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Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council Providing for the Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections in Member States (2001/331/EC)

Inspection & Compliance plan under RMCEI 2023

Note from the Director:

The Inspection Plan for 2023 is an important aid to assist with supporting our environmental efficiency at an operational level for the organisation, the public and the economy. The development of this Plan and the background situational analysis involved in same allowed Tipperary County Council to develop a strong and targeted inspection plan for the year ahead whilst also being conscious of the need to address issues raised in performance reports from previous years whilst also being mindful of performance of other local authorities and drawing a comparative assessment of our key performance indicators with others.

The variation in results shown in the 2021 Performance Report across the country and in particular across the 20 NEPs is noteworthy. Tipperary County Council's Senior Management Team has identified our performance levels (i.e. one of nine local authorities not achieving the required standard in more than 30% of our NEPs) as an area of reputational risk that needs to be examined in detail to better understand the factors affecting the difference in performance level.

Consequently, this risk has been identified in the Council's Risk Register which now means that controls and actions will be required to be implemented in order to minimise and eliminate risks where possible. This will include measures such as targeting additional resources in the roles of inspections, the prioritisation of certain NEPs for attention, increasing our collaborations with other agencies including the EPA, WERLA and LAWPRO. The assignment of additional resources is being looked at currently as part of a business case within the organisation and we will also work with the LAWPRO in their efforts to obtain additional staff. The Council acknowledges the challenges in providing additional staff to this work area, so is also looking at the option of a more immediate solution to complimenting the existing workforce and structure, i.e. a graduate recruitment initiative and a student placement programme.

The delivery of improved performance in the delivery of the RMCEI plan is a Key Objective for Council's Management Team Development Plan and KPIs have been assigned by the Directors and Chief Executive.

The Council acknowledges the recent declining trends in raw water quality in our water bodies and the need for a targeted action plan to address these issues, including inspections and awareness generation. The Council has met with representatives from the LAWPRO to see if a collaborative approach can be taken to identify such a targeted action plan and to resource it effectively and the Council will be working on this objective in the year ahead.

Through regular operation reviews of the Plan, I will provide oversight, direction and support throughout the year ahead to meet our targets and objectives.

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Acknowledgments:

I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff that have contributed to the development of this Plan.

Approved by Director of Services



Eamon Lonergan
Director of Services

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Glossary/Definitions

Activity - The aim of the activity should be to achieve the intermediate outcomes and/or the final environmental outcome associated with the National Priority

Additional Intermediate outcome – Other outcomes, identified by a Council, outside those that have been specified by the EPA in the RMCEI Return template

ATF – Authorised Treatment Facility (processing of ELVs);

Baseline - To measure the progress in achieving the intermediate outcome over time, a baseline value must be established. Data gathered in subsequent years can then be compared to the baseline value in order to measure progress towards achieving the intermediate outcome.

C&D – Construction & Demolition (Waste);

CCMA – County & City Management Association;

CoR – Certificate of Registration;

DAFM – Department of Agriculture Food & Marine;

DECC – Department of the Environment, Climate Action & Communications;

DHPLH – Department of Housing, Planning, Local Government and Heritage;

DWWTS – Domestic Wastewater Treatment System;

Environmental inspection according to RMCEI includes:

- site visits,
- monitoring achievement of environmental quality standards,
- consideration of environmental audit reports and statements,
- consideration and verification of any self-monitoring carried out by or on behalf of operators of controlled installations,
- assessing the activities and operations carried out at the controlled installation,
- checking the premises and the relevant equipment (including the adequacy with which it is maintained) and the adequacy of the environmental management at the site,
- checking the relevant records kept by the operators of controlled installations.

ELV – End of Life Vehicle;

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency;

Final Environmental Outcome - is a measurable change in the environment, e.g. cleaner air or improved water quality

GAP – Good Agricultural Practice for the protection of waters Regulations;

LAWPRO – Local Authority Waters Programme;

Metric – A metric is a way of measuring the progress to achieving the intermediate outcome or the objective

NIECE – Network for Ireland's Environmental Compliance & Enforcement;

NIP – National Inspection Plan;

Non-routine inspection – an inspection carried out in such cases in response to complaints, in connection with the issuing, renewal or modification of an authorisation, permit or licence, or in the investigation of accidents, incidents and occurrences of non-compliance.

PMDS – Performance Management Development System;

PRI/EPRI – Producer Responsibility Initiative or EPRI Extended Producer Responsibility Initiative;

RBMP – River Basin Management Plan;

RMCEI – EU Recommendation on Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections;

Routine inspection – an inspection carried out as part of a planned inspections programme, e.g. scheduled inspection of a permitted facility, scheduled monitoring of a licensed discharged; compliance assessment of a regulated facility, etc.

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Specified Intermediate outcome – Those intermediate Outcomes specified by the EPA in the RMCEI Return template

TARGET - Once the baseline is established, the goal should be to reduce/increase the baseline value over time, thereby achieving the intermediate outcome. A target is the value to which the baseline value is aimed to be reduced (or increased) to for that year. A qualitative target can be developed where a baseline has not been established or targets may also be set centrally to ensure a consistent approach to achieving an intermediate outcome/objective"

VOC – Volatile Organic Compounds;

WEEE – Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment;

WERLA – Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority;

WFD – Water Framework Directive;

WFP – Waste Facility Permit.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Plan Details

Table 1: Plan Details

Geographic Area	County Tipperary
Population	167,661
Calendar Year	2023
RMCEI Coordinator Name and Position	DJ Buckley T/Assistant Scientist

1.2 Expected Known Once-Off Challenges that may be Faced in Implementation of this Plan

Table 2 Expected Known Once-Off Challenges that may be Faced in Implementation of this Plan (if any) & how these will be Addressed

Description of known challenge
1. Senior Waste Enforcement Officer is also responsible for Co-Ordinating and maintaining ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 EMS accreditation: involve a minimum of 3 separate meetings every quarter. 2 Separate audits which take up 6 – 8 days for actual audits and 2 – 3 weeks preparation prior to audits. Overseeing the quality systems and safety inspections throughout the year
2. Two Environmental Enforcement Officers are currently covering the role whilst also carrying out duties as Dog Wardens – This impacts the management of Litter and Waste Enforcement activities
3. Enforcement cases leading to court/legal proceedings consume considerable time and resources
4. The reversal of the Haddington Road Agreement reduced the weekly working hours of each employee from 37hrs to 35hrs. This translates to a significant reduction in man-hours that can be dedicated to the RMCEI
5. There has been considerable technical and admin staff turnover in 2022.
6. 1 Environmental Technician Grade responsible for drinking water & air pollution monitoring is on maternity leave for 2023 - which leaves a resultant gap in activities in air monitoring and private drinking water monitoring

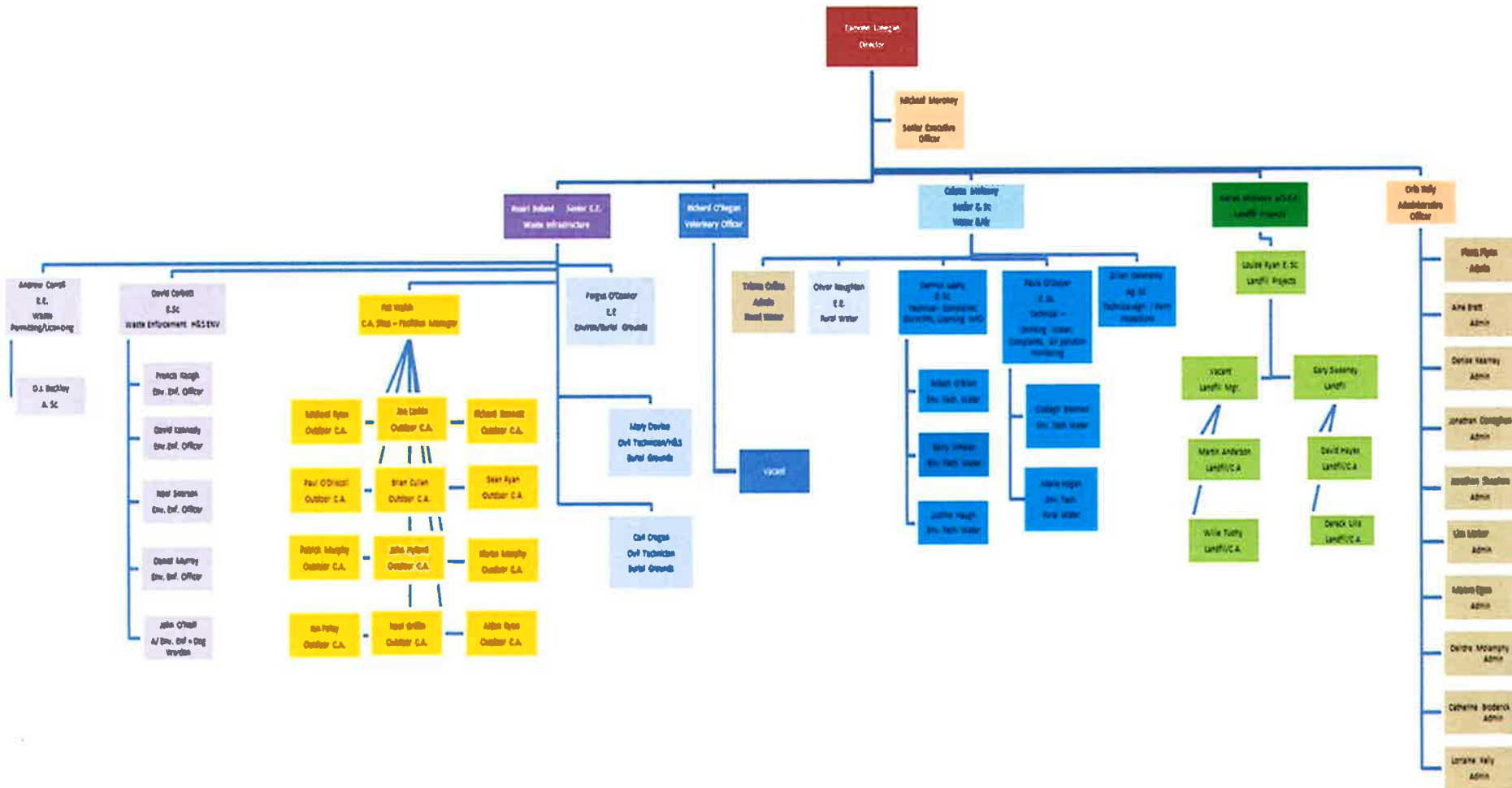
How Challenges will be addressed
1. The management of Environmental Health and Safety Quality systems is seen by Senior Management as a sectional and corporate priority, therefore time has been allocated to facilitate the management of this challenge and additional resources such as deputy Co-Ordinators are also assigned to assist the Officer.
2. These officers will get support from the enforcement team where significant input is required. Recruitment competition is ongoing for the Dog Warden positions.
3. Quarterly Enforcement Team meetings are proposed for to develop team thinking to come up with solutions and joint co-ordination to optimise tasks assigned through the RMCEI Plan
4. A more prioritized and targeted approach will be taken in relation to RMCEI especially around national enforcement priorities.
5. New staff will receive mentoring and training related to their duties and their duties under the RMCEI at the earliest possible time.
6. Staff have been reassigned to private drinking water monitoring sampling which is given priority due to potential significant public health effects if not correctly managed. It is proposed to recruit a Summer 3 rd level student(s) (Environmental Scientist) to assist in air pollution monitoring.

