



# Management Report to Council



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## Report at a Glance



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## ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



### New Policy/Strategic Issues

### Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and considered the following items:





- SPC recommendations re Severe Weather Snow/Ice Event
- Capital Projects
- Parking Harmonisation – Draft Parking Bye-Laws

Recommendations from the SPC will be presented to the Plenary Council in due course.

### Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><b><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u></b> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 and announced a divided road.</p> <p><b><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u></b> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021. Phase 2: Options selection commenced 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Four in-person public</p>	<p><b><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u></b> Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation is 75% complete. This will define land take required for the preferred option. The Draft Design is to be advertised in May 2025. Phase 3 is programmed for completion Q4 2025 after which the next step is An Bord Pleanála application.</p> <p><b><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u></b> Phase 2 – The Options Selection Report was due to be published before the end of 2024. <b><u>TII have provided a 2025 allocation of €80k whereas €2.5m is required, and therefore this project is effectively shelved.</u></b> Funding is required for the project to progress to Phase 3.</p>



	displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.	
Capital Programme 2025	Implementation of Programme	2025 TII Allocations received.
Implementation of 2025 Operational Road Works Programme	Implementation of Programme	2025 Regional and Local Road allocations received.
Rural and Community Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Involvement Scheme 2025</li> <li>Local Improvement Scheme 2025</li> </ul>	Implementation of Programme <div>     </div>	<p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2025 is €983,400. Applications are on hand for the 2025 programme of works.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2025 is €1,023,479. Applications are on hand for the 2025 programme of works.</p>
Consultation	Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.	The Annual Meeting with TII will be scheduled for Q4 2025.
Speed Limit Review - update	<p>The Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024.</p> <p>The changes to the legislation will reduce the <u>default</u> speed limits on some road categories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (reduction from 80km/hr)</li> <li>80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr)</li> <li>30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr).</li> </ul> <p>The default speed limit commenced nationally on 7 February 2025 and all Rural Local Roads in Tipperary now have a 60kmh speed limit. There was no requirement to revoke any element of our existing Special Speed Limit Byelaws. The stretches of Local Roads within urban areas (USLZ) were not part of this Phase One.</p>	<p>It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done in phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1 - Rural Local Roads</li> <li>Phase 2 - National Secondary Roads and Urban Areas</li> <li>Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, such as schools.</li> </ul> <p>Maps are being prepared for Phase 2.</p> <p>Notification of the commencement of the Special Speed Limit process issued in late January to relevant stakeholders. The time line for progression of further phases is now delayed nationally.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
<b>Nenagh Municipal District</b>		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. A tender competition for design phases 1 and 2 has been completed.	Preliminary design will commence when TII funding becomes available.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	<p>The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>road pavement improvement works</li> <li>addressing a number of road safety issues</li> <li>the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village</li> <li>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</li> <li>public lighting improvements</li> <li>some public realm improvements.</li> </ul> <p>RPS consultants have been appointed and the Preliminary design has been completed. Part 8 planning procedures commenced in June 2024 and approval received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage attenuation pond) have been completed.</p>	Detail design of the scheme to commence later in 2025 subject to availability of funding.
<b>Thurles Municipal District</b>		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Promote the inclusion of a Thurles Bypass on the National Development Plan.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The scheme involves changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed.	It is anticipated that construction will commence in 2026 subject to the availability of funding.



	Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024 and the detail design has commenced.	
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 was held up for a while due to funding restrictions but went out to tender in December 2024.	TCC is ready to appoint a contractor to carry out construction works and same will commence when funding is made available by TII. No allocation has been provided by TII in 2025.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
<b>Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District</b>		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works are substantially completed and are now in the maintenance period. Some remedial works are required and will be carried out during this period.	12 months maintenance period ongoing into 2025 and snags are being addressed.
<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District</b>		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed and a Contractor Glas Civil Engineering has been appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on April 29, 2024. Construction works are well ahead of schedule.	Expect the scheme to be substantially complete in May 2025.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. The Contract has been awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd., and commenced on site in February 2025, continuing to November 2025.	Continuation of Construction.
<b>Clonmel Borough District</b>		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	Progression of this scheme has been delayed due to resourcing issues and prioritisation of other schemes. TCC have sought additional resources to allow the scheme to progress through the next stages.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of resources.
N24 Derrygrath N24 Kilsheelan	Resources have been reallocated within the Clonmel Borough District to deal with 2 priority areas. N24 Derrygrath near Apple Farm and N24 Kilsheelan where existing pavements are failing.	Derrygrath: PARR Approval received. Funding will be requested for 2026. Kilsheelan: Emergency funding sought for 2025.



<b>Strategic Non-National Road Projects</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. The detail design was substantially completed in Q4 2023. Advance works were completed in Q1 2024. Archaeological investigations to commence in June/July 2024. Archaeological investigations and excavations are substantially complete. The tender for the Main Works was advertised in March 2025.	It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q3 2025.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022. The scheme is now getting close to substantial completion.	The scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction;</li> <li>a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access;</li> <li>50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir;</li> <li>public lighting;</li> <li>flood alleviation works along the River Suir.</li> </ul> <p>This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.</p> <p>Business case and related documents have been submitted to the Department.</p>	<p>DoT approval is then required to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction.</p> <p>Preparation Procurement of a Consultant.</p>



**Works in progress - N24 Knockagh Pavement Scheme**







## Department of Transport (DoT)

### 2020 to 2025 Allocation Review

<u>Description</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Discretionary Grant from DoT	€4,796,000	€4,772,000	€4,789,500	€4,800,500	€4,787,000	€4,846,500
Total DoT Grant	€28,946,723	€29,526,858	€31,218,438	€33,532,399	€35,772,945	€42,053,390*
TII Grant	€6,262,116	€8,307,116	€9,818,085	€9,877,084	€10,583,443	€9,651,243
NTA Grant	€90,000	€5,269,931	€6,666,601	€4,633,000	€4,499,000	€4,500,000
TCC Own Funds	€8,050,577	€8,135,526	€8,235,035	€8,056,633	€8,531,550	€9,306,634

Notes: The allocations from TII in the years 2022-2025 also include an allocation for Greenway Projects, as follows: 2022 - €640,000, 2023 - €1,400,000, 2024 - €790,000, 2025 - €625,000.

Discretionary Grant from the DoT has essentially remained static since 2020.

The increase in the overall DoT grant for 2025 is largely linked to the R498 Latteragh Realignment Scheme which is out to tender and will start on site this year, and also funding for new Speed Limit signage. Day to day operational funding is relatively static from 2024.

TCC Own Funds has remained static in recent years. The 2025 increase is accounted for in increased energy costs for public lighting and an amount from the 2024 rates increase to be ringfenced for the use of velocity patchers.

TII funding has essentially remained static since 2022.

NTA funding has fallen by 32% since 2022.

