Enterprise Function</b>	<b>6,425,027</b>	<b>6,425,027</b>	<b>3,982,241</b>	<b>6,641,294</b>
D0701	Unfinished Housing Estates	491,051	491,051	439,135	439,400
D0799	Service Support Costs	173,559	173,559	162,136	161,117
	<b>Unfinished Housing Estates</b>	<b>664,610</b>	<b>664,610</b>	<b>601,271</b>	<b>600,517</b>

<b>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	240,108	240,108	208,880	204,206
	<b>Building Control</b>	<b>240,108</b>	<b>240,108</b>	<b>208,880</b>	<b>204,206</b>
D0901	Urban and Village Renewal	0	0	0	0
D0902	EU Projects	0	0	0	7,500
D0903	Town Twinning	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
D0904	European Office	0	0	0	0
D0905	Economic Development & Promotion	4,480,389	4,480,389	4,503,843	4,696,378
D0906	Local Enterprise Office	2,235,400	2,235,400	2,163,300	1,865,675
D0999	Service Support Costs	905,112	905,112	865,760	814,065
	<b>Economic Development and Promotion</b>	<b>7,641,901</b>	<b>7,641,901</b>	<b>7,553,903</b>	<b>7,404,618</b>
D1001	Property Management Costs	914,634	914,634	788,231	815,345
D1099	Service Support Costs	101,556	101,556	94,680	94,088
	<b>Property Management</b>	<b>1,016,190</b>	<b>1,016,190</b>	<b>882,911</b>	<b>909,433</b>
D1101	Heritage Services	698,494	698,494	462,709	461,700
D1102	Conservation Services	63,504	63,504	0	0
D1103	Conservation Grants	375,000	375,000	235,000	375,000
D1199	Service Support Costs	87,456	87,456	82,915	82,400
	<b>Heritage and Conservation Services</b>	<b>1,224,454</b>	<b>1,224,454</b>	<b>780,624</b>	<b>919,100</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>23,356,907</b>	<b>23,356,907</b>	<b>19,701,481</b>	<b>22,428,752</b>

<b>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	800,467	800,467	532,000	553,537
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	0	0	0	0
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	2,155,400	2,155,400	2,083,300	1,834,425
Rural and Community Development	2,464,095	2,464,095	1,555,400	2,847,597
Other	3,264,502	3,264,502	1,844,907	3,532,214
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>8,684,464</b>	<b>8,684,464</b>	<b>6,015,607</b>	<b>8,767,773</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Planning Fees	747,000	747,000	747,000	582,000
Superannuation	144,672	144,672	161,518	147,919
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	120,000	120,000	16,000	140,000
Other Income	1,335,000	1,335,000	1,294,300	1,268,517
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>2,346,672</b>	<b>2,346,672</b>	<b>2,218,818</b>	<b>2,138,436</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>11,031,136</b>	<b>11,031,136</b>	<b>8,234,425</b>	<b>10,906,209</b>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2024		2023	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations	2,874,993	2,874,993	2,864,293	2,666,943
E0102	Contribution to other LA's - Landfill Facilities	0	0	0	0
E0103	Landfill Aftercare Costs.	41,000	41,000	41,000	37,000
E0199	Service Support Costs	833,533	833,533	967,991	979,059
<b>Landfill Operation and Aftercare</b>		<b>3,749,526</b>	<b>3,749,526</b>	<b>3,873,284</b>	<b>3,683,002</b>
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	1,796,300	1,796,300	1,691,835	1,771,250
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	110,000	110,000	95,000	105,000
E0204	Other Recycling Services	0	0	0	0
E0299	Service Support Costs	341,815	341,815	320,260	323,586
<b>Recovery &amp; Recycling Facilities Operations</b>		<b>2,248,115</b>	<b>2,248,115</b>	<b>2,107,095</b>	<b>2,199,836</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	1,269	1,269	1,185	1,221
<b>Provision of Waste to Collection Services</b>		<b>13,269</b>	<b>13,269</b>	<b>13,185</b>	<b>13,221</b>
E0501	Litter Warden Service	613,600	613,600	611,159	598,155
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	348,139	348,139	343,139	354,139
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
E0599	Service Support Costs	476,502	476,502	453,689	445,334
<b>Litter Management</b>		<b>1,483,241</b>	<b>1,483,241</b>	<b>1,452,987</b>	<b>1,442,628</b>
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	2,020,417	2,020,417	1,737,166	1,805,393
E0602	Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins	0	0	0	0
E0699	Service Support Costs	328,472	328,472	304,174	311,452
<b>Street Cleaning</b>		<b>2,348,889</b>	<b>2,348,889</b>	<b>2,041,340</b>	<b>2,116,845</b>
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	258,052	258,052	344,361	215,500
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	37,000	37,000	37,000	55,000
E0799	Service Support Costs	271,803	271,803	253,431	252,195
<b>Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement</b>		<b>566,855</b>	<b>566,855</b>	<b>634,792</b>	<b>522,695</b>