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1.3 Staff Structure

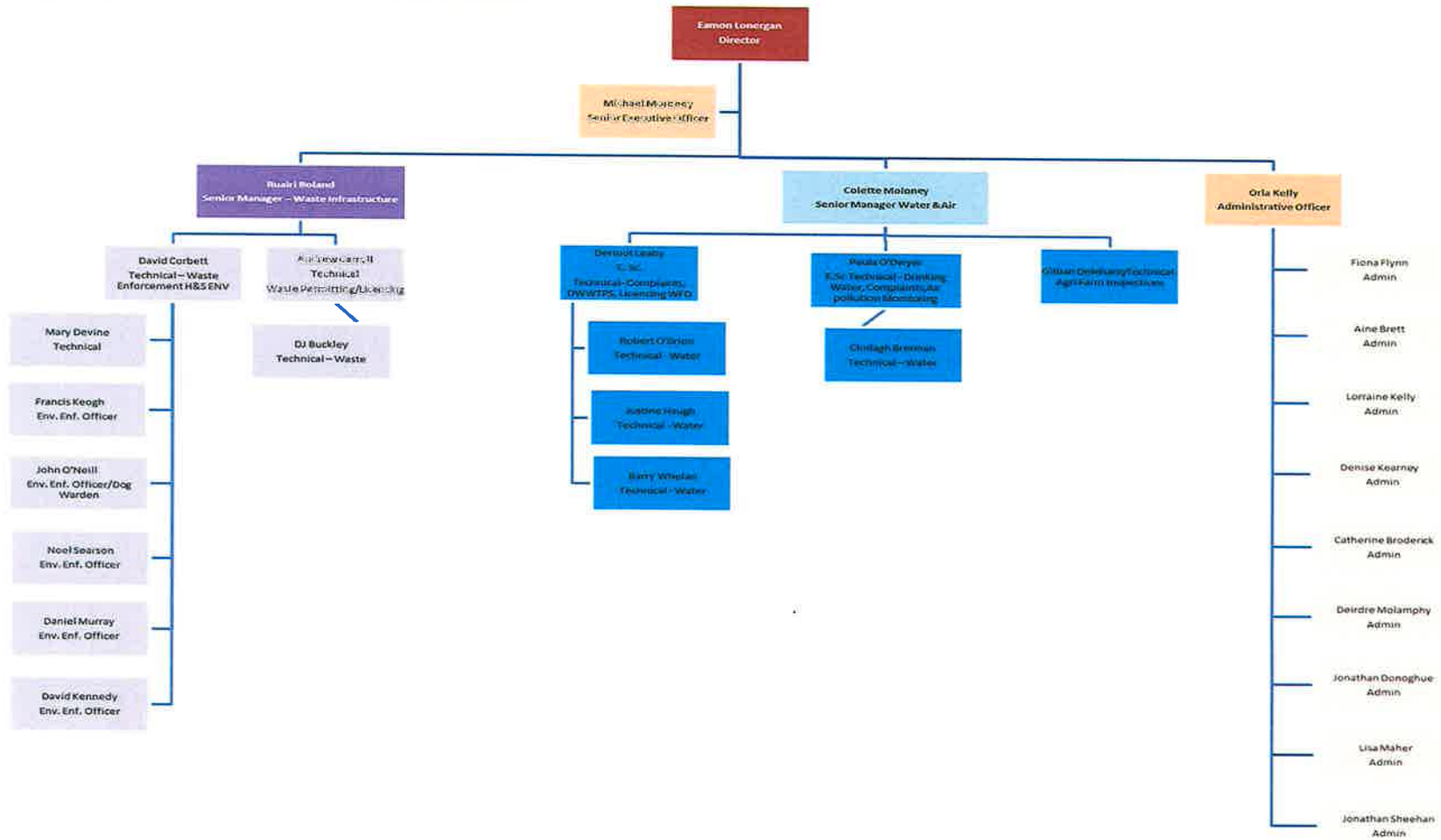
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Figure 1 Council Organogram



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Figure 2 Council Organogram of staff involved under RMCEI roles.



2. Priorities for Environmental Enforcement for the Year Ahead

2.1 National Environmental Enforcement Priorities for the Year Ahead

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Table 3 National Environmental Priorities Checklist

Ref. No	National Environmental Priorities	Have you completed a National Priority Template for this Priority (Appendix A)?		Where you have answered 'No 'please provide a comment to explain.
		Yes	No	
1.0	Water - Improving Water Status in all waterbodies			
1.1	Pressures from Agriculture (Farm Yards)- slurry/soiled water collection and storage	Y		
1.2	Pressures from Agriculture (Farmland) - slurry and fertiliser spreading	Y		
1.3	Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems / Septic Tanks	Y		
1.4	Discharge Licences / Misconnections	Y		
1.5	Local Priorities and Water Quality Monitoring	Y		
2.0	Air - Protecting public health and to improve and maintain air quality			
2.1	Air Quality Monitoring Activities and Data Use	Y		
2.2	Solid Fuel Inspections	Y		
2.3	Environmental Noise Directive (END) Activities	Y		A Roads Section function
2.4	Air & Noise Control (including Planning)	Y		
2.5	Ongoing Air & Noise Enforcement Work	Y		
3.0	Waste - Improving waste management and protecting our environment			
3.1	Tackling Illegal Waste Activities and Multi-Agency Sites/Operators of Concern	Y		
3.2	Construction and Demolition Waste	Y		
3.3	End-of-Life Vehicles and Metals	Y		
3.4	Household and Commercial Waste	Y		
3.5	Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities	Y		

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2.2 Ongoing RMCEI/Local Priorities

Table 4 (i) Additional Local Priorities

Local Priorities	Yes	No	Where you have answered 'No' please provide a reason why
Are additional local priorities included in the Plan for the year ahead?		N	The activities planned for this year will follow in-line with the National Priorities

Table 5 (ii) Work Planned with Regional Lead Authorities

Authority	Plans for the Year ahead
<p>This may include work with some of the following bodies not referred to above:</p> <p>e.g. WERLA, Teagasc & Dept of Agriculture Food & the Marine (DAFM), EPA, DECC & DHPLG or LAWPRO (including LAWCO)</p> <p>If all such work has already been referred to above leave this blank.</p>	<p>Water: Work collaboratively with LAWPRO/LAWCO on restoring and maintaining water quality across the county. Present and share knowledge at ROC meetings (4 annually)</p> <p>Work with DAFM on Farm Inspections and Cross reports and Exclusion lists. At least 1 official meeting planned per annum. Work collaboratively with IFI where appropriate & required</p> <p>Air: Work collaboratively with the EPA and other Local Authorities on all Environmental protection activities and particularly Solid Fuel Regulations implementation & Air Monitoring across the county</p> <p>Waste: Tyres Producers/Suppliers: Following from the successful results through the joint inspections under the Packaging Regulations, it is envisaged to implement joint inspections with SR WERLA on non-engaging Tyre operators.</p> <p>Suspected Major Packaging Producers - Joint Inspections with SR WERLA in relation to non-participation/engagement with all operators.</p> <p>ART 27 Notifications: Inspection of Article 27 sites of origin and destination to include material notified under Article 27 being accepted at WFP/Licensed sites. Inspection of soil recovery sites to ensure only appropriate materials accepted.</p> <p>ELV and Metals: Validation and inspection of records for WCP/WFP and licensed operators dealing with ELV and metal waste.</p> <p>Household and Commercial Waste; Surveys of retail, hospitality and industrial sectors to ensure proper use of 3 bin system, segregation and use of authorised collectors. Inspection of WCP operators for provision of 3 bin system.</p>