While funding has either plateaued or fallen, costs have increased dramatically with no reflection in funding to mitigate them:

- Local Authority wage levels have increased by 23% since 2017
- The cost of bituminous macadam and asphalt has increased by 23% between September 2019 and September 2024
- The cost of sand and gravel has increased by 31% between September 2019 and September 2024
- The cost of cement has increased by 75% between September 2019 and September 2024



## Department of Transport (DoT)

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2025	
Restoration Improvement	€19,319,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,425,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€2,122,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,846,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,070,000
Specific Imp. Grant	€560,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€6,150,000
Safety Improvement Works	€771,500
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,073,000
Former National Roads	€680,000
Speed Limits Review Signs	€940,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€938,490
Community Involvement Scheme	€983,400
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>€42,053,390</b>



Transport Infrastructure Ireland – National Road Allocations 2025



**TII - Grant Allocation to Local Authorities for National Roads**

Tipperary County Council		Total Allocation		C3.1.2 Allocation	
Capital Investment - Protection & Renewal		9,026,243		5,742,800	
Classification	PRS Type	Name	Route No:	Allocation (€)	
Both NP & NS	HD15 and HD17 Minor Works 1a	Fencing Retrofit 2025 T	-	90,000	
	LA Eng Support - B.1.1a	Local Authority Support (Improvement) 2025 T	-	200,000	
		Pavement Design & Supervision 2025 T	-	150,000	
	Pavement 1a	HD28 Pavement Renewals 2025 T	-	50,000	
National Primary	HD15 and HD17 Minor Works 1a	N24 Knockagh East Realignment RSIS	24	55,800	
		N24 Main St & Fr Matthew St Tipp Town HD15 Scheme	24	1,100,000	
		N24T Bansha Road Tipperary Town RSI	24	31,500	
		N24T Barronstown Cross RSI	24	35,000	
		N24T Cahir Roundabout R639/R640 Type D RSI	24	10,000	
		N24T Main Street Tipperary Town RSIS	24	9,000	
		N24T_077.7 Clonmel Town RSIS	24	18,000	
		N24T_094 to 096 Carrick-on Suir Pavement and Safety RSIS	24	97,000	
	Pavement 1a	N24 Knockagh Roundabout Pavement	24	1,865,000	
		N24 Main Street Tipperary Town Pavement Strengthening & N74 Fr. Matthew St. Tipperary Pavement Overlay	24	1,200,000	
	HD15 and HD17 Minor Works 1a	N52T Ballingarry Type D RSI	52	20,000	
		N62T_058.0 Roscrea Bypass new road RSIS	62	45,000	
National Secondary		N62T_091.2 Slievenamon Road Thurles RSI Implementation	62	10,000	
		N62T_093.0 Turtulla Cross RSIS	62	45,000	
		N62T_Liberty Square VRU Improvements Phase 2 RSIS	62	300,000	
		N65 Carrigahorig RSIS	65	4,500	
		N74T Kilfeacle L4209 Junction RSI	74	62,000	
		N76 Grangemockler Village HD15 Scheme	76	35,000	
	Minor Works 1a	N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	74	110,000	
	Pavement 1a	N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles Pavement Strengthening Phase 2	62	50,000	
		N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Scheme	65	150,000	
C3.1.2 Capital Investment - Protection & Renewal Total				5,742,800	





TII - Grant Allocation to Local Authorities for National Roads

Tipperary County Council		Total Allocation	C3.3 Allocation	
Construction of New Roads		9,026,243	2,500,000	
Classification	PRS Type	Name	Route No:	Allocation (€)
National Primary	Major Scheme 1b	NDP - N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction	24	2,500,000
C3.3 Construction of New Roads Total				2,500,000

Tipperary County Council		Total Allocation	C3.1.1 Allocation
Current Maintenance - Protection & Renewal		9,026,243	783,443
Classification	PRS Type	Name	Allocation (€)
Both NP & NS	LA Eng Support - B.1.2	Local Authority Support (Maintenance) 2025 T	78,300
		Local Authority Support(Winter Maintenance - Nat) 2025 T	10,000
National Primary	Ordinary Maintenance	NP Ordinary Maintenance - Nat 2025 T	130,955
		NP Motorway MMarC Lighting 2025 T	45,831
		NP Route Lighting - Nat 2025 T	56,171
National Secondary	Winter Maintenance	NP Winter Maintenance - Nat 2025 T	105,066
	Ordinary Maintenance	NS Ordinary Maintenance - Nat 2025 T	179,776
		NS Route Lighting - Nat 2025 T	56,052
	Winter Maintenance	NS Winter Maintenance - Nat 2025 T	121,292
C3.1.1 Current Maintenance - Protection & Renewal Total			783,443



Transport Infrastructure Ireland – Greenways & Active Travel Allocations 2025



Tipperary County Council	
Greenways & Active Travel (AT)	
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>A.4.1 Allocation</b>
<b>625,000</b>	<b>625,000</b>

PRS Type	Name	Allocation (€)
Greenway	Cashel to Cahir G/w - Cashel to Cahir Town	150,000
	Lough Derg G/w - Ballina to Dromineer	100,000
	Suir Blueway - Gas House Br. - Suir Island, Clonmel	25,000
	Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir - Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottages	150,000
	Suir Blueway - Waterford G/w Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	100,000
LA Eng Support - E7	Local Authority Greenways/Active Travel Support 2025 T	100,000
<b>A.4.1 Greenways &amp; Active Travel Total</b>		<b>625,000</b>



## GREENWAY PROJECTS – UPDATES

Greenways 2025 Total Allocation: €625,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for comment in August 2024, 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 and finally on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025 following various rounds of TII comment. TCC are now preparing to close out Phase 1 and commence Phase 2 with a Public Consultation.
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	Phase 2 Options Selection Report was submitted to TII for review on 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024. TII issued comments on 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2024. TCC and their Technical Advisor are currently preparing responses to TII comments and revising the report.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Draft tender documents were submitted to TII for approval to appoint new Technical Consultants for the project. TII have not given an allocation for this project in 2025. TCC are reviewing options.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	<b><u>ABP approved planning for the project in April 2025.</u></b> Funding now being sought to progress.
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for comment on 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 and 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 and it was approved on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024. TCC are currently preparing the PEP report followed by the Gate Review Statement for TII to move to Phase 2.
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report was submitted to TII for comment on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024 and 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025. TII commented on 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 that progression of this scheme will require procurement of a new Technical Advisor.



2025 Roadworks Programme

Works completed at Garransilly Bridge, Williamstown, The Commons

Carrick on Suir MD



HRA resurfacing in progress at Nine-Mile-House, Carrick on Suir MD





Clonmel Borough District



L1411-0 Blackcastle, Rosegreen – RI Works – DBM complete, awaiting surface dressing



L1408-0 Tullamaine, Fethard RI - DBM complete, awaiting surface dressing



Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD

RI Works – Ardfinnan

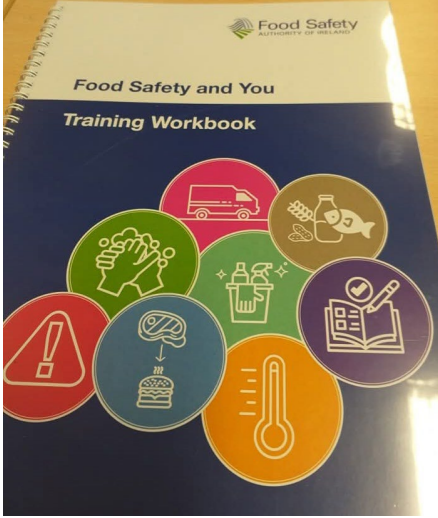


## FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Tipperary County Council has taken over the Chair of both the regional steering & working groups.	Coordinate and administer this function in the region for 2025/2026
Building Control	Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.  Onsite inspections ongoing	Complete annual inspection programme for 2025 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Quality, Health & Safety	Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2024 – successfully certified to both standards	Undergo integrated audit in early Q2 2025
Fire Safety	Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2025	Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.
ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES		To 22nd April 2025
Number of Emergency Calls Attended		623
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received		30
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted		27
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received		18
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted		15
Number of Commencement Notices Received		64