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2024		2023	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0801	Waste Management Plan	307,914	307,914	244,710	200,900
E0802	Contrib to Other Bodies Waste Management Planning	60,995	60,995	57,800	56,562
E0899	Service Support Costs	63,055	63,055	58,741	58,711
	<b>Waste Management Planning</b>	<b>431,964</b>	<b>431,964</b>	<b>361,251</b>	<b>316,173</b>
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	1,209,230	1,209,230	1,186,128	1,214,778
E0999	Service Support Costs	602,857	602,857	573,711	563,924
	<b>Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds</b>	<b>1,812,087</b>	<b>1,812,087</b>	<b>1,759,839</b>	<b>1,778,702</b>
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	358,413	358,413	335,618	348,078
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	11,000	11,000	16,000	10,000
E1003	Emergency Planning	23,448	23,448	23,448	23,448
E1004	Derelict Sites	148,516	148,516	142,962	138,313
E1005	Water Safety Operation	61,833	61,833	25,700	59,800
E1099	Service Support Costs	195,032	195,032	181,909	180,451
	<b>Safety of Structures and Places</b>	<b>798,242</b>	<b>798,242</b>	<b>725,637</b>	<b>760,090</b>
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	7,360,492	7,360,492	5,528,774	5,583,132
E1103	Fire Services Training	993,314	993,314	1,014,564	931,300
E1104	Operation of Ambulance Service	0	0	0	0
E1199	Service Support Costs	2,435,514	2,435,514	2,278,065	2,295,031
	<b>Operation of Fire Service</b>	<b>10,789,320</b>	<b>10,789,320</b>	<b>8,821,403</b>	<b>8,809,463</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	582,032	582,032	544,521	512,796
	<b>Fire Prevention</b>	<b>629,093</b>	<b>629,093</b>	<b>591,582</b>	<b>559,857</b>
E1301	Water Quality Management	527,739	527,739	444,791	467,100
E1302	Licensing and Monitoring of Air and Noise Quality	0	0	0	0
E1399	Service Support Costs	177,050	177,050	165,134	164,332
	<b>Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution</b>	<b>704,789</b>	<b>704,789</b>	<b>609,925</b>	<b>631,432</b>
E1401	Agency & Recoupable Service	24,996,160	24,996,160	10,708,087	10,892,446
E1499	Service Support Costs	797,346	797,346	300,995	299,108
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>25,793,506</b>	<b>25,793,506</b>	<b>11,009,082</b>	<b>11,191,554</b>
E1501	Climate Change and Flooding	1,104,259	1,104,259	820,000	319,000
E1599	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Climate Change and Flooding</b>	<b>1,104,259</b>	<b>1,104,259</b>	<b>820,000</b>	<b>319,000</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>52,473,155</b>	<b>52,473,155</b>	<b>34,821,402</b>	<b>34,344,498</b>

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	26,181,035	26,181,035	10,016,087	10,084,396
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Defence	142,000	142,000	139,500	137,425
Environment, Climate and Communications	1,244,759	1,244,759	1,192,500	815,050
Other	591,000	591,000	586,500	582,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>28,158,794</b>	<b>28,158,794</b>	<b>11,934,587</b>	<b>11,618,871</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Domestic Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Commercial Refuse Charges	0	0	0	0
Landfill Charges	2,893,900	2,893,900	2,798,900	2,907,900
Fire Charges	336,000	336,000	334,000	333,417
Superannuation	248,814	248,814	203,273	186,158
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	14,000	14,000	13,800	13,800
Other income	968,100	968,100	959,200	872,326
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>4,460,814</b>	<b>4,460,814</b>	<b>4,309,173</b>	<b>4,313,601</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>32,619,608</b>	<b>32,619,608</b>	<b>16,243,760</b>	<b>15,932,472</b>

RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2024		2023	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Chief Executive	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	2,233,250	2,233,250	2,231,841	2,231,841
F0103	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	495,900	495,900	520,900	520,900
F0199	Service Support Costs	514,581	514,581	500,547	507,578
	<b>Leisure Facilities Operations</b>	<b>3,243,731</b>	<b>3,243,731</b>	<b>3,253,288</b>	<b>3,260,319</b>
F0201	Library Service Operations	3,682,552	3,682,552	3,408,631	3,458,650
F0202	Archive Service	82,291	82,291	78,981	76,091
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	280,000	280,000	260,000	260,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	0	0	0	0
F0299	Service Support Costs	1,466,907	1,466,907	1,364,665	1,355,349
	<b>Operation of Library and Archival Service</b>	<b>5,511,750</b>	<b>5,511,750</b>	<b>5,112,277</b>	<b>5,150,090</b>
F0301	Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	2,755,302	2,755,302	2,445,853	2,497,673
F0302	Playgrounds	105,935	105,935	105,034	105,034
F0303	Beaches	0	0	0	0
F0399	Service Support Costs	595,237	595,237	560,376	558,091
	<b>Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations</b>	<b>3,456,474</b>	<b>3,456,474</b>	<b>3,111,263</b>	<b>3,160,798</b>
F0401	Community Grants	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000
F0402	Operation of Sports Hall/Stadium	0	0	0	0
F0403	Community Facilities	0	0	0	0
F0404	Recreational Development	546,742	546,742	526,500	752,250
F0499	Service Support Costs	229,688	229,688	214,553	213,407
	<b>Community Sport and Recreational Development</b>	<b>892,430</b>	<b>892,430</b>	<b>857,053</b>	<b>1,081,657</b>
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	477,101	477,101	457,438	485,425
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	685,496	685,496	627,146	633,646
F0503	Museums Operations	490,157	490,157	448,836	455,900
F0504	Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	47,500	47,500	35,000	35,000
F0505	Festivals & Concerts	18,600	18,600	18,600	20,900
F0599	Service Support Costs	259,367	259,367	254,990	240,012
	<b>Operation of Arts Programme</b>	<b>1,978,221</b>	<b>1,978,221</b>	<b>1,842,010</b>	<b>1,870,883</b>
F0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	726,167	726,167	726,167	726,167
F0699	Service Support Costs	32,427	32,427	30,143	29,612
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>758,594</b>	<b>758,594</b>	<b>756,310</b>	<b>755,779</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>15,841,200</b>	<b>15,841,200</b>	<b>14,932,201</b>	<b>15,279,526</b>

<b>RECREATION &amp; AMENITY</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	0
Social Protection	726,167	726,167	726,167	726,167
Library Council	0	0	0	0
Arts Council	154,442	154,442	169,606	176,116
Transport	0	0	0	0
Rural and Community Development	0	0	0	0
Other	457,000	457,000	449,500	678,650
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>1,337,609</b>	<b>1,337,609</b>	<b>1,345,273</b>	<b>1,580,933</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Recreation/Amenity/Culture	1,017,500	1,017,500	1,017,500	1,016,000
Superannuation	173,408	173,408	193,600	177,300
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	140,410	140,410	119,410	151,763
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>1,331,318</b>	<b>1,331,318</b>	<b>1,330,510</b>	<b>1,345,063</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>2,668,927</b>	<b>2,668,927</b>	<b>2,675,783</b>	<b>2,925,996</b>