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3. Risk Assessment

Category A: *Large installations with significant associated environmental risk or those with poor compliance histories.*

Category B: *Medium sized installations with lesser risk of environmental pollution.*

Category C: *Small Installations with good compliance record.*

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Table 6 Selection of Sites for Assessment in the Year Ahead

Type of Regulated Installation (i.e. Discharge Licences/ Waste Permit Facilities / Certificate of Registration)	Total No. of Installations in your functional area	Total No. of Installations in your functional area Per Risk Category			No. Of Inspections Planned Per Risk Category ¹			Total No. Of Inspections Planned	Additional Comment (e.g. include rationale for selection of sites to be inspected and/or indicate whether any of the inspections planned include installations that have been recommended for inspected by Lead Authorities)
		A	B	C	A	B	C		
Waste Facility Permits	28	0	20	8	0	20	0	20	Based on NWCPO submissions any WFP holder that is shown difference in recordings will be subject to on-site audits to determine waste In and waste Out calculations.
CoR's (Private)	13	0	4	9	0	4	1	5	Based on NWCPO submissions any CoR holder that is shown difference in recordings will be subject to on-site audits to determine waste In and waste Out calculations.
CoR's (LA)	113	0	113	0	0	113	0	113	Following on from 2022 progress, all LA CoR Sites to be inspected in 2023.
PRI- (Garages) Tyres Batteries Haz Waste	158	38	6	70	26	6	0	32	Most of the C category have been inspected in previous years and found to be consistently compliant. The selected ones for 2023 have been identified from the REPAK ELT Portal and previous inspections indicating areas for improvement towards compliance.
PRI - WEEE	60	28	28	4	15	4	0	19	Inspections of some retailers indicated there are instances of minor non-compliances and spot checks are required.
Packaging	377	12	45	320	14	4	0	18	Selected from REPAK Portal as being potential obligators.
Commercial Food Waste	290	12	33	245	5	2	0	7	Identified from previous inspections and information from Municipal District Areas regarding clogging of sewer system and complaints received from members of the public.

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Farm Film Plastics	32	7	10	15	0	10	0	10	All existing suppliers have indicated 100% compliance annually. This year it is proposed to target the marts in conjunction with an officer from the IFFPG to determine if farm film plastic is being sold at marts by unauthorised operators. Informal report of alleged unauthorised operator near Hollyford area of Tipperary needs to be investigated.
Plastic Bag Levy	98	0	0	98	0	10	0	10	10 Routine inspections proposed, in tandem with inspections under WEEE & Commercial Food Waste Inspections.
Mercury Regs	30	0	0	30	0	0	12	12	Submissions returned and validated from Self-compliers.
S4 Licence Discharge Facilities	43						43	107	97 samples & 10 on site audits
Deco Paint	38						38	10	
Solvents	8						8	3	
PVE	104						104	20	
Solid Fuel Suppliers	100						100	25	No. of operators to be confirmed. Risk status to be established
Small Private Supplies	82							287	277 samples & 10 on site audits
Group Water Schemes	39							140	135 samples + 5 on site audits
Total No. Of Inspections Planned								838	

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4. Resource Assessment for the Year Ahead

4.1 Review of the Achievement of the Previous Years Inspection Targets

Table 7 Review of Previous Years Inspections

Inspection Type <i>Figures available from your RMCEI return (Section 6) or previous years RMCEI plan</i>	No. of Planned Inspections set out at the start of the Previous Year	No. of Completed Inspections at the end of the Previous Year	Outline any reason for significant difference in completed versus planned figures (i.e. +/- 25%)	Please provide a brief narrative to demonstrate that the previous years completed inspections have been considered when planning the inspections for the year ahead
Routine Waste Inspections	351	685		Due to the lifting of Covid restrictions in early 2022 it was possible to meet key members of staff that had been working remotely in order to carry out on-site inspections.
Non-Routine Waste Inspections	1243	975		There were fewer complaints submitted through TCC's Customer Services Desk. The resulting available staff resource was used to carry out Routine Waste Inspections which is why we have an increase in Number of Completed inspections.
Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations	820	1295		Similar to the statements above and Covid restrictions being lifted, staff were able to visit in relation to the Green Schools Programme. There was a major uptake from and in providing support to community groups during litter clean ups.
Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	1184	1326		WFD /DWWT/ S4 & DW monitoring /FI S4 audits & DW Audits
Non-Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	70	202		*Estimated based on previous year 70 & 122 +10 SP DW122 not planned included /10 source Protection investigative Drinking water samples
Routine Air/Noise Inspections	45	48		
Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections	70	69		*Estimated based on previous year
Routine producer Responsibility Inspections	110	106		Based on the data and information available and to hand.

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Inspection Type	No. of Planned Inspections set out at the start of the Previous Year	No. of Completed Inspections at the end of the Previous Year	Outline any reason for significant difference in completed versus planned figures (i.e. +/- 25%)	Please provide a brief narrative to demonstrate that the previous years completed inspections have been considered when planning the inspections for the year ahead
Planning inspections	65	64		*Estimated based on previous year

4.2 Number of Staff Days Available

Table 8 Resources Available to undertake required Work for the Year Ahead

Department	Available Resources %	Name	Focus Area for this Resource (please ensure you outline which National Environmental Priority area this resource will be associated with)	Available days for RMCEI (both routine and non-routine)	Basis of calculating Resource Available days (take account of e.g. job-sharing, full/part-time working, expected leave, secondment to other work areas and therefore unavailable, basis for a standard working year e.g. 220 days)
Env & Climate	05	Eamon Lonergan	Directorate	10	Director for 3 Sections within Tipperary County Council. RMCEI input will be within Progress Review and approver of Manager's Orders for Notices and Legal Proceedings.
Env & Climate	05	Michael Moroney	Senior Executive Officer	10	RMCEI input will be within Progress Review and approver of Manager's Orders for Notices and Legal Proceedings.
Waste Infrastructure & Burial Grounds	10	Ruairi Boland	Waste Enforcement Senior Management	20	Primarily deals with Burial Grounds and Infrastructural issues. RMCEI input will be as Reviewer and initial approver of Reports, Recommendations and Notices etc. Responsible for Management of Civic Amenity Sites
Waste Permitting, Tender Projects	50	Andrew Carroll	WASTE – •Tackling Significant	110	RMCEI input will be for Senior investigation, reporting and

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and Waste Enforcement, Surveys of waste sites and CA site surveys when requested.			<p>illegal Waste Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Agency Sites of Interest • Construction and Demolition Activity •ELV and Waste Metal Sector •Waste Collection Household and Commercial 		<p>recommendation, liaison with legal advisors.</p> <p>Attending Sligo Waste Management Course</p> <p>Assist with RMCEI Co Ordination</p> <p>Deals with infrastructural and operational procurement and tenders.</p>
Waste Annual Returns NWCPO, Waste enforcement, CCTV, ELV, submissions annual returns WCP Tipperary. Packaging,	75	D.J. Buckley	<p>WASTE –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ELV and Waste Metal Sector •Waste Collection Household and Commercial. •NWCPO, EPA, RWMPO validations 	165	<p>RMCEI Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Deals with AER validations</p> <p>ELV operators and compliance</p> <p>Assists with CCTV operations.</p> <p>Packaging PRI.s</p>
Waste Enforcement Health and Safety Env Quality System	50	David Corbett	<p>WASTE –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tackling Significant illegal Waste Activity • Multi Agency Sites of Interest • Construction and Demolition Activity •ELV and Waste Metal Sector •Waste Collection Household and Commercial 	80	<p>RMCEI input will be for Line Manager for Environmental Enforcement Officers.</p> <p>Senior investigation, reporting and recommendation, liaison with legal advisors.</p> <p>Drone pilot</p> <p>Adjusted for leave</p> <p>Health and Safety Co-ordinator for Section and EMS Co-ordinator for Section, deals with OHSAS and ISO Audits internal and external</p> <p>Assist with RMCEI Co-Ordination</p>
Environmental Enforcement – CCTV – Litter Surveying	90	Francis Keogh	<p>WASTE –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tackling Significant illegal Waste Activity •Waste Collection Household and Commercial 	198	<p>Litter Patrols</p> <p>Litter Surveys</p> <p>Checkpoints</p> <p>Env Complaints Litter and Illegal Dumping</p>
Environmental Enforcement – Litter Surveying	90	Daniel Murray	<p>WASTE –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tackling Significant illegal Waste Activity •Waste Collection 	198	<p>Litter Patrols</p> <p>Litter Surveys</p> <p>Checkpoints</p> <p>Env Complaints Litter and Illegal Dumping</p>

