



Management Report to Council



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April dates for your Diary

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		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Good Friday
<u>6</u> Easter Monday	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Corporate Policy Group Meeting
<u>13</u> 10:00 TCC Plenary Mtg Nenagh	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Mtg 16:00 AILG Annual Conference	<u>16</u> AILG Annual Conference 10:00 Nenagh MD Mtg	<u>17</u>
<u>20</u> 10:30 Thurles MD Mtg	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg	<u>24</u>
<u>27</u> 11:00 Tipp/Cahir/Cashel MD Mtg	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	

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Economic Community and Rural Development April 2026

<p>Tipperary County Council’s Economic, Community and Rural Development Directorate plays a vital role in fostering inclusive growth across the county. The council is committed to ensuring balanced economic and social development by focusing on various sectors like local enterprise, rural regeneration, tourism, community services, and sports infrastructure.</p>	
<p><u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u></p>	
Policy Changes/Updates	Progress in Previous Month
Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029	Interim LECP review process has commenced. Submissions have been invited from all organisations involved.
SICAP social inclusion sub-group meeting	SICAP Annual Plans 2026 were agreed at a Social Inclusion Subgroup meeting held on 17 th Feb and adopted at the LCDC Meeting on 23 rd March.
Tipperary Sports partnership board meeting	Meeting held 26 th March. Statement of Assurance for 2025 was signed off, TSP Coaching & Development Fund to launch first week of April, 2026 Dormant Account Submission to Sport Ireland signed off.
Tipperary Tourism board meeting	The first meeting of the Tipperary Tourism Board took place on the 25 th of February, with emphasis on the Caravan and Feasibility Study, AI Itineraries and increasing visibility and engagement with the tourism trade.
Community Integration Forum Quarterly meeting	The first meeting of four for the year took place on the 31 st March. All agencies were in attendance and there was excellent engagement and collaboration across all integration themes.
<p><u>Directorate Highlights</u></p>	
Updates	Progress
Funding announcements	CLÁR was announced on March 10 th and it was extended to 10 new areas in the county.

Local Community Initiatives

Community Response to Emergency Events

The Community Directorate is working on an across-directorate basis to ensure Tipperary County Council has an effective and coordinated response plan for emergencies such as severe weather events. Guidelines in relation to Community Support Centres (CSCs) have been issued by the Department. Thirty-two (32) CSCs have been identified across the county to act as local hubs to support communities during emergency events.

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, in collaboration with the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management is funding the provision of four mobile emergency generators for use in Tipperary in the event of an emergency. The generators are due to be delivered in late April and will be stored in TCC depots in Nenagh and Clonmel for deployment to a CSC if required. The Community Response to Emergency Events Subgroup will agree support structures for CSCs.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Tipperary LCDC held one online and one hybrid meeting since the last update. Two new members were appointed to the LCDC:

- Mary Purcell, Department of Social Protection, Associate Member
- Sylvia Hassett, HSE, interim representative

Presentations to the LCDC since the last update:

Presenter	Title and organisation	Topic
Máirtín Ó'Méalóid	Ecovision General Manager	Engage in Energy Project
Mary McLoughney	A/Administrative Officer, ECRD	Community Grant Mapping Project
Derek Fanning	Manager, Tipperary Volunteer Centre (TVC)	Update on Local Economic and Community Actions

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The SICAP End of Year review for 2025 was carried out by the Social Inclusion subgroup and approved by the LCDC.

The LCDC have agreed Annual Plans for SICAP with NTDC and STDC for 2026. KPIs have been set across the SICAP Goals.

Goal 1: To contribute to building more sustainable inclusive and empowered communities. NTDC plan to work with 40 community groups during the year and STDC with 37 groups.

Goal 2: This goal aims to empower disadvantaged people to improve the quality of their lives. Both development companies have targets to work with 485 individuals on a one-to one basis during the year.



Tipperary LEADER programme

LEADER projects approved for funding at the March monthly meeting of the LCDC.