## Tipperary Civil Defence

Activities	
Training & Regional Support	<p>Training of our volunteers in ongoing. A special emphasis is always placed on the minimum training standards followed by special training in food safety, water awareness and Medical skills</p> <p>Recertification of Instructors is also vitally important and we are currently in the process of privileging out Emergency medical Technicians with the Pre-Hospital Care Council.</p> <p>In recent weeks Tipperary Civil Defence were delighted to be in a position to provide instructors to Limerick &amp; Cork Civil Defence to deliver training in the Food Safety of Ireland ( F.S.A.I ) course , Food Safety &amp; You certifying more than 20 volunteers in this discipline.</p> <p>Tipperary Civil Defence are also assisting the Civil Defence Branch with the review of the Welfare Service and with the response of Civil Defence to rest centers for displace persons.</p> 
Health & Safety	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence recently underwent an internal Audit and is now preparing for the external audit with the NSAI to hopefully maintain our ISO450001 Health &amp; Safety Certification . We are also in the process of commencing a new volunteer engagement process for Health &amp; safety issues</p>



### Community Support & Duties

Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks including, Clonmel Athletics Club 6k Race series. We also provided First Aid cover at Tipperary County Council organized event like the recent Environmental Expo in Thurles



### Drone Operation

I am delighted to say that our Drone operations can once again commence following the registration of Tipperary County Council with Irish Aviation Authority. Our Drone pilots are highly trained and can be called to respond to assist the Garda with missing persons both a local and a National level. Drone support was invaluable to the ESB during the recent storm and adverse weather





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
<b>Residential Zoned Land Tax</b> (reviewed and updated annually)	<p>A total of 23no. submissions were received during the submission period.</p> <p>Of these, 8no. valid rezoning requests were received (two of these submissions were repeated submissions by the same landowners), giving a total of 6no. valid re-zoning requests.</p> <p>Rezoning request acknowledgment letters (including planning history of land) have been issued by the Council to the landowners. This letter can be used to support a claim for an exemption from the tax for 2025.</p>	<p>Final maps for 2025 were published on 31 January 2025.</p> <p>Draft Maps for 2026 were published on 01 February 2025.</p> <p>Submissions invited up to 01 April 2025 in respect of (a) the inclusion / exclusion of land on the Draft Map for 2026 (b) seeking a re-zoning of land identified on the Final Map for 2025</p>	<p>The Council will evaluate all written submissions received.</p> <p>Submissions on Annual Draft Map 2026 – The Council must issue a Determination on landowner submissions not later than 1 July 2025.</p> <p>The Final Maps for 2026 will be published on 31 January 2026 and will take account of determinations and appeal decisions. The Draft Maps for 2027 will be published on 01 February 2026 with a 2 month consultation period (1 February to 1 April 2026).</p> <p>Rezoning Requests on Final Map 2025 – The Council will communicate in writing to the landowner its decision on whether to progress with a variation to the statutory land use plan by 30 June 2025. Decisions on rezoning requests cannot be appealed to An Bord Pleanála.</p>
<b>Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031</b>	Elected Members requested to resolve to make the LAP, having regard to the Chief Executive Report	Public Consultation on the Proposed Material Alterations the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031 published on 28 <sup>th</sup>	If made, the LAP will become effective 6 weeks after the making of the Plan i.e. 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025. The existing Carrick-on-Suir Town Development Plan



	prepared on the Proposed Material Alterations the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031, and all other relevant considerations.	February, closing on 31 <sup>st</sup> March. 14 Submissions received.  Chief Executive Report on the PMAs provided to Elected Members on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025. Workshop held with Elected Members of Carrick-on-Suir MD on 24 <sup>th</sup> April.	2013 would then no longer have effect.
<b>Record of Protected Structures (RPS) – Carrick-on-Suir</b>	Public Consultation open until 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025.	The RPS being reviewed for Carrick-on-Suir, on foot on the progression of the LAP for the town (LAPs cannot include an RPS and therefore the RPS for Carrick-on-Suir is being included in the RPS contained in the Tipperary County Development Plan).  All sites on the existing RPS surveyed and reviewed, report prepared and public consultation commenced on Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April.	Report on all submissions received will be prepared and circulated in June to all members.  Workshop to be provided to Carrick MD members on the submissions received and recommendations.  Elected Members will be asked to resolve to update the RPS in the Tipperary County Development Plan at the plenary meeting in July.
<b>First Revision to the Draft National Policy Framework (NPF)</b>	First Revision to the Draft NPF now fully complete.	First Revision to the NPF approved by Cabinet on 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025. Government then asked Houses of Oireachtas to approve the First Revision to the NPF. This was completed on 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.	Formal direction expected from the Minister in coming months to local authorities on implications and requirements of local authorities on foot of updated NPF.
<b>National Development Plan (NDP) Review</b>	Review ongoing.	Formal review of the NDP agreed by Cabinet on 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.	Expected to be completed by July 2025.



<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
<b>Town Centre First Policy</b>	<b>Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan</b>  <b>Draft Newport TCF Plan .</b>  <b>Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared.</b>  <b>Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan</b>  <b>TCF Suite of Funding supports for towns &lt; 10,000</b>  <b>Thrive Strand 2</b>	Draft plan finalised  Draft Plan published for submissions. Town Team formed  TCF plan tender awarded  TCF plan tender awarded  Ongoing for Thurles, Nenagh and Cashel  Application submitted for Clonmel	Publication as part of LAP  Finalise draft.  Draft plan to be agreed  Draft plan to be agreed  Funding to be allocated for support of TCF teams  Awaiting result of competition

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
<b>Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza</b>	Works practically completed September, 2024. Department approval received in November, 2024 for additional kerbing, paving and resurfacing works. Facility was officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys on 3 <sup>rd</sup> . December, 2024 and open to the public.	Complete additional kerbing, paving and resurfacing works by end of May, 2025.





<b>Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers</b>	Final Business Case approved by the Department. Successful/Unsuccessful letters issued to tenderers. Contracts signed on 18 <sup>th</sup> . June, 2024. Works commenced on site early August, 2024 and satisfactory progress is being made.	Complete construction works by Q4, 2025.
<b>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' Category 1</b>	<b>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park-</b> Works are practically completed. Minor snagging is in progress. <b>Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay</b> – Tender documents completed and Request for tenders uploaded to e-Tenders on 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025. Closing date for receipt of tenders on 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025. <b>Phase 3 Digital Hub</b> – Contractor appointed on 18 <sup>th</sup> . November, 2024. Works commenced December, 2024.	<b>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park</b> – Complete.  <b>Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay</b> - Advertise for tenders in March, 2025. Uisce Éireann to complete upgrading of water infrastructure network prior to Phase 2 works. Commence works end of Q2 2025.  <b>Phase 3 Digital Hub</b> – Complete works in Q1 2026.
<b>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1</b>	<b>Phase 1a Car Park Site</b> – Demolition and enabling works contract completed. <b>Phase 1b Car Park Construction-</b> Tender documents for the construction of the car park advertised to candidates who were shortlisted under Stage 1 Prequalification for the establishment of a Framework for public realm works with closing date on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025. Tender Assessment Report completed and preferred tenderer identified. Final Business Case completed and submitted to the RRDF Unit on 22 <sup>nd</sup> . April, 2025. <b>Phase 2 Library-</b> Revisions being undertaken on tender documents. <b>Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works-</b> Stage 1 Prequalification for the establishment of a Multi-	<b>Phase 1b-Car Park Construction-</b> Obtain Approval to Proceed from the RRDF Unit. Appoint contractor and commence works circa May, 2025.  <b>Phase 2-Library-</b> Finalise tender documents and issue to contractors entered on the multi-party framework. Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed from the Department.  <b>Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works-</b> Complete assessment of tenders received. Complete establishment of the Multi-Party Framework Agreement. Prepare and submit Final Business Case to the RRDF Unit for approval. Appoint contractor and commence works in June, 2025.