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			Household and Commercial		
Environmental Enforcement – CCTV – Litter Surveying	90	Noel Searson	WASTE – •Tackling Significant illegal Waste Activity •Waste Collection Household and Commercial	198	Litter Patrols Litter Surveys Checkpoints Env Complaints Litter and Illegal Dumping
Environmental Enforcement – CCTV – Litter Surveying	90	David Kennedy	WASTE – •Tackling Significant illegal Waste Activity •Waste Collection Household and Commercial	198	Litter Patrols Litter Surveys Checkpoints Env Complaints Litter and Illegal Dumping
Environmental Enforcement – Litter Surveying/ Dog Control	45	John O'Neill	WASTE – •Tackling Significant illegal Waste Activity •Waste Collection Household and Commercial	99	45% of time will be for Env Enforcement Activities Litter Patrols Litter Surveys Checkpoints Env Complaints Litter and Illegal Dumping 55% will be for Animal Control – Dogs
Water /Air	10	Colette Moloney	Water/Drinking Water/Air	18	Supervision of Environmental Protection Team & Activities Works 4 Days a week
Drinking Water / Air Pollution Monitoring	70	Paula O'Dwyer	WATER •Protecting Public Health by supervising water quality in Rural Water-HSE/EPA Liaison •Protecting Public Health and improve Air Quality	100	Deals with Water Quality issues from SPS Auditing schemes HSE/EPA Liaison Responsible for Air Monitoring programme - Relevant Complaints Bathing Water Planning assessments & pre planning meetings (Other areas FOI/AIE/Supervisory) Works 4 days a week
Water	50	Gillian Delehanty	WATER •Maintaining and Improving Water Status in all water bodies	70	Water Quality officer in respect of Agricultural Activities: NMP's, Source Protection /Catchments Farms etc. Planning Works a 3-day work week
Water	90	Justine Haugh	Maintaining and Improving Water Status in all water bodies	130	WFD Sampling, Monitoring & Section 4 monitoring. DWWTPS & Complaints

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					Works a 4-day work week adjusted for leave
Water	75	Dermot Leahy	WATER •Maintaining and Improving Water Status in all water bodies	165	Water Quality officer in respect of S\$ discharge /DWWTPS /DPI & Agricultural Activities: Complaints _Air, Water & Noise Planning FOI /AIE Supervisory
Drinking Water / Air Pollution Monitoring	Off on (Maternity Leave)	Clodagh Brennan	Protecting Public Health by Monitoring water quality in Rural Water- •Protecting Public Health and improve Air Quality	0	Air Pollution Monitoring Drinking Water Monitoring On Maternity leave 2023
Water	90	Robert O' Brien	WATER •Maintaining and Improving Water Status in all water bodies Protection public health	198	WFD monitoring Farm Inspections Complaints Reassigned to Drinking Water for 2023.
Water	30	Oliver Naughton	Protecting Public Health by supervising water quality in Rural Water	65	Rural Water Engineer Deals with Water Quality issues from GWS Involved with Auditing schemes Capital Works Private Well grant assessments
Water	90	Marie Hogan	Protecting Public Health by monitoring water quality in Rural Water Reassigned to Air	198	Rural water Monitoring Reassigned to air pollution monitoring 2023 where capacity exists.
Water	40	Barry Whelan	WATER	88	Sampling, Monitoring & Section 4 monitoring.
Admin	05	Orla Kelly	Waste, Water and Air	10	Administrative officer for the Section. Oversees all legal correspondence. Manages all Enforcement notices issued.
Admin	05	Fiona Flynn	Waste, Water and Air	10	Oversees all legal correspondence. Oversee Enforcement notices issued.
Admin	10	Lisa Maher	Waste, Water and Air	20	Assists with Correspondence,

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					Filing and financial processing Waste Facility Permit Administration.
Admin	10	Jonathan Donoghue	Waste, Water and Air	20	Assists with Correspondence, Filing and financial processing Waste Facility Permit Administration.
Admin	10	Deirdre Molamphy	Waste, Water and Air	20	Oversees correspondence, maintains Household waste register. Works a 3-day week
Admin	10	Jonathan Sheehan	Waste, Water and Air	20	Assists with Correspondence, Filing and financial processing Waste Facility Permit Administration.
TOTAL DAYS AVAILABLE				2418	

4.3 Training Requirements

Training on Courtroom & Legal Skills Training identified as a requirement for Environmental Protection Team -new staff members- 6 in total -This will be mentioned on induction and included for all staff during their PDP Review.

Training in EIA Assessment for Planning Reporting – 2 staff members - On PDP and subject to availability.

Air Monitor operation & Maintenance - 3 staff members - EPA have been requested to provide training.

Training on Open Source Investigations and Inspection Skills Training to be undertaken by Enforcement Officers through WERLA. Challenges of Data collection Best practice in interviewing witnesses. Regulation of permits. Data protection. Drone training.

This will be mentioned on induction and included for all staff during their PDP Reviews.

4.4 Health and Safety

A risk assessment will be made prior to any inspection.

Background checks may be undertaken to determine risk of confrontation or violence and aggression, where this hazard is identified multi-agencies may be engaged such as An Garda Síochána, SR WERLA and assistance requested.

Any site where enforcement is to be undertaken shall be visited by two officers.

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5. PLANNED INSPECTIONS/OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

5.1 Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections

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Table 9 Summary of Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead

Note that 'routine inspections' refers to planned inspections at authorised sites and 'non-routine inspections' refers to inspections of unauthorised sites, environmental complaints/incidents, etc. (rather than routine referring to scheduled work and non-routine referring to non-scheduled work).

Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
Waste				
Total Routine Inspections end of year	395	0.50	197.5	
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year	936	0.61	571.5	Based on complaints received through CSD.
Total Inspections end of year	1331	0.577	769	
Litter				
Total Routine Inspections end of year	878	0.56	499	Litter Patrols/Investigations/monitoring surveys/quantifications
Total Inspections end of year	878	0.56	499	
Water/Wastewater including Private Drinking Water				
Total Routine Inspections end of year	97 +850+427+42+25+15 DWAUD +10 S4 Audits 1466	0.6	878	DW & DW Audits & WFD & S4 & DWWTPS & On-site audits
Routine Water (Agri)	50(TBC_EPA PLAN)	1.0	50	

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Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year	302	0.5	151	70 Complaints +122 DW investigative +10 Source Protection +100 Private Well grant (Based on 2022 * Estimated)
Total Inspections end of year	1818	0.593	1079	
Air/Noise Inspections				
Total Routine Inspections end of year	89	0.7	62	
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year	115	0.5	57.5	Based on 2022 * Estimated
Total Inspections end of year	204	0.5	119.5	
Producer Responsibility Inspections				
Total Routine Inspections end of year	107	0.4	43	
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year	10	0.5	5	
Total Inspections end of year	120	0.38	45	
Planning (Environmental) Inspections				
Total Routine Inspections end of year	65	1.5	98	Estimated (2022)

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Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year	10	1.5	15	Estimated
Total Inspections end of year	75	1.5	113	Reduced by 107

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5.2 Outstanding Enforcement Actions & Complaints Requiring Resources for the Year Ahead

Table 10 Outstanding Enforcement Actions & Complaints to be Closed Out

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections to close out in the Year Ahead	Estimate time per inspection+ write up (days)	Time for all Inspections (days)
Outstanding Complaints			
4.1.1 Litter (excluding fly tipping and illegal dumping)	9	0.5	4.5
4.1.2 Waste, non C&D. Includes fly tipping and illegal dumping	17	0.5	8.5
4.1.3 Waste, C&D.	0	0.5	0
4.2 Water/Wastewater	7	0.5	3.5
4.3 Air/Odour	2	0.5	1
4.4 Noise	7	0.5	3.5
Outstanding enforcement Actions			
Warning Letters	49	0.5	24.5
Section Notices	15	0.75	11.25
Complaints	14	0.5	7.5
Court Cases	20	2	40
Etc.			
Total	140	6.75	104.25

5.3 Summary of Resource Requirements

Table 11 Summary of Inspections to Complete and Resources Required for the Year Ahead

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections Planned for the Year Ahead	Total Time for all Inspections (days)
Total Routine Inspections – (obtained from completed rows A-F of Section 6 of the RMCEI Return)	3313	1805.4
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year – (obtained from completed rows A-F of Section 6 of the RMCEI Return)	1367	825.3
Outstanding Enforcement Action & Complaints to be Closed out – (outlined in Table 10)	140	104
Totals	4820	2734.7
Total Available Resources (Days) – (outlined in section 4 Table 8 of the Plan)		2624.5

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6. PLAN REVIEW MECHANISMS

Table 12 Summary checklist of plan review mechanism


Question	Yes	No
Q1 Have progress implementation meetings been planned to be undertaken to assess Plan progress through the year?	√	
Q2 Will the Director of Services, Senior Engineer, Senior Management and Environment Strategic Policy Committee be informed of Plan progress (on a monthly or quarterly basis).	Quarterly	
Q3 Are objectives for the delivery of the RMCEI Plan incorporated within staff PMDS Team Development Plans?	√	
Q4 If aspects of the Plan need to change (i.e. achieved good progress in some areas and are behind in other areas), as a result of a quarterly review, is there a mechanism in place to implement the change?	Yes	
Q5 Will monitoring of the progress of the Plan be documented (i.e. monthly/quarterly monitoring reports, preparation of minutes and circulation of same in relation to any progress meetings)?	Yes	

There will be Quarterly Waste Enforcement Meetings, and there will be monthly reports for MD Meetings which will assist with reviewing progress.