NTDC

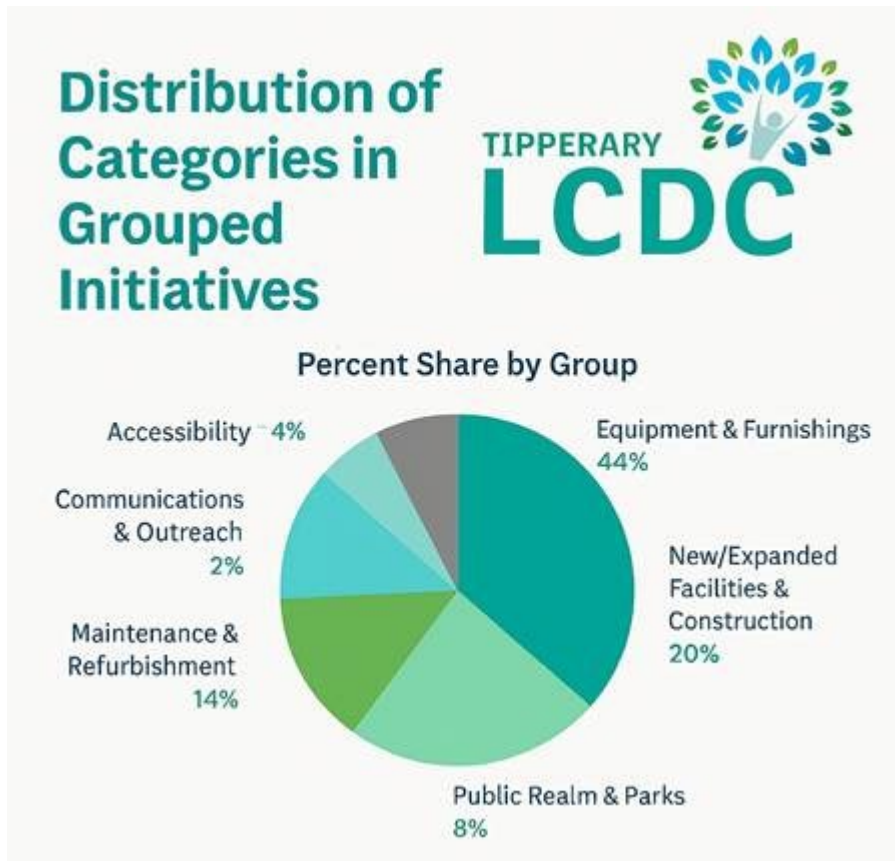
Project promoter	Project title	Grant
Nore Agri Ltd, Steelspark, Clonakenny, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.	IE30NTP103447 – Nore Agri Expansion – High Capacity Woodchipper Investment	€76,784.07
Niall & Inez Heenan, Tír na Fiúise, Terryglass, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	IE30NTP103445 – Fuchsia Lane Farm Cottages and Rural Retreats	€13,425.21

STDC

Project promoter	Project title	Grant
Cornelius Traas, Moorestown, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	IE30STP103497 – Farm Shop Development at The Apple Farm	€72,013.86
Red City Kitchens Ltd, Unit J2, Millriver Business Park, Carrick on Suir, Co Tipperary	IE30STP103506 - Energy and Waste Management Upgrade – Wood Dust Extraction System	€71,949.07
Tipperary Technology Park Clg, Rosanna Road, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary, E34 P658	IE30STP103513 - Tipperary Technology Park Clg – Lighting Efficiency Upgrade Project	€67,014.06

Local Enhancement Programme

The closing date for the LEP 2026 was the 27th February 2026. In total, we received 304 applications and a grant allocation of €240,984.39. A recommendation was approved by the LCDC on grant distribution, taking account the deprivation index and a grant threshold of €1500. The recommendation will be returned to DRCDG and they will announce the successful applicants in Q2 2026. Tipperary LCDC will notify all applicants of the outcome after DRCDG announcement and provide a grant offer to the 304 applicants. No expenditure can be incurred before the grant issues.