	Party Framework Agreement for Council owned buildings completed. Tender documents completed and advertised to the shortlisted candidates on e-Tenders with closing date for receipt of tenders on 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025.	
<b>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</b>	Request for Tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 8 <sup>th</sup> . November, 2024 with closing date for submission of tenders extended to 17th. January, 2025. Tenders received assessed and most economically advantageous tender identified. Successful/Unsuccessful letters issued.	Appoint design team in Q2 2025. Engage with property owners and utility providers. Commence work on detailed design
<b>Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell</b>	Tender documents for the construction stage are under preparation for both buildings. Stage 1 Prequalification for the establishment of a Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Council owned buildings is completed. Tender documents for both buildings are at an advanced stage.	Obtain Pre-Tender Approval from the Department on completion of tender documents. <b>Courthouse-</b> Issue tender documents to contractors entered on the multi-party framework in May, 2025. Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed from the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works in July 2025. <b>Dan Breen House -</b> Issue tender documents to contractors entered on the multi-party framework in May, 2025. Assess tenders received. Obtain Approval to Proceed from the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works in July 2025.

<b><u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u></b>		
<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></b>	<b><u>Next Stage</u></b>
<b>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2</b>	<b>Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads</b> - Design Report and Feasibility & Options Report completed. Part 8 Planning Report completed. Part 8 adopted at a Special Meeting of Thurles Municipal District in early December. Extensive consultations ongoing with statutory bodies. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team are at an advanced stage.	<b>Phase 2</b> –Complete tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Complete Pre-Tender Compliance check. Procure for design team in Q2 2025 to prepare detailed design and oversee the construction stage. Appoint design team by end of Q2 2025.
<b>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre</b>	<b>Ongoing progress meetings being held with the design team. Extensive stakeholder engagement is in progress. Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings in progress. Works are ongoing on the preliminary design.</b>	Complete stakeholder engagement. Complete preliminary design by Q3 2025.

#### Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds: Projects completed to date

The following projects are delivered.

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration – Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub
- Tipperary Town Regeneration: Market Yard and River Ara Walkway
- Fethard Town Park
- Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Category 2
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter - Category 2
- Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan – Category 2
- Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement -Phase 1 New Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square
- Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh – Category 2



## Active Travel

In January 2025 the Council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,500,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2025 (see full details hereunder).

Project Name 2025	2025 Allocation	Current Update
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	€ 5,000	Snagging works complete
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	€ 10,000	Works near completion
Active Travel Staff Costs	€ 350,000	Ongoing and seeking to appoint new staff to current vacancy
Ardfinnan Bridge	€ 120,000	The design team is progressing the Preliminary Design for the project
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€ 15,000	Finalising Part 8 planning documents and seek NTA approval to proceed to planning
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	€ 1,525,000	Works ongoing and Phase 2 works have commenced
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€ 50,000	Finalising Part 8 planning pack
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€ 400,000	Ready to appoint design team for stages 5 - 7
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	€ 5,000	Scheme design being updated
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	€ 25,000	Design team to be appointed
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	€ 20,000	Part 8 planning secured
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 40,000	Part 8 Planning documents available for inspection from 16 <sup>th</sup> April to 16 <sup>th</sup> May at the Council offices.





Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 20,000	Non-statutory consultation now complete and the design team are finalising the planning documents including necessary environmental surveys
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 15,000	The current design layout is under review
Emly Village Footpaths (Previously TCC/22/0013)	€ 120,000	Construction substantially complete
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	€ 750,000	Detailed design ongoing and preparing tender for works contractor
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	€ 250,000	Preparing Part 8 planning pack
SRTS Inch National School (Previously TCC/22/0015 - TCC/22/0013)	€ 280,000	Works underway
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 4,000,000</b>	
<b>Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams</b>		
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000	In recent weeks the NTA has restructured its bus infrastructure teams. Meetings taking place between TCC and the new NTA bus team to agree how the new programme of works will be implemented. 10 number bus stops to be upgraded on the Clonmel Town service in the coming weeks.
<b>Total NTA Allocation 2025</b>	<b>€ 4,500,000</b>	



## **ZEVI (Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland)**

### **Development of an EV Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan.**

As part of the Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024 -2030 Tipperary County Council as lead authority has appointed Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd, T/A Arup as the Consultant for the development of an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan in December 2024. Tipperary County Council as lead Authority for Region 5 will develop the strategy in collaboration with the local authorities of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford.

The Strategy Inception Meeting convened in January and senior officials from each local authority were in attendance. We hosted an Informational Webinar in February for the elected officials and Local Authority officials from the five Local Authorities, to provide information on the objectives of this plan and on the project lifecycle.

We have recently launched a Public Consultation inviting residents, stakeholders and the general public to share their views and inputs on the future of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in their areas. The consultation portal can be accessed via the following web link [www.southeastevstrategy.com](http://www.southeastevstrategy.com) We are in the primitive stages of developing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which we expect to be completed later this year.

## **Conservation Grant Schemes 2025**

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2025** seeks to encourage conservation of structures which are protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

Tipperary County Council received the third highest award of funding in the sum of **€367,285** after Dublin City Council and Cork City Council for 2025. We also received an extra allocation of **€21,376.70** under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures. 40 applications were received under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme which closed for applications on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. A thorough assessment was carried out by Eamonn Hunter, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer and 33 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

The **Historic Structures Fund 2025 (HSF)** seeks to invest essential capital in our valuable built heritage and help the owners and custodians of historic structures to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public. Tipperary County Council received 9 applications under the **Historic Structure Fund 2025**. A thorough assessment was carried out by Eamonn Hunter, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer (E.A.C.O.) and Tipperary County Council recommended 2 projects but unfortunately the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage deemed both projects unsuccessful.

### Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/1/25 to 31/3/25

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	56	52	4	2	2
Housing Development	2	2	0	2	0
NIA/EIA	1	1	0	0	0
Other Applications	198	192	6	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>

### Enforcement Proceedings

There were 47 complaints received from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. During this period 49 Warning Letters and 26 Enforcement Notices were issued.

### Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2024	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2025	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2025
40	21	2	2	0	0

- 2 developments (119 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2025
- 0 housing estates are currently with Roads section for advertising.
- 0 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2025.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.



### Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2025 were held on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Agenda covered: Nature Based Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, Update on Emergency Services and Vacancy Dereliction and regeneration. Next meeting due 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Town Centre First

There are Town Teams established under Town Centre First principles in Carrick On Suir, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Nenagh and Newport. In addition, there are plans to create an additional three Town teams in other towns throughout the county in 2025. The ambition is to have a Town team in place for every town in the county and work is underway to expand the programme county wide.

- We have Town Centre First (TCF) plans in place for Roscrea, Clonmel with associated action plans being pursued by Town Teams.
- The Carrick On Suir TCF plan has been finalised and is included as an appendix to the local area plan for the Carrick On Suir District. This TCF plan will be implemented in 2025 with associated projects agreed which the Town team can begin to implement.
- Work is underway to create a TCF plan for both Nenagh and Thurles and a consultant has been appointed to assist with this process. We envisage that the process will be complete by Q3 2025.

### Vacancy and Dereliction Team

- A second Vacant Homes Officer has been appointed and based in Clonmel.
- The Derelict Sites officer post has recently been vacated and work is underway to fill this post as soon as possible.

### Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

	Entire scheme	Q1 2025
<b>Applications received</b>	615	76
<b>Fully approved</b>	325	45
<b>Rejected</b>	31	0
<b>Withdrawn</b>	79	0
<b>Paid out</b>	144	72
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>€7,814,277</b>	<b>€3,709,104</b>
<b>Approved total</b>	<b>€26,611,348</b>	

### Derelict Sites

The Derelict Sites Act requires the owner of a building or land to ensure that they do not become or continue to be derelict. The Act defines a derelict site as being any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood.



At the start of 2025 the derelict sites register contained 84 properties and the owners of these properties were issued with a letter reminding them of their obligations under the Act to carry out works to render the buildings non-derelict. To date we have removed 4 of these properties from the register as the works have been carried out. In April the register has been updated now contains 81 properties. These property owners will be receiving a derelict site levy letter which is due to be issued in June 2025.

The team have commenced two CPO processes and aim to increase the level of interaction with property owners to increase the awareness of the focus on vacancy and dereliction countywide.

### 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.

There are 77 properties on the list divided between the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles and we have received approval to begin adding more properties to this list. Of these 77 properties 40 are in the process of being removed from the list as there are works underway or they have now been deemed to be not vacant or derelict. The team are engaging with the other 37 property owners to determine the best course of action to bring these properties back into use.

## Library Service



- Clonmel Library hosted a children's creative writing workshop with renowned author, Brian Gallagher on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Over 50 children attended two separate workshops.



- To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, Clonmel Library held an Intercultural / Gaeilge Story Time hosted with author Kensika Monshengwo. Kensika held two workshops with over sixty children in attendance.
- To celebrate International Women's day Clonmel Library hosted a "Finding A Voice" event featuring a series of presentations and discussions on women in music. The speakers on the day were Dr. Emma O'Keefe, Mareike and Kim Siekmann from Frankfurt's Archiv

Frau un Musik and Dr. Laura Hamer of Women's Musical Leadership.



- Clonmel Library hosted a special craft event for the South Eastern Engineering Festival on 28<sup>th</sup> March. There were two separate sessions with 54 attendees.



- Nenagh Library and Alzheimer Society of Ireland ran three Dementia Awareness Workshops on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The aim of which was to provide advice and support to the participants so that the community may make a positive impact on the lives of those living with dementia.





- To celebrate Astronomy Week, Nenagh Library hosted a lecture entitled *Adventures in Astronomy* by local astronomer, John Flannery on 4<sup>th</sup> March.



- Nenagh Library held **Scéalta don Aos Óg** with local storyteller Paddy O'Brien on 11<sup>th</sup> March. This event was held as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Nenagh Library held an Easter themed craft workshop for students from St Cronan's CLG on 15<sup>th</sup> April.



- The Men's Shed, Thurles built and donated a wooden handmade display unit. This will be used to showcase their ongoing handmade projects which they design and build.



- Thurles Library organised a Storytime Session with Story Teller Sarah Sparkles for three pre-schools. Fifteen children from Bright Star Montessori, nineteen children from Little Angels Preschool and twenty children from Elm Tree Pre-school attended these sessions which were held on 9<sup>th</sup> April.



- The Junior Infants class from Scoil Angela primary school, Thurles visited the Library and were given their My Little Library bags and enjoyed a storytime session. My Little Library Book Bags for all children starting school in 2024/2025. To help children to navigate starting school, libraries have put together a bag with books and resources just for them that can be collected at any library. The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.



- Cashel Library launched Mná Month 2025 with a Concert by the Wood of O. This concert marked the start of our very popular Mná Month.



- Cashel Library in conjunction with Cashel Community School held a Maidin Caife to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The students of the Cashel Community School music department along with their teacher Ms Patrice Davern provided a lovely array of Irish songs, Sean Nos singing and Irish Dancing as part of the Library Seachtain na Geailge events



- Cashel Library held a shamanic drumming workshop with the OH Ríains on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Shamanic Drumming uses a simple, repetitive rhythm that rises and falls, building up to about 200-400 beats per minute. This event was held as part of Mná Month.





- Cashel Library held a Robotics VEX 123 workshops with Dean Hodge on 17<sup>th</sup> April. This 2-hour workshop for 10-14year olds was very successful and enjoyed by all participants. Working in groups of 3 and 4 the children complete a robotic piece which they then raced at the end of the workshop.



- Templemore Library is currently hosting an eight-week course exploring the benefits of connecting with nature. This course which is being run by Tipperary ETB aims to strengthen the link between the library and the park and explores eco literacy, nature connection, creativity and making community connections.



- Templemore Library hosted the launch '365 Mindfulness' a new book by author Francis O'Toole on 13<sup>th</sup> March. This event included guest speaker Dr. Brian McClean, clinical psychologist who spoke on the night about the benefits of practicing mindfulness in our everyday lives.



- Templemore Library organised Spring into Storytime Easter Lego Stories. This included Lego free play session for children with parent/guardian. Children were given a choice of story prompts from library staff and then challenged to build Lego to display in the branch. This event took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.





- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted Tráth na gCeist on 14<sup>th</sup> March, which was held as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. This event was run by the local Conradh na Gaeilge with children from local primary schools in attendance.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library held a Spring into Storytime for Little Scholars preschool on 10<sup>th</sup> April. There were 35 children in attendance.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a LEAF Grow It Yourself (GIY) talk on sustainable energy on 26<sup>th</sup> March. The LEAF Programme is about empowering communities to grow their own food as a vital climate action. It's about sowing seeds of empathy and nurturing a culture of sustainable living, all while turning libraries into bustling hubs of food growing information.



- Killenaule Library held a full day of events in conjunction with St. Mary's Central National School to celebrate World Book Day. Every class in the school was catered for with story-times, library visits and finally, for the senior classes, the "World Book Day Quiz". The attached photograph shows the quiz winners being presented with their winner's certificates by Claire Grant, Librarian.



- Tipperary Town Library continue to host weekly Irish Sign Language Courses. These take place every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted a LEAF Grow It Yourself (GIY) talk on sustainable energy on 26<sup>th</sup> March.



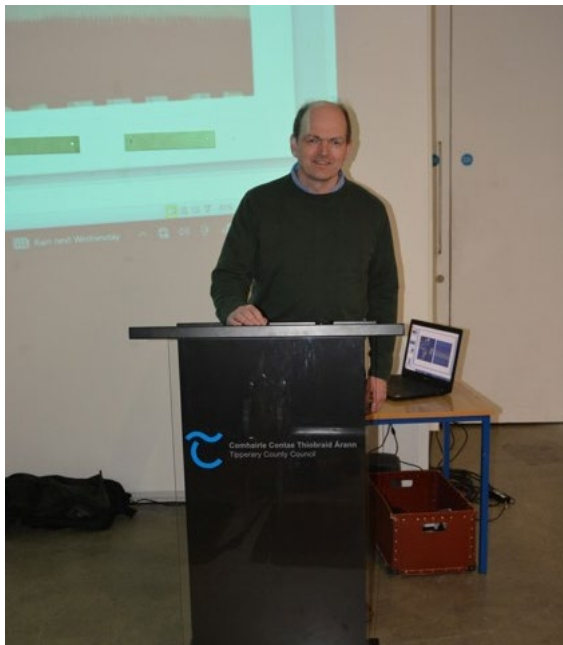
- Tipperary Town Library organised a series of STEM Workshops for Children over the Easter Holidays. These were very well attended.



- Cahir Library continues to host the Craft Circle Club. This group meets every Friday morning.



## Tipperary Studies



- Tipperary Studies held a lecture entitled “Friendships Highway: Assisting Irish Girls’ Friendly Society members as they emigrated from Ireland, c1885 – 1935” by Dr Martin Walsh on 18<sup>th</sup> March. There was over forty-five people in attendance.