Appendix A PRIORITY TEMPLATE


A.1 NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

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National Enforcement Priority: PRESSURES FROM AGRICULTURE (FARM YARDS) - SLURRY/SOILED WATER COLLECTION AND STORAGE	
Objective: Reduce the impact of agricultural activities on water quality. Issues at farm level are identified and resolved through farm inspections both in areas identified with agriculture as a significant pressure, with a small percentage in areas where agriculture has not been identified as a significant pressure.	Activities
<p style="color: #e67e22; font-weight: bold;">Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate slurry collection and storage; • Adequate soiled water collection and storage; • Local issues identified and resolved through the National Agriculture Inspection Programme (NAIP). 	<p>TCCs priority is to reduce the impact of agricultural activities on water quality by implementing a risk-based approach to farm Inspections and following up complaints of agricultural pollution. Issues at farm level will be identified and resolved through farm inspections both in areas identified with agriculture as a significant pressure with a smaller percentage in areas where agriculture is not a significant pressure to include at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate slurry collection and storage. • Adequate soiled water collection and storage. <p>•Local issues will be identified and resolved through the National Agriculture Inspection Programme (NAIP).</p> <p>The risk-based plan will include consideration of pollutants of concerns (P, N and organics), using the EPA Pollution Impact Potential (PIP) maps and EPAs Targeting Agriculture Measures map.</p> <p>TCC will take all necessary steps to ensure compliance, including follow up and close out of non-compliances and will use the Cross reporting tool of non-compliances to DAFM where necessary.</p>


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Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?	Improved Water quality by reducing the impact of agricultural activities on water quality.
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National Enforcement Priority: PRESSURES FROM AGRICULTURE (FARMLAND) - SLURRY AND FERTILISER SPREADING	
Objective: Reduce the impact of agricultural activities on water quality. Issues at farm level are identified and resolved through farm inspections both in areas identified with agriculture as a significant pressure, with a small percentage in areas where agriculture has not been identified as a significant pressure.	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead	Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.
	[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]
<p>2. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreading of slurry and fertilisers must not take place in the closed season or under unsuitable weather and/or soil conditions; • Local issues identified and resolved through the National Agriculture Inspections Programme (NAIP). 	<p>TCCs priority is to reduce the impact of agricultural activities on water quality by implementing a risk-based approach to farm Inspections and following up complaints of agricultural pollution. Issues at farm level will be identified and resolved through farm inspections both in areas identified with agriculture as a significant pressure with a smaller percentage in areas where agriculture is not a significant pressure to include investigations at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Spreading of slurry and fertilisers in the closed season or under unsuitable weather and/or soil conditions. • Local issues will be identified and resolved through the National Agriculture Inspection Programme (NAIP). <p>The risk-based plan will include consideration of pollutants of concerns (P, N and organics), using the EPA Pollution Impact Potential (PIP) maps and EPAs Targeting Agriculture Measures map.</p>

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	<p>TCC will take all necessary steps to ensure compliance, including follow up and close out of non-compliances and will use the Cross-reporting tool of non-compliances to DAFM where necessary.</p>
<p>Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>Improved Water quality by reducing the impact of agricultural activities on water quality.</p>

<p>National Enforcement Priority: DOMESTIC WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS / SEPTIC TANKS</p>	
<p>Objective: Reduce the impact of domestic waste water discharges on water quality through implementation of the National Inspection Plan.</p>	<p>Activities</p>
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>3. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-compliant DWWT systems are identified via risk-based inspections, and subsequently followed up and resolved. 	<p>TCC commit to reduce the impact of domestic waste water discharges on water quality by undertaking the allocated number of DWWTs/Septic Tanks inspections under the National Inspection Plan according to designated risk including LAWPRO referrals not followed up by homeowner</p> <p>TCC will take all necessary steps to follow up and ensure advisory notices are closed out including historic open advisory notices</p>


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Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?	Improved overall Water quality trends. Improved awareness of Water Quality Improved working relations and communications with stakeholders


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National Enforcement Priority: DISCHARGE LICENCES / MISCONNECTIONS	
<p>Objective: Reduce the impact of licensed discharges on water quality by ensuring compliance with discharge licence conditions.</p> <p>Reduce the impact of misconnections on water quality by ensuring remediation works are undertaken by property owners.</p>	<p>Activities</p>
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p>	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>4. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Section 4 Discharge Licences associated with significant pressures are compliant with emission limit values; • Misconnections impacting on water quality are followed up and remediated. 	<p>TCC will work to reduce the impact of licensed discharges on water quality by ensuring compliance with discharge licence conditions by carrying out the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure all licence conditions are consistent with the requirements of the Surface Waters and Groundwater regulations. - Undertake risk-based inspections/monitoring of Section 4 licences. Inspect all licences in areas where discharge licensing is a significant pressure. - Ensure that all licensable discharges are authorised by a Section 4 licence. - Ensure compliance with discharge licence conditions and follow up and close out non-compliances and LAWPRO referrals on Section 4s and misconnections. - Follow up on misconnections that have been identified as impacting on water quality to ensure that works are undertaken by property owners to remediate such misconnections. <p>TCC will work to reduce the impact of known misconnections on water quality by ensuring remediation works are undertaken by the relevant party. This involves cross agency work with Irish Water.</p>
<p>Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>Improved overall Water quality trends. Improved awareness of Water Quality among the public and those operators engaged in activities which may adversely affect water quality. Improved working relations and communications with stakeholders</p>


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National Enforcement Priority: LOCAL PRIORITIES AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING	
Objective: Deliver the WFD monitoring programme and ensure that any local water quality issues (not covered by other NEPs) are addressed.	Activities
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>5. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National/Additional Local priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The monitoring data is available for characterisation and to support targeting of local authority inspections and enforcement actions. 	<p>TCC will deliver the WFD monitoring programme and Private Drinking Water monitoring programme including capital works supervision and ensure that any local water quality issues (not covered by other NEPs) are addressed by carrying out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete statutory monitoring for WFD surveillance and operational monitoring, investigative monitoring and bathing water monitoring. - Inspect and follow up any local issues (not covered by other NEPs), including non-compliances with water quality standards and LAWPRO referrals. - Address any climate related water quality issues e.g. impacts due to extreme weather events - Monitoring and enforcement of private drinking water supplies. - Engage with LAWPRO and Regional Committees on the implementation of the RBMP Actions.
<p>Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>Improved overall Water quality trends. Improved awareness of Water Quality among the public and those operators engaged in activities which may adversely affect water quality. Improved working relations and communications with stakeholders</p>


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National Enforcement Priority: SOLID FUEL	
Objective: Only compliant fuel products are available for purchase by the end-user.	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fuel products used by the end-user comply with standards. 	<p>TCC will endeavour to ensure that only compliant fuel products are available for purchase by the end-user by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tackle the sale of non-compliant fuel (including online sales) and its use via compliance promotion, inspection and enforcement of fuel merchants and retailers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in multi-agency operations investigating the sale of non-compliant fuels. - Carry out awareness programme to promote compliance by increasing the awareness of how the choices people make in heating their homes impacts on their air quality and health and legal obligations. - Establish and/or maintain a list including the number and profile of solid-fuel merchants operating in each local authority area including those using social media platforms to market solid fuels. - Build capacity through engaging, collaborating and sharing with colleagues in other Local Authorities via networks and working groups and participating in training events.
Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?	<p>Appropriate monitoring programmes in place to ensure compliance with new regulations</p> <p>Improved awareness</p> <p>Improved air quality</p>

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National Enforcement Priority: AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACTIVITIES AND DATA USE	
<p>Objective: Deliver enhanced real-time information to improve air quality forecasting and identification of priority sites/areas for action.</p> <p>Encourage greater understanding and involvement of the public in air quality issues.</p>	<p>Activities</p>
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead </p>	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>2. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality data to be used to identify priority sites/areas for action. • All Local Authorities to display real-time data on local air quality via their websites. 	<p>Deliver enhanced real-time information to improve air quality forecasting and identification of priority sites/areas for action by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist EPA to troubleshoot issues at existing air quality monitoring station including the nomination and notification to the EPA of a primary and secondary contact person. • Assist (where possible, to the best extent possible) EPA to maintain existing and new air quality monitoring stations. • Review air quality data within the local authority functional area to identify areas for action due to poor air quality and to prioritise sites/areas for action. • Maintain availability of air quality data area including a map. Have a link to airquality.ie (EPA site) on TCC website • Engage in Awareness raising campaigns including use of TCC websites and social media platforms
<p>Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>Collaborate with the EPA on air quality (resultant identification of hot spot and issues and overall improvement in air quality)</p> <p>Improved public awareness of importance of good air quality and local authority activities in trying to achieve and maintain good air quality</p>


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National Enforcement Priority: ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE (ENDs)	
Objective: Reduce the share of people chronically disturbed by transport noise as well as preserve environmental quality where it is good.	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead 	Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan. <i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i>
<p>3. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory compliance. 	<p>TCC will endeavour to: Publish noise maps on local authority’s website to communicate information to the public. – Prepare and submit the Annual Noise Action Plan Progress Report for Round 3 of Action Plans to the EPA by the 28th of February. – Identify key issues and priority areas for action and endeavour to progress actions to address issues where identified.</p>
Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?	Environmental compliance and Reduction of Noise pollution from traffic and other sources where required to ensure the associated health burden is reduced We envisage an overall improved level of noise pollution while continuing to ensure compliance with regulations and our complaints management procedure.