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE**

<u>Code</u>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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>
G0101	Maintenance of Land Drainage Areas	175,536	175,536	162,063	224,158
G0102	Contributions to Joint Drainage Bodies	0	0	0	0
G0103	Payment of Agricultural Pensions	29,800	29,800	28,424	28,500
G0199	Service Support Costs	7,377	7,377	6,844	6,869
	<b>Land Drainage Costs</b>	<b>212,713</b>	<b>212,713</b>	<b>197,331</b>	<b>259,527</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	312,951	312,951	189,732	230,000
G0403	Food Safety	0	0	0	0
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	228,180	228,180	217,579	218,300
G0405	Other Animal Welfare Services (incl Horse Control)	129,728	129,728	121,171	126,800
G0499	Service Support Costs	305,127	305,127	285,310	282,928
	<b>Veterinary Service</b>	<b>975,986</b>	<b>975,986</b>	<b>813,792</b>	<b>858,028</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	7,750	7,750	7,200	7,415
G0599	Service Support Costs	28,013	28,013	26,172	25,322
	<b>Educational Support Services</b>	<b>35,763</b>	<b>35,763</b>	<b>33,372</b>	<b>32,737</b>
G0601	Agency & Recoupable Service	788,258	788,258	800,248	763,258
G0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	0	0
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>788,258</b>	<b>788,258</b>	<b>800,248</b>	<b>763,258</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>2,012,720</b>	<b>2,012,720</b>	<b>1,844,743</b>	<b>1,913,550</b>

<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	788,258	788,258	800,248	763,258
Transport	0	0	0	0
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	302,951	302,951	179,732	220,000
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	5,000	5,000	4,000	7,500
Other	22,500	22,500	17,100	45,100
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>1,118,709</b>	<b>1,118,709</b>	<b>1,001,080</b>	<b>1,035,858</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Superannuation	17,642	17,642	19,697	18,038
Agency Services & Repayable Works	0	0	0	0
Local Authority Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other income	191,500	191,500	191,500	166,215
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>209,142</b>	<b>209,142</b>	<b>211,197</b>	<b>184,253</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>1,327,851</b>	<b>1,327,851</b>	<b>1,212,277</b>	<b>1,220,111</b>

<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b>					
<b>Code</b>	<b>Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	869,444	869,444	805,928	824,292
	<b>Profit/Loss Machinery Account</b>	144,444	144,444	80,928	99,292
H0201	Purchase of Materials, Stores	0	0	0	0
H0202	Administrative Costs Stores	98,690	98,690	88,437	81,828
H0203	Upkeep of Buildings, Stores	87,800	87,800	84,100	84,750
H0299	Service Support Costs	80,809	80,809	74,909	76,308
	<b>Profit/Loss Stores Account</b>	267,299	267,299	247,446	242,886
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	607,539	607,539	513,408	490,300
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	304,388	304,388	337,777	327,400
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	6,052,494	6,052,494	5,891,876	6,280,232
H0399	Service Support Costs	653,133	653,133	614,758	602,718
	<b>Administration of Rates</b>	7,617,554	7,617,554	7,357,819	7,700,650
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	98,865	98,865	97,498	90,869
H0402	Local Election Costs	135,000	135,000	85,000	135,000
H0499	Service Support Costs	42,384	42,384	40,102	38,746
	<b>Franchise Costs</b>	276,249	276,249	222,600	264,615
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	320,000	320,000	290,000	316,750
H0502	Operation of Morgue	0	0	0	0
H0599	Service Support Costs	5,968	5,968	5,570	5,232
	<b>Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses</b>	325,968	325,968	295,570	321,982
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>2024</b>		<b>2023</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	15,389	15,389	16,963	16,176
H0799	Service Support Costs	13,268	13,268	12,402	11,918
	<b>Operation of Markets and Casual Trading</b>	<b>28,657</b>	<b>28,657</b>	<b>29,365</b>	<b>28,094</b>
H0801	Malicious Damage	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,338
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>3,338</b>
H0901	Representational Payments	1,158,960	1,158,960	1,051,520	1,091,955
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	82,000	82,000	82,000	74,000
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	420,000	420,000	445,000	445,000
H0904	Expenses LA Members	267,000	267,000	212,000	191,360
H0905	Other Expenses	190,500	190,500	170,500	144,830
H0906	Conferences Abroad	20,000	20,000	20,000	4,000
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	23,080	23,080	21,885	22,875
H0909	General Municipal Allocation	953,680	953,680	953,680	953,680
H0999	Service Support Costs	760,800	760,800	726,689	691,948
	<b>Local Representation/Civic Leadership</b>	<b>3,996,020</b>	<b>3,996,020</b>	<b>3,803,274</b>	<b>3,739,648</b>
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	1,068,431	1,068,431	1,008,019	985,563
H1099	Service Support Costs	775,210	775,210	728,779	715,453
	<b>Motor Taxation</b>	<b>1,843,641</b>	<b>1,843,641</b>	<b>1,736,798</b>	<b>1,701,016</b>
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	1,681,970	1,681,970	3,477,286	3,336,886
H1102	NPPR	148,369	148,369	133,878	136,600
H1199	Service Support Costs	756,640	756,640	705,374	692,690
	<b>Agency &amp; Recoupable Services</b>	<b>2,586,979</b>	<b>2,586,979</b>	<b>4,316,538</b>	<b>4,166,176</b>
	<b>Service Division Total</b>	<b>17,088,811</b>	<b>17,088,811</b>	<b>18,092,338</b>	<b>18,267,697</b>