From L-R: Stephanie Woods, Jane Kenny, Mary Guinan Darmody, Denis Kenny

- The Kenny family, Thurles donated a cup won by Charles Culhane in 1878, aged 20, when he won the 220-yard dash. Charles was born on 19th December, 1858 in Thurles where he attended the CBS. In his youth he was very athletic, winning many medals for sprinting. He was also in attendance at the founding

meeting of the GAA in Hayes’ Hotel in 1884. Through his offices as chairman of Thurles Urban District Council he met Michael Cantwell and together they founded the ‘Tipperary Leader’ newspaper which was printed from Culhane’s property in O’Donovan Rosa Street {later Larkin’s printing works}. This paper was an anchor for the Irish Republican Brotherhood in the period up to the War of Independence.



From L-R: Sinead Carr, Chief Executive, Mary Guinan-Darmody, Tipperary Studies, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian

## Retirement of Mary Guinan-Darmody

- Mary Guinan-Darmody, Local Studies Librarian since 1990 officially retired from Tipperary County Council in April 2025 after forty-seven years of loyal service. From trundling archive boxes across a rainy yard in Castle Avenue to masterminding the move to our purpose-built home in the Source in 2006, Mary has protected, expanded and championed our shared heritage every step of the way. She has been involved in the Tipperary Historical Journal since its launch, has collaborated with many of our local historians on publications and research, mentored generations of

staff, created the popular Lecture Series, and over a decade ago, led the fundraising drive that kick-started the digitisation programme. In April 2025, Tipp Studies Digital reached the milestone of 3 million hits.

### [Arts Service](#)

#### Arts March-April 2025

A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county have been awarded for 2025 as follows:

- **Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme:** intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or improving standards in the arts in the county. **41** groups were awarded funding to support artistic projects & events in 2025, the value of the support is **€65,000**.
- **Tipperary Artist Awards:** intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences. **32** artists were awarded funding for 2025, the value of the support is **€28,445**.
- **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme:** Two bursary awards are available to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists. Assessment of applications is in progress.

- **Local Drama Scheme:** Drama groups have applied for support towards the cost of professional development for their members. Assessment of applications is in progress.
- **BLAS International Summer School of Traditional Irish Music & Dance:** Tipperary County Council Arts Office awarded one bursary to attend this year's summer school at the University of Limerick. The value of the bursary covers 1 week's tuition (one-week intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists.
- **Artist in Primary School Scheme:** The aim of this scheme is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. This year the Arts Office also commissioned a special project in Glengoole National School located in a Decarbonization zone. In total, **12** schools were successful in receiving support under this scheme this year

#### Artists Networking - Creative Engagement Event

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- Tipperary Arts Office invited artists and creative practitioners working across all disciplines to *Creative Engagement* - a free networking and information sharing event to explore socially engaged practice with special guest artist Marie Brett. Taking place in the Source Arts Centre (Thurles) on 6 March 2025, the event was designed both for those starting out in this area as well as artists with experience in socially engaged practice and collaborative working. The event included discussions on the intersection between social engagement and therapeutic work, and considerations on how to balance artists' expectations with the needs of the participants. The subjects of co-creation, ethics, ownership of content and best practice in collaborative working were also explored. During the session Marie shared some of her

own experiences. Artists and creative practitioners were offered plenty of opportunities to connect and network with other creative people and share thinking and experience during this well attended event.



### Visual Artists Ireland – artist development



- Visual Artists Ireland serves as the representative body for professional visual artists in Ireland. This Spring

we continued our training provision for Tipperary artists in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and local authorities in Limerick and Clare. As part of this partnership programme an in-person Visual Artists' Café was organised in the new art gallery in Ennis: Organising Exhibitions Effectively with Valeria Ceregini. Valeria Ceregini has curated numerous national and international exhibitions, successfully navigating the complexities that arise at every stage of the process. In this session, she provided an in-depth exploration of key curatorial considerations, from developing themes and concepts to managing relationships with galleries, negotiating commission rates, securing artist fees, coordinating catalogue production, handling guest lists, managing exhibition timelines, leveraging social media, and overseeing logistics such as shipping and insurance. Using a recent international exhibition as a case study, Valeria offered a step-by-step walkthrough of the curatorial process, sharing valuable insights and practical strategies. The session concluded with a discussion of her artistic portfolio, with practical tips of creating your own when applying for funding and an open forum which encouraged the attendees to ask many questions and engage directly with Valeria. A follow-up email opportunity will also be available for those who wish to ask further individual questions. Responses from the diverse group of artists that attended were very positive.

## Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2025



From L-R. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Catherine Fogarty, Library Service, Sinead Carr, Chief Executive, Cllr Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach, Brian Beck, Director of Services, Melanie Scott, Arts Officer

- Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age, celebrating 30 years in 2025. Tipperary County Council Arts Office and Tipperary Library Service have once again worked together to finalise a diverse programme for Bealtaine 2025. The official launch is scheduled to take place on 1 May in the South Tipperary Arts Centre. The launch event coincides with the opening of a very special exhibition which revisits WAAG – the Women Artists Action Group (1987-1991). Programmes for Tipperary Bealtaine are available in all library branches, District Offices and Arts Venues around the county and online at [www.tipperarycoco.ie/arts](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/arts)



## Engine Short Film Scheme 2025



- ENGINE Short Film Scheme aims to inspire and support up-and-coming writers, directors and producers to create inspiring, engaging world-class short films that resonate with a wide international audience. It also offers the opportunity for emerging local crew to gain real-world experience on funded productions and to receive industry guidance. Shortlisted teams avail of training to develop their project ideas and successful teams will be **awarded production funding of up to €12,500 each to produce a short film.** Run by Innovate Limerick through Film in Limerick, Engine Shorts is delivered in partnership with the Local Authorities in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, and the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. Three projects from Tipperary have been shortlisted to advance to the

development round: Tzarini Meyler with film “Reborn”; Caroline Brady with film “First Bloom” and Mark de Carreau with film called “Training Day”. Each team will now go through a supported development process with Film in Limerick. Following the development stage, the 12 shortlisted teams will pitch to an industry panel and up to 6 projects will receive funding of €12,500 each to make a short film. Engine Shorts is made possible with support from Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board, Tipperary Arts Office, Clare Arts Office and Limerick Arts Office.

## [Heritage Service](#)



## Irish Community Archive Network ICAN



- After a twelve-month development period, the Tipperary element of Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) was launched at the Horse and Jockey on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. iCAN is the leading organisation championing and supporting digital community archives in Ireland. With much of Ireland’s material, intangible and cultural heritage in

the care of its citizens and diaspora, iCAN is empowering local communities to document their own history, heritage and culture on digital platforms and make it accessible to people all over the world. It works in partnership with the National Museum of Ireland, the Heritage Council and Local Authority Heritage Officers to support local groups to develop and maintain their own online community archive. There are currently 45 online archives. We were delighted to welcome back Lorna Elms and Chris Reina to Tipperary for the launch and of course our 5 community sites Borrisoleigh Heritage and Cultural Society, Cahir Social and Historical Society, Ormond Historical Society, Slieveardagh Coalmining History and Heritage and Tipperary in the Decade of Revolution who along with Tipperary Heritage Office make up the Tipperary portal. We had short presentations on the night from each about their iCAN journey. Huge thanks to our pilot groups who put so much work into the portal and have developed such amazing sites. You can view the sites on <https://heritagetipperary.org/>