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National Enforcement Priority: AIR AND NOISE CONTROL (INCLUDING PLANNING)	
Objective: Appropriate Air and Noise controls area in place.	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>4. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment staff assessing environmental impacts from air and noise emissions and liaising with planning staff on appropriate air and noise controls. 	<p>TCC will endeavour to:</p> <p>Assess all referred Planning applications prior to approval for potential environmental pollution. All assessments will include consideration of (at a minimum) Water Quality, Air & Noise impacts. All reports are recommended to be conditioned where necessary to ensure minimum impact to the environment.</p> <p>Environment staff will assist where practical and necessary and where planning enforcement is not appropriate in follow up of air and noise issues including use of Sections 107 and 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 and the Air Pollution Act.</p> <p>TCC will endeavour to create an increased public awareness of air & noise induced health impacts.</p>
Outcome to be achieved this year?	<p>Identify and mitigate pollution potential at planning stage.</p> <p>Reduce air & noise pollution to ensure minimum impact to the environment by closely liaising with Planning Dept. of TCC.</p>

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National Enforcement Priority: ONGOING AIR AND NOISE ENFORCEMENT WORK	
Objective: Appropriate controls in place to minimise, reduce or prevent air and noise emissions that may be harmful to the environment or to human health.	Activities
Looking forward to the year ahead 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>5. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory compliance. 	<p>TCC will endeavour to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce noise pollution as well as preserve environmental air & noise quality where it is good by actively undertaking preplanning assessments of air and noise impacts according to the agreed protocol with Planning section Inspect and carry out any required enforcement actions of facilities/activities Make available on their websites, the EPA Vehicle Refinishers video and use appropriate channels to promote it. inspect and carry out any required enforcement actions under Sections 107 and 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 in order to limit noise nuisance. Build capacity through engaging, collaborating and sharing with colleagues in other Local Authorities via the Solvent & Deco paints working group, other networks and participating in training events
Environmental outcome to be achieved this year?	We envisage an overall improved level of air and noise pollution while continuing to ensure compliance with regulations and our complaints management procedure.


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National Enforcement Priority: TACKLING ILLEGAL WASTE ACTIVITIES AND MULTI-AGENCY SITES/OPERATORS OF CONCERN	
Objective: Detection and cessation of unauthorised collection and dumping activities and remediation of polluted sites.	Activities
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority FOR THE YEAR AHEAD – including the proposed localised environmental outcomes to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorised collectors detected and closed down. • Active list of unauthorised sites/operators in place. • Consistent policy agreed and implemented for dealing with illegal waste deposits in the ground. • Authorised (permitted & licensed) facilities should not facilitate the unauthorised treatment of waste. 	<p>Tipperary County Council's waste enforcement section will carry out targeted inspections and follow ups with enforcement proceedings of unauthorised collectors and site operators by priority. By using intelligence from waste data flows i.e. national waste collection permit office annual returns (NWCPO), complaints and other available data received from other government agencies. Complaints with potential for high environmental pollution will be carried out as a priority. TCC will use the following tools when investigating and bringing illegal waste activities to a conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve fines and Notices on detected offenders. • Utilise Drone technology and covert surveillance hot-spot areas to assist with evidence and file preparation. • Encourage witness statements/evidence to assist with legal cases <p>In some cases, co-ordination with i.e. Tipperary Co Council's Housing, Roads and Municipal District Offices, will be required. Also intra-sectional assistance when necessary with multi Agencies such as EPA, WERLA, NWCPO, HSE, Revenue and An Garda Siochána in relation to unauthorised activity/activities and identified site operator/sites operators of concern. These areas of concern will be carried out in line with the Garda Multi-Agency forums. The following tools will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-agency inspections or investigations for sites operators of concern. • Multi-agency Roadside check points. • Relevant Anti-Dumping Initiatives applied along with traceability requirements to be enforced at Permitted Licensed sites. – • Create an active list or register of unauthorised sites/operators with an Emphasis on those who are facilitating the unauthorised treatment of waste and share relevant data to other Co Councils, EPA, WERLA, NWCPO, HSE, Revenue and An Garda Siochána. • Tipperary Co Council report legal/court cases to WERLA, NWCPO in order to maintain the Convictions Register up to date.


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<p>Environmental Outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>By Maintaining/Building a relationship with state agencies such as WERLA and An Garda Siochána for joint investigations in relation to illegal dumping activities, unauthorised waste activities and unauthorised collectors , TCC hope to produce the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cease and close illegal operations down. • Maintain a list of unauthorised sites / operators. • Provide a deterrent for illegal dumping activities • Initiate enforcement action against Authorised permitted / licensed facilities who facilitate the unauthorised treatment of waste <p>TCC will promote a consistent policy implemented and agreed in relation to promoting awareness to the public regarding Local Authority enforcement when dealing with illegal waste and its impacts on the local environment.</p>
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National Enforcement Priority: CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION (C&D) WASTE	
Objective: Effective and authorised management, movement and disposal of C&D waste.	Activities
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including the proposed localised environmental outcomes to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorised waste treatment facilities accepting waste from authorised collectors/sources only. • Compliance of construction sites with inspection template checks including waste classification, segregation and waste movement, Art 27. • Accurate waste classification and quantification of waste data in AERs from WCP/WFP and licensed operators. 	<p>Construction and Demolition Sites: Construction Site Activities will be assessed by accessing the Building Control Portal of Tipperary County Council and movement of waste will be inspected. Based on data researched, local knowledge and identify authorised / unauthorised operators for further investigation and/or enforcement action. All Risk based inspections for construction sites will be carried out by utilising WERLA inspection templates. Inspection of sites declaring Article 27 listed on the EPA website will be analysed based on origin, destination which includes material notified under Article 27 being accepted at Waste Facility Permitted or Licensed sites. Inspections of soil recovery sites using data listed on the NWCPO website listing registered collectors' annual returns will help identify and ensure only appropriate materials been accepted at registered sites. Focused programmed inspection, validation and tracking of waste in / out of Licensed sites i.e. WCP, WFP and CoR and other licensed sites dealing with C&D waste will be carried out . Tipperary Co Council will take all necessary steps to resolve non-compliant issues. Including the selling of crushed concrete from WFP or Licensed sites without End of Waste (EoW) decision.</p> <p>Multi-Agency Collaboration: Cross-county issues will involve liaising with Local Authority colleagues from bordering counties. Advice may be utilised through discussions with EPA and WERLA. The NWCPO will be involved where issues of collection permitting arises.</p>
<p>Environmental Outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>Carry out on-site audits of construction sites utilising WERLA templates comprising of waste classification, segregation and movement of waste, Art 27.</p> <p>Improve the regularisation and enforcement of activities arising from Authorised waste treatment facilities accepting waste from non-compliant contractors including contractor deliveries who are not registered with the NWCPO.</p> <p>Develop an increased awareness to operators regarding environmental requirements for C&D Waste. Correct waste classification and tonnage of waste statistics in AERs from WCP/WFP and licensed operators which can be crossed referenced on the NWCPO portal.</p>


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National Enforcement Priority: END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES (ELVS) AND METALS	
Objective: All relevant ELV facilities are authorised and maintain a high level of compliance for acceptance, classification, segregation, recycling and disposal of ELVs.	Activities
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including the proposed localised environmental outcomes to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorised (permitted & licensed) waste treatment facilities to accept waste from authorised collectors/sources only • Accurate waste classification and quantification of waste data in AERs from WCP/WFP and licensed operators • Hazardous components and WEEE are adequately segregated and transferred to appropriate recycling/treatment facility. 	<p>Tipperary Co Council will take all necessary steps to resolve non-compliant issues as there has been collaboration since 2021 with a small group of authorised operators to support with reporting on alleged unauthorised activities i.e. scrapping of vehicles. A list of operators has been furnished to the Section and it is proposed to carry out investigations on the listed operators.</p> <p>Risk based inspections of Authorised Treatment Facilities and other ELV sites is envisaged that advice and support will be required from WERLA and the NWCPO.</p> <p>Where background checks indicate potentially confrontational individuals, then assistance will be sought from An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>Existing authorised facilities will receive routine inspections and audits.</p> <p>The ELVES Portal will be utilised for information.</p> <p>Un-authorised operators will be served with Directions, Notices and failing to comply will instigate legal proceedings.</p> <p>Engage with Metal Recyclers that are in contravention of their permit conditions to collect from un-authorised operators.</p> <p>Seek assistance and guidance from WERLA for dealing with Recyclers on a National Level.</p> <p>Carry out surveillance on unauthorised activities identified in 2022, utilising the services of a covert surveillance team.</p> <p>Perform routine inspections on operators and do some multi-agency inspections jointly with WERLA on ELV's facilities within the functional area</p> <p>Attend Regulatory meetings and regional meetings where the topic of ELV's is included in the Agenda. Report on inspections and carry out a regular progress review of the priority throughout the year.</p>