<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</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>		0		
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	13,079,209	13,079,209	12,387,067	12,437,067
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	0	0	0	0
Social Protection	0	0	0	0
Justice	0	0	0	0
Other	126,500	126,500	127,650	122,430
<b>Total Grants &amp; Subsidies (a)</b>	<b>13,205,709</b>	<b>13,205,709</b>	<b>12,514,717</b>	<b>12,559,497</b>
<b>Goods and Services</b>				
Superannuation	188,879	188,879	210,873	193,119
Agency Services & Repayable Works	159,130	159,130	151,449	141,584
Local Authority Contributions	1,716,053	1,716,053	1,727,846	1,877,100
NPPR	25,000	25,000	50,000	370,000
Other income	2,892,175	2,892,175	1,945,125	2,930,750
<b>Total Goods and Services (b)</b>	<b>4,981,237</b>	<b>4,981,237</b>	<b>4,085,293</b>	<b>5,512,553</b>
<b>Total Income c=(a+b)</b>	<b>18,186,946</b>	<b>18,186,946</b>	<b>16,600,010</b>	<b>18,072,050</b>

<b>APPENDIX 1</b>	
<b>Summary of Central Management Charge</b>	
	<b>2024 €</b>
Area Office Overhead	0
Corporate Affairs Overhead	2,807,820
Corporate Buildings Overhead	3,483,701
Finance Function Overhead	2,081,748
Human Resource Function	2,474,409
IT Services	3,937,407
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	459,209
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	12,900,000
<b>Total Expenditure Allocated to Services</b>	<b>28,144,294</b>

**APPENDIX 2**

<b>Summary of Local Property Tax Allocation</b>			
			<b>2024 €</b>
<b>**Discretionary Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget (Table A)</b>			28,556,840
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Revenue Budget	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
			0
<b>Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget</b>			28,556,840
Local Property Tax Self Funding - Capital Budget	Housing & Building	0	
	Road Transport & Safety	0	
			0
<b>Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget</b>			0
<b>Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)</b>			<b>28,556,840</b>

\*\* An equalisation contribution of €16,399,227 from the Exchequer/Local Government Fund is included in this amount

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **REPORT ON THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 2024 – 2026**

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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 2024 to 2026.

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. 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 €631 million on capital projects. Grants are estimated at €506 million with the balance being funded from own resources, loans or development levies.

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Chief Executive  
Tipperary County Council*

## Tipperary County Council

### Summary of Proposed Capital Programme 2024 - 2026

Programme					Sources of Funding			
	2024	2025	2026	Total	Grants	Loans	Other	Total
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
Housing & Building	72.625	81.050	72.600	226.275	215.675	7.000	3.600	226.275
Roads Transport & Safety	45.178	47.100	64.310	156.588	124.944	11.000	20.644	156.588
Environment	8.502	11.411	9.803	29.716	20.617	4.900	4.200	29.716
Economic Development & Project Ireland 2040	27.709	43.829	88.280	159.818	115.006	43.750	1.062	159.818
Recreation & Amenity	20.810	18.165	11.040	50.015	28.826	3.810	17.379	50.015
Miscellaneous	3.247	2.010	2.971	8.228	0.628	-	7.600	8.228
<b>Total</b>	<b>178.070</b>	<b>203.566</b>	<b>249.004</b>	<b>630.640</b>	<b>505.696</b>	<b>70.460</b>	<b>54.485</b>	<b>630.640</b>