### Irish Walled Town Network



*At the recent IWTN AGM in Cashel Roisin O Grady (Tipperary), Dara Wyer (Kildare) Regina Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny) Loreto Guinan (Meath) Brendan McSharry (Louth), Julia Walsh (Tipperary) Marie Mannion (Galway),*

*Eimear O Connell IWTN project Manager, Peter Carey Chair IWTN, Ian Doyle Head of Archaeology Heritage Council.*

- Funding of €11,000 has been granted to develop a Maintenance Plan for the Town Walls in Tipperary which are IWTN members. This is the first maintenance plan to be funded by the network and is important to support the investment in these sites over the last number of years. Procurement is now underway and a training session will be provided towards the end of the year to council staff or other interested parties that engage with the walls. The AGM of the network took place at the end of February in Cashel. We were delighted to welcome colleagues from around the country to the Cashel Palace Hotel for the meeting before bringing delegates up to the Rock of Cashel for a tour of the site

### Community Monuments Fund

Applications for 12 projects were submitted in February and 8 were awarded funding as follows:

Stream 1 (Capital works)  
Loughloher Castle- continuation of works programme: €130,000

Old St Marys Clonmel – emergency works: €30,000

Stream 2 (Conservation Management Plan)  
Clohaskin Castle: €27,767.25

Stream 3 (Access, interpretation minor works) Kilsheelan – completion of works 2024 church ruin: €30,000



Ardcrony- repair to churchyard structure: €11,070

Blackcastle Templemore- ecology and vegetation: €9,000

St Ailbes well Emly- sculpture for well in graveyard: €30,000

Total funds allocated to Tipperary: €397,837.25

Congratulations to both groups on their success in this category.

### Tipperary Creative Ireland & Cruinniú na nÓg programme

#### County Heritage Plan Actions

Maximum funding allocation was awarded in March for Tipperary Heritage Plan Programme and projects are now in progress. Of these

- **Archaeology Ireland** insert on the Rock of Cashel was published in the March edition. This completes the Royal Sites series of these booklets
- A six-week online course on **Oral Heritage** is almost completed with a good take up of 22 participants. The course took place over 6 weeks every Tuesday for 2 hours. The Heritage Office will be offering 2 further courses, social media training and Know your Locality Tipperary later in the year.

#### Other Initiatives

- Heritage and Biodiversity Officers attended the Regional Tidy Towns Awards ceremony on 14<sup>th</sup> April hosted by Emly Tidy Towns in Ballykisteen Golf resort to present the Local Authority Pollinator Award, which is sponsored by the Heritage and Biodiversity Officers programmes to Kilsheelan Tidy Towns and Clonmel Tidy Towns.



- **The Tipperary Creative Ireland Community grant and Tipperary Creative Ireland Project Award** were launched earlier this year. The vision of the Creative Ireland Programme 2023 - 2027 is to mainstream creativity in the life of the nation so that we can realise our full creative potential thereby promoting individual, community and national wellbeing. We received a huge response to this open call with a total of 63 proposals received. In March, applicants were notified of the status of their application with funding awarded to **42 cultural and creative projects/events** which will take place across County Tipperary throughout 2025.



Image from panel discussion of the Talks of the Towns; Halls courtesy of the Irish Architecture Foundation.

- Talks of the Town, Halls, was a panel discussion on the topic of the role of public buildings - in particular arts centres – in the Irish Town. It took place in the main auditorium in The Source Arts Centre, Thurles, on the 8th February 2025

### Cruinniú na nÓg 2025

- Cruinniú na nÓg, our national day of creativity for children and young people will take place across County Tipperary on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025. There will be a wide range of creative activities for children and teenagers to enjoy. The Tipperary programme is delivered in partnership with the Museum of Hidden History, Tipperary Library Service and Arts organisations throughout the county.



Shared Island  
Initiative

### Shared Island youth project

- Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Council were recently awarded funding

through the Cruinniú na nÓg Shared Island initiative, in collaboration with Youth Work Tipperary – Cashel and Clonmore Youth Group, Armagh City. As a point of connection between both towns is the Royal Sites of Ireland i.e. Rock of Cashel and Emain Macha/Navan Fort, we are excited to invite two groups of teenagers to participate in creative activities focussing on culture and heritage, create a short docu/film and visit each other and the Royal Sites in Cashel and Armagh as part of this project. This project will take place from April – June 2025.

### Night Time economy funding – Cruinniú na nÓg

- Tipperary County Council have received Night Time Economy funding to host an event at Kickham Plaza, Clonmel for teenagers on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> June. This will provide an opportunity for our young people to both perform musically and enjoy watching a young band perform at the Civic Plaza.



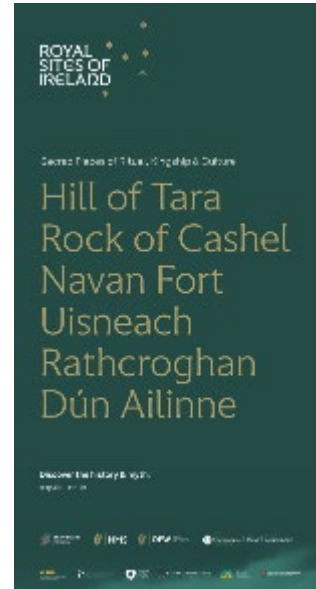
- Tipperary County Council in partnership with Clare County Council and Limerick City and County Council were recently funding under the Live Music Performances in Residential Healthcare Settings Scheme 2025. A

programme of musical performances will take place later in the year in three residential nursing homes.



You can access the report here [Creative Ireland 2024 Progress Report](#)

### Royal Sites Bid



### **National Creative Ireland Progress Report 2024**

- This report gives insights on how Creative Ireland is delivering on the ambitions of the programme. 2024 was a big year from Creative Communities with Creative Community Engagement Officers bedding in across the country. The work of the Culture and Creativity teams has been recognised by the Minister in the introduction to the report;

*The work of the Culture and Creativity teams in local authorities continues to strengthen relationships within local government and across the wider community. Culture and Creativity teams are an invaluable support to the work of this Department. In 2024, we have seen the benefit of a dedicated full time Creative Communities Engagement Officer in each local authority to support the continued implementation of local Culture and Creativity Strategies 2023-2027. My Department's support to Creative Ireland at local authority level is very significant and provides a long-term commitment to facilitating participation in cultural and creative activity across the country.*

- The Royal Sites of Ireland launched a new logo and branding in April 2025. This new logo will be used from this point onwards in the bid process.
- The new documentary which has been commissioned is currently going through the final editing process. This documentary will be launched in the near future.
- Caitriona O'Connor, Royal Sites of Ireland co-ordinator in ICCROM part-time online course on World Heritage management during the month of March.





### Museum Service

#### **Exhibitions:**

The current exhibition “Celebrating 125 years of the Clonmel Highschool” opened in March 2025.



Above Left to Right: Tom Fennessy Leaving Certificate 1964, Michael ‘Babs’ Keating Leaving Certificate 1962, Timmy Ryan Leaving Certificate 1955 and John O’Sullivan Leaving Certificate 1968 & 1969.

#### **Lecture Series *A Quiet Revolution: Ireland 1960 -2000***



#### **Debunking Bad History: Ireland in the 1960s**



Saturday 8th March '25

Speaker:  
**Ciarán Casey**

- **March 8<sup>th</sup> Debunking Bad History:** Ciarán Casey, Ireland in the 1960’s – 28 attendees.



#### **Educating Ireland: Donagh O'Malley and free post-primary education**



Saturday 5th April '25

Speaker:  
**Patrick F O'Donovan**

- **April 5<sup>th</sup> Educating Ireland:** Patrick O' Donovan, Donagh O'Malley's free post primary education – 32 attendees.