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Environmental Outcome to be achieved this year?	<p>Review the NWCPO portal and priority listing which all Councils receive from the EPA and RWMPO to help identify difference in waste classification and quantification of waste data within AERs listing from WCP, WFP and licensed operators.</p> <p>To achieve the proposed target of routine inspections in relation to Authorised permitted ELVE's & licensed waste treatment facilities to accept waste from authorised WCP holder/sources only. Carry out on-site audits/inspections and review are Hazardous components and WEEE been segregated and transferred/collected to all appropriate recycling treatment facilities.</p> <p>To carry out investigations on the list of alleged unauthorised operators</p> <p>To promote regularisation where required and to shut down non-compliant operators.</p>
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National Enforcement Priority: HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL WASTE	
Objective: Maximise segregation, and recycling of municipal waste	Activities
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority FOR THE YEAR AHEAD – including the proposed localised environmental outcomes to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bin systems are in place and being utilised i.e. separation of dry recyclables and organic materials at all commercial sites. • Accurate waste classification and quantification of waste data in AERs from WCP and WFP operators of municipal waste. • High level of compliance amongst households availing of a door-to-door waste collection service or a suitable alternative. 	<p>Unauthorised Waste Collectors Investigate reports from complaints regarding unauthorised waste collectors. Seek advice from WERLA on dealing with potentially unauthorised collectors advertising on Social Media Encourage regularisation of an activity where appropriate and if unresolved, initiate enforcement and legal proceedings. Carry out on-site audits on Waste Collectors residing within the County with a focus on the examining of the waste streams In/Out i.e. WFP, Waste Transfer Stations, Landfills and Waste to Energy Plants. Cross check and validate Annual Environmental Returns on WCP and WFP priority lists (EPA and RWMPO) of treated waste outputs, liaise with the NWCPO to discuss collection compliance.</p> <p>Multi-Agency Checkpoints Liaise with NTFSO Officer for the regions, WERLA, and the Gardaí to arrange for Env/Regulatory Waste Checkpoints in the County. It is intended to carry out Multi-Agency Checkpoints as directed by An Garda Síochána, where non-compliance with Waste Collection Permit Conditions arises to issue FPN's.</p> <p>HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT BYE-LAWS Identify Areas to be surveyed from Environmental Complaints received and representations from Elected Members and Housing Section. i.e. Inspection of Waste Collection Permit operators for provision of 3 bin system Carry out in-person Household Waste surveys now that Covid 19 Restrictions have been lifted. Survey retail, hospitality and industrial sectors to confirm proper use of 3 bin usage i.e. segregation and use of authorised collectors. Maintain a register and Liaise with Housing Section Liaison Officers to follow-up on non-compliant local authority tenants without a waste collection service. With a targeted inspection of areas with low compliance. Carry out increased public awareness on Household Waste Management and Bye-Laws, informing public of surveys and inspections. Issue FPN's for serious non-compliance, and instigate legal proceedings where appropriate. Utilise the support of Administrative officers to assist with the compilation of data and processing of letters / correspondence. Obtain advice and guidance from WERLA.</p>

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Environmental Outcome to be achieved this year?

To regularise unauthorised activities and enforce where appropriate i.e. In order to promote compliance 3 bin systems are in place and being utilised by households availing of a door-to-door waste collection service or a suitable alternative. Households whom do not engage with Tipperary Co Council and failure to comply with directions will be served a FPN's. Desktop validation on the NWCPO AER's help in accurately monitor WCP and WFP operators classification of their waste streams and quantification of waste data in the form of municipal waste generated within their customer base.

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National Enforcement Priority: PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES AND ADDITIONAL LOCAL PRIORITIES	
Objective: All operators subject to producer responsibility initiatives registered with appropriate organisation(s). Good regulatory compliance at all waste facilities including those owned by local authorities.	Activities
<p>Looking forward to the year ahead</p> 	<p>Tell the story of what your council plans to do on this priority in the year ahead. You are not required to duplicate other information within this plan.</p> <p><i>[Guideline of 500 words per priority area]</i></p>
<p>1. Describe the work to be carried out to address this National Enforcement Priority <u>FOR THE YEAR AHEAD</u> – including the proposed localised environmental outcomes to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All suspected producers under WEEE, Packaging, Farm Plastics, Tyres, Batteries and ELV Regulations, including vehicle importers, requiring registration to be registered. • Consistent approach to enforcement of Extended Producer Responsibility requirements. • All local authority owned waste facilities in compliance with authorisations. 	<p>Inspections have been forecasted in relation to Tyre Operators and Suspected Major Packaging Producers. From correspondence with the Government Bodies (REPAK ELT for Tyres and REPAK for Packaging Producers) operators have been identified that require inspecting and possible multiple inspections follow-ups so that the engagement process will result in compliance or enforcement.</p> <p>Information exchange between Local Government Sector and other Agencies, Collaboration with WERLA will be undertaken to utilise the support service and advisory input from WERLA officers to assist in joint inspections of sites, for Packaging producers and Tyre operators that fail to engage with the Local Authority where appropriate.</p> <p>The protocol to be used for packaging operators will be initial engagement, then a warning letter and then a Notice under the Packaging Regulations to encourage compliance, non-compliance with the Notice will incur a recommendation for legal proceedings.</p> <p>The protocol to be used for Tyre/Car Sales operators will be initial engagement, then a warning letter and then a Direction/Notice under the Waste Management Act to encourage compliance, non-compliance with the Notice will incur a recommendation for legal proceedings.</p>

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<p>Environmental Outcome to be achieved this year?</p>	<p>Building a relationship with multi-agencies for joint investigations in relation to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Priorities all suspected producers under WEEE, Packaging, Farm Plastics, Tyres, Batteries and ELV Regulations, including vehicle importers to be audited and be directed to the appropriated scheme to become registered/compliant.</p> <p>Promoting awareness to the public regarding Local Authority enforcements.</p> <p>Progressing and improving compliance rates for relevant sectors. Including Tipperary County Council owned waste facilities in compliance with authorisations.</p> <p>With a consistent approach to enforcement of requirements, now that the self-compliance packaging has been dissolved since the 31st December 2022. The 4 operators within Tipperary County will have to register with REPAK Packaging.</p>
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Appendix B Planned Routine & Non-Routine Inspections for the Year Ahead

	Inspection Types	Planned Inspections for Year	Estimate time per inspection & write up (days)	No. of Inspections Days for this Inspection Type	Local Authority Comments for Planned Inspections for the Year Ahead
Waste					
6.1	Routine Waste Inspections				
6.1.1	Waste Permitted Facilities	20	1	20	
6.1.2	Joint inspections with NTFSO	2	0.5	1	
6.1.3	Inspections of Cert of Registration sites (private)	5	1	5	
6.1.4	Inspections of LA Cert of Registration sites	113	0.5	56.5	
6.1.5	Multi-agency inspections, including vehicle inspections and multi-agency site inspections	8	1	8	
6.1.6	Hazardous waste sectoral inspections (e.g. Mercury Regulations, WTF, garages, mini-labs, industrial, healthcare & others)	48	0.3	14.4	Incorporates Garages and Healthcare (Dental and Pharmacies)
6.1.7	Inspections in relation to segregation, recovery and disposal of C&D waste at construction/development sites to include major public projects (e.g. Waste Mgt. Plans, Gypsum handling, etc.)	3	1	3	
6.1.8	Inspections of notifications under Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Inspections	5	0.5	2.5	Still under review from the government over the removal of burning declarations

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6.1.9	Registration of Sewage Sludge Facility inspections	0	0	0	None registered in Tipperary
6.1.10	Household Waste Surveys	150	0.3	45	
6.1.11	Inspections in relation to the household and commercial kerbside waste collection regime (including brown bin)	4	1	4	Push for 2023
6.1.12	Other inspections of waste collection permit holders to include, for example, data validation audits (onsite) but not included above in 6.1.12	20	1	20	NWCPO annual returns will be used in order to validate tonnages as reported by WCP on the portal.
6.1.13	Commercial Food Waste Inspections (original waste producers, e.g. hotels, nursing homes, restaurants, etc.)	14	0.25	3.5	
6.1.14	Inspections in relation to authorised ELV facilities (ATFs) with an emphasis on traceability requirements (SI 320 of 2014)	3	1	3	
6.1.15	Other routine inspections (not included in above numbers) - please specify Packaging	18	.5	9	
	Subtotal Routine Waste Inspections	413	0.471	194.9	
6.2	Non-Routine Waste Inspections				
6.2.1	Investigative inspections of fly tipping or illegal dumping, excluding unauthorised C&D, ELVs & Tyres	893	0.6	535.8	Based on 2022 complaints, split between 5 Enforcement officers (Based on 4 hours per inspection)

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6.2.2	Investigative Inspections in relation to unauthorised C&D sites (sites with no permit)	5	3	15	
6.2.3	Investigative Inspections in relation to unauthorised ELV sites and suspected sites of origin as notified by the NTFSO (sites with no permit)	4	5	20	
6.2.4	Investigative Inspections in relation to unauthorised Tyre dumps (no permit in place)	0	0	0	
6.2.5	Inspections in relation to unauthorised waste collectors (collectors with no permit), e.g. MAN IN VAN, scrap collection, unauthorised C&D collection, etc.	5	1	5	To be determined from social media sites etc. from open source investigation training
6.2.6	Inspections in relation to other Unauthorised Waste sites excluding those mentioned above - incl. crashed vehicle inspections, PTUs, etc.	2	1	2	2 PTU's in Tipperary since 2021 also using NWCPO portal return to view tonnages
6.2.7	Inspections in relation to Waste Facility Permits continuing to operate after their permit has expired	0	0	0	
6.2.8	Inspections in relation to extractive industries	0	0	0	
6.2.9	Household Waste/waste presentation Inspections arising from complaints, including backyard burning	25	0.5	12.5	

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6.2.10	Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	2	1	2	
6.2.11	Other non-routine inspections (not included in above numbers)				
	Subtotal Non-routine Waste Inspections	936	.61	592.3	
6.3	Litter Patrols/Investigations				
6.3.1	Litter Patrols/Investigations	400	0.9	360	
6.3.2	Litter pollution Monitoring surveys	200	0.25	50	
6.3.3	Litter pollution quantification surveys	58	0.5	29	
6.3.4	Visits in relation to Green Schools programme	20	0.5	10	Conservative figure as not able to calculate. Based on school participation.
6.3.5	Providing support to community groups during litter clean ups	200	0.25	50	Conservative figure as not able to calculate. Based on community groups participation.
6.3.6	Judging Tidy Towns/Villages competitions	0	0	0	We don't judge tidy towns.
6.3.7	Other routine litter patrols/investigations (not included in above numbers)				
	Subtotal Routine Litter Patrols/Investigations	878	.57	499	
Water/Wastewater					
6.4	Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections				
6.4.1	Discharges licenses to waters (Section 4)	107	0.75	80	97 Samples + 10 on site audits & Self compliance review
6.4.2	Audits of private water supplies	15	1	15	

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6.4.3	Monitoring samples from private water supplies	527	0.5	264	427Regulatory +100 investigative (based on 2022)
6.4.4	Farm Inspections under GAP Regulations conducted by Local Authority (not including farm inspections by DAFM)	50	1	50	EPA Inspection plan to be issued -pending
6.4.5	Farm Inspections conducted by DAFM	TBC	0	0	No. to be confirmed
6.4.6	Farm Inspections Other e.g. routine farm inspection but not GAP inspection	10	1	10	
6.4.7	Monitoring programmes, Operational and Surveillance samples taken	850	0.3	255	
6.4.8	No. of days of locally lead investigative assessments (including SSRS, sampling, river walks, etc.)	0	0	0	0 Planned -resource issue
6.4.9	WFD investigative monitoring samples and analysis by Local Authorities.	25	0.5	13	Estimated
6.4.10	No of days of engagement with LAWPRO and Communities Programme	35	1	35	Estimated
6.4.11	Bathing Waters	25	0.75	19	
6.4.12	DWWTS inspections under National Inspection Plan	42	1.5	63	
6.4.13	DWWTS Engagement Activities	65	1	65	
6.4.14	DWWTS inspections of referrals from LAWPRO	10	1.5	15	Estimated

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6.4.15	Other Surface & Groundwater Protection Inspections [e.g. drinking water source protection, zone of contribution monitoring, etc]	10	2	20	Estimated based on 2021/2022 and IW referrals
6.4.16	Misconnection Surveys	2	2.5	5	Estimated
	Subtotal Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	1773	0.512	909	
6.5	Non-Routine Water/Wastewater Inspections				
6.5.1	Inspections relating to water pollution incidents/complaints, excluding non-routine farm inspections.	302	.05	151	Estimated
6.5.2	Non-routine farm inspections, e.g. on foot of pollution incident or complaint.	10	1	10	Estimated
6.5.3	Unauthorised Discharges Investigated	2	2	4	Estimated
6.5.4	Inspections in relation to Water Pollution Licence applications	2	5	10	Estimated
	Subtotal non-routine Water/Wastewater Inspections	316	0.553	175	• Includes more categories than included in
Air/Noise Inspections					
6.6	Routine Air/Noise Inspections				
6.6.1	Inspections of Air Pollution Licenced sites	1	1	1	
6.6.2	Total number of inspections carried out under the solid fuel regulations (S.I. 326 of 2012 and as amended).	25	0.75	19	

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6.6.3	Number of multi-agency inspections carried out under the solid fuel regulations (S.I. 326 of 2012 and as amended), e.g. in conjunction with other local authorities, EPA, DCCAE, etc.	2	1.5	3	
6.6.4	Number of days involved in the carrying out of inspections under the solid fuel regulations (SI 326 of 2012 and as amended) i.e. 6.6.2, 6.6.3 and 6.6.5	0	0	0	Deleted 25 as already accounted for above
6.6.5	Total number of fuel samples collected and analysed	0	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource issue
6.6.6	Inspections of sites under 2012 Deco Paints Regulations (S.I. 564 of 2012) – Vehicle Refinishers	10	0.75	8	
6.6.7	Inspections of sites under 2012 Solvents Regulations (S.I. 565 of 2012) – e.g. Dry cleaners, surface cleaning etc.	4	0.75	3	
6.6.8	Inspections of sites under Petroleum Vapours Regulations	10	0.75	8	
6.6.9	Ambient Air Monitoring Programme inspections	12	0.5	6	
6.6.10	Other routine air/noise inspections				
	Subtotal Routine Air/Noise Inspections	64	0.685	44	
6.7	Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections				
6.7.1	Incident/complaint related inspections	115	0.5	58	

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	Subtotal Non-Routine Air/Noise Inspections	115		58	
6.8 Producer Responsibility Inspections (Routine)					
6.8.1	WEEE Inspections	22	0.3	6.5	
6.8.2	Battery Inspections	22	0.3	6.5	
6.8.3	Inspections on suspected vehicle importers (ELV Regulations 2016)	5	1	5	
6.8.4	Farm Plastics	10	0.5	5	
6.8.5	Plastic Bag Levy	10	0.5	5	
6.8.6	Inspections under the Packaging regulations – Suspected Major Producers	18	0.5	9	
6.8.7	Inspections under the Packaging regulations – Registered Self-compliers	0	0	0	As of the 31 st December 2022 all self-compliers must register with Repak.
6.8.8	Inspections under the Tyre Regulations – Tyre Retailers	20	0.3	6	
	Subtotal (Routine) Producer Responsibility Inspections	107	.40	43	
6.9 Planning (Environmental) Inspections (Routine)					
6.9.1	Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions				
6.9.2	Inspections (environmental) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	65	1.5	97.5	Estimated

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6.9.3	Quarry Inspections (e.g. relating to noise, dust, surface/groundwater emissions, vibration etc.)	3	1.5	3	Estimated
6.9.4	Other planning inspections relating to environmental issues	10	1.5	15	Estimated
Subtotal Planning Inspections (Routine)		78	1.48	115.5	
Total Routine Inspections end of year		3313	0.549	1805.4	
Total Non-Routine Inspections end of year		1367	0.60	825.3	
Total Inspections end of year		4680	0.562	2630.7	Estimated based on 2021/20222

Appendix C Suggested Plan Implementation Review Template

RMCEI/Enforcement Plan Implementation Review Report

Meeting Date:

Meeting Time:

Attendees:

Name	Title

Reason for the Meeting:

Monthly Implementation Review:	
Quarterly Implementation Review:	
Other Reasons:	

Important Notes/Actions from Previous Meeting:



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Table A – Progress Against Priorities

National Priority:			
Areas Requiring Review for this Priority - for example:	Progress to Date	Further Work Required	Responsibility Assigned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For authorised sites- compliance rates; • Site selection methodology, and/or early interventions; • Detection of non-compliances/follow up; • Progress in the NEP shown; • Positive environmental outcomes – not just inspections targets; • Collaborative work with WERLA, LAWPRO, EPA, Catchment Care Projects; • Data analysis/sharing for enforcement targeting – and other activities as described in Table 1 of the Guidance. 			

Table B – Progress Against Inspection Targets

Inspection Plan Review				
	Areas	Progress to Date	Further Work Required	Responsibility Assigned
1				
2				
3				