#### **ARTiculation 2025:**





- The All Ireland Final held in the Hunt Museum, Limerick on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. Over 100 supporters were in attendance. Two Tipperary schools were represented in the final: Loreto, Clonmel & The Ursuline, Thurles. The Overall Winner was Lily Murphy, Ursuline Thurles



### Children's Saturday Workshops

- Mixed media artist Evelyn Kelly continues her series of monthly art/craft workshops using the Museum's collection as inspiration  
March:15 children  
April:16 children

### History Teachers Association of Ireland – Junior Cert History Quiz



- The Museum, working in conjunction with The Waterford Branch of the HTAI organised a Tipperary region quiz which was held in Loreto, Clonmel on 10<sup>th</sup> March. There were teams of 4 from CBS Highschool, Clonmel, Loreto, Clonmel, Ursuline, Thurles, Scoil Ruáin, Killenaule, Presentation Clonmel and Gael Coláiste Chéitinn attended. **The overall winners** on the night were from CBS Highschool, Loreto and Scoil Ruáin who progressed to All Ireland final in Dublin.

### New Displays:



- A revolver, once owned by Dan Breen and donated to the Museum collection in 2022 is now on display in the Gallery.
- Mná month, Cashel library & Tipperary Museum celebrated the life of Petronell Grubb. She was a young girl from Cashel who died aged 11 in 1919. Her belongings were donated to the museum in 2018 and now forms one of the

most popular exhibits in our gallery. Her tragic tale has influenced poems, songs and written pieces – all of which were shared at this event. Two cases of artefacts were brought to Cashel library for the event and were discussed by the panel.

### Collection donations

- Musket balls found in the garden of a home located near the site of the North Gate of Clonmel: The Gate used by Cromwell during the siege of 1650. It can be assumed that these are connected to that event.
- Small, possible game pieces, hand crafted and found on the grounds of what was the District Lunatic Asylum some years ago.
- Scrapbook of a Tipperary man who worked on the postal service and was involved in music all his life.
  - Includes official letters
  - Photographs
  - Music scores
  - Tickets
  - Posters
  - Invites





## FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

### Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	18,035,306	54,828,212	33%	36,792,906	17,973,324	53,219,758	34%	35,246,434	(61,982)
B	Road Transport & Safety	13,898,754	61,209,737	23%	47,310,983	8,406,111	40,638,533	21%	32,232,422	(5,492,644)
C	Water Services	3,136,050	13,654,538	23%	10,518,488	2,788,150	13,048,921	21%	10,260,771	(347,900)
D	Development Management	6,747,662	24,596,881	27%	17,849,219	3,221,142	11,433,968	28%	8,212,826	(3,526,520)
E	Environmental Services	11,244,635	58,729,485	19%	47,484,850	6,116,800	37,335,112	16%	31,218,312	(5,127,835)
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,290,592	16,934,762	25%	12,644,170	771,992	2,928,265	26%	2,156,273	(3,518,600)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	285,678	1,124,505	25%	838,827	139,042	275,246	51%	136,204	(146,636)
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,120,127	17,762,618	23%	13,642,491	5,290,687	21,877,804	24%	16,587,117	1,170,560
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	7,284,971	29,139,885	25%	21,854,914	7,284,971
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	9,833,626	38,943,246	25%	29,109,620	9,833,626
Totals		61,758,803	248,840,738	25%	187,081,935	61,825,845	248,840,738	25%	187,014,893	67,041



## Management Report to Council

### Capital Account – Year to Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
<b>A</b> Housing & Building	8,933,362	7,471,159
<b>B</b> Road Transport & Safety	3,245,084	2,955,584
<b>C</b> Water Services	900,770	235,392
<b>D</b> Development Management	2,879,507	2,553,333
<b>E</b> Environmental Services	644,202	420,243
<b>F</b> Recreation & Amenity	752,273	530,000
<b>G</b> Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	46,993	0
<b>H</b> Miscellaneous Services	116,335	73,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,518,525</b>	<b>14,238,781</b>

<b>Collection Rates</b>	<b>YTD 202503</b>	<b>YTD 202403</b>	<b>YTD 202412</b>
<b>Rates</b>	20%	16%	94%
<b>Rents</b>	78%	70%	94%
<b>Housing Loans</b>	105%	98%	101%



## COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 31/03/2025 Rate Accruals for 2025 amounted to **€39,334,503**.

Arrears of **€4,021,231** were brought forward from 2024, giving the total amount to be collected as **€43,355,734**.

Receipts of **€8,545,039** were received to 31/03/2025.

## RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2024

2,038 customers benefited from our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme in 2024, and achieved total reductions in their rates of €348,678.

The terms for our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme for 2025 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €27,500.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a Maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2025.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2025.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above, and enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

Credits under the RPIS will be applied to the bulk of qualifying customers in September.

## VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

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

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

Category	% Relief	% Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100%	0%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80%	20%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60%	40%

## DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)

### Business and GIS Systems

- Migrated the Suir Flood Forecasting system to the cloud environment - parallel processing complete.
- Migrated the Adlib Museum system to new 2022 Server.
- Project Dion – Backend integration between DHLGH and TCC Tenants set up.
- iHouse upgraded to version 4.3.
- iReg upgraded to version 5.1.2. Assisted with Data cleansing for migration to hosted cloud system.
- Commenced scoping work for an Auctioneers Module with MyCoCo.

### **GIS Systems**

- Processed AutoCAD Renewals.
- New ArcGIS Planning Application system now live.
- Upgraded 2025 Q1 GIS layers with data received from external agencies i.e. Tailte Éireann, ESB, Bord Gáis, GeoDirectory, OSI.
- Implemented and developed FME Server for automated data processing. Several new processes now in place integrating with new GIS Platform.

### **Mobile Phones and Billing**

- Continued processing mobile phone and telephony billing.
- Procurement of Mobile Voice and Data Communications – Evaluation complete

### **General Tasks**

- Continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status.

### Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

#### **Phone System**

- Removed old legacy phone system from Wallers Lot and replaced with IP Phones.
- Commenced major version upgrade which requires new server rebuilds.

#### **Elected Members**

- Supplied devices and facilities to co-opted elected representative.

#### **Cyber Security**

- Submitted business case for Cyber Recovery solution.

#### **Networks**

- Completed secondary site connectivity.
- Deployed SD WAN solution to Roscrea Civic Amenity Site and LASNTG Offices.
- Progressed deployment of SDWAN connections for Cloughjordan and Newport fire stations.

#### **MS 365**

- Completed MS Cloud connectivity.
- Completed hybrid configuration.
- Configured Mailmeter for migrated mailboxes.
- Commenced mailbox migration to cloud Exchange online.
- Continued with migration to Intune Mobile device management.

#### **Windows 11 Upgrade**

- Begun preparations for migration to Windows 11.

#### **Video Conferencing facilities**

- Issued request for quote for video conferencing solution in Thurles MDO chamber.

### Websites and eDevelopment

- Researched and supported AI Initiatives and Subsite under tipperarycoco.ie for the Corporate Plan.
- Continued support and maintenance of all website platforms including new Tourism Website in development.
- Published public consultations, residential zoned land tax submissions and variations to development plans.
- Migration of Sharepoint on-premise to MS 365. A plan commenced to categorise systems across SharePoint on-premise, archiving old systems and data and creating methods and timelines for migration.

### All Teams

- Provided technical support to staff and elected members.
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, social media, phones, desktop, devices.
- Kept our business systems, data, and network safe and secure, and at maximum uptime and performance .
- Performed security patching, application upgrades, system upgrades, systems analysis and end User support.