Age Friendly

The Annual Age Friendly EXPO and showcase will take place on Thursday 18th June 12 to 3pm at the TUS Campus Thurles. This showcase features information stands and talks to support positive ageing in County Tipperary and we provide supports to community groups to attend the event.

On March 11th, facilitated by Age Friendly Ireland, we held a walkability audit at Templemore Train station, as part of the 4-stage process for Age Friendly Accreditation.



Tipperary Age Friendly in partnership with Tipperary Library Service and Cultural team are planning the Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national month-long festival in May celebrating arts, creativity, and aging with a full programme of events across the County

Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance held a workshop in February on the Implementation Plan and the Executive of the Older Peoples Council held their workshop in March. Two public meetings will take place on 23rd April in Nenagh and 29th April in Cashel to further engage with Older Peoples Council. A survey is also being issued to all older adult community groups in the county.

Tipperary Age Friendly in partnership with the National Understand Together will launch the Tipperary Tidy Towns dementia awareness campaign on Thursday 9th April at Cabragh Wetlands. Through our partnership a new special award will be part of the National Tidy Town's competition for 2026.



Local Child Poverty Action Plan – Engage in Energy

This project now in phase 2, includes Carrick on Suir as the target area for 2026. Work is concluding in Tipperary Town on the household assessments and in the coming week the last of the community workshops will be held in Tipperary Town. In Roscrea & Carrick on Suir household engagement continues within the target areas and households and a number of community workshops will be facilitated in the coming months. In Carrick on Suir and Roscrea Tipperary County Council will support the provision of a services directory for each town with the project.

Power of People and Place

Ref.	Action	KPIs	Convenor	Type	Partner Bodies	Commencement
SCO1.2	Undertake a Community Capacity and Community Organisation Audit to determine the sector's social capital and capacity gaps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of Community Capacity and Community Organisation Audit. Publication of baseline profile of the C&V sector organisations. Publication of baseline profile of the individual C&V sector organisations capacity. 	PPN TCC (ECRD)		NTDC PPN STDC TUS TVC	2024-2025

This partnership project with Tipperary PPN continues its engagement with community groups in the county. Carrick on Suir MD 95% completed and Thurles MD 50% completed. The engagement provides each group with the opportunity to showcase their group and facility and we provide the group with a contact pack and also Period Poverty starter pack for the facility. An example of some of those survey's are complete include:



An analysis of responses from community groups has identified recurring themes that reflect the most urgent needs required to support their development.

These priorities span operational, financial, infrastructural, and volunteer-related challenges.

Top Priority Areas

1. Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers• Programme Delivery Impact	2. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Support & Grants• Rising Costs & Budget Strain	3. Access & Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility Access & Mobility Issues	4. Running Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilities, Insurance & Maintenance Expenses	5. Premises & Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of Suitable Spaces• Building Upgrades Needed
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Additional Emerging Needs

<p>Equipment Upgrades</p>	<p>Staff & Volunteer Training</p>	<p>Transport Support</p>	<p>Environmental Projects</p>
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Overall Insights

<p>Resource Constraints</p>	<p>Ageing Infrastructure</p>	<p>Rising Costs</p>
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Groups seek to **expand** services & enhance community engagement—with adequate support.



Healthy Ireland



A new Healthy Ireland outcome framework is currently in development to guide the Healthy Ireland and Sláintecare Healthy Communities work programmes at a national and local level. This new framework is due to be launched in June 2026.

A public consultation is currently underway, giving partners and stakeholders an opportunity to feed into this new framework - including minority groups and

disadvantaged communities (**closing date 22nd April**): [Healthy Ireland Framework: Public Consultation](#)

Healthy Tipperary are working with Thurles Primary Care Team to support older adults within their service with community based supports post physiotherapy treatment.

As a result of Tipperary Mental Health Week 2025 and the associated steering group, a new Tipperary Mental Health Steering Group has been formed. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis with Terms of Reference in development. 25-30 statutory, NGO, and community based organisations and services are engaged.

Healthy Tipperary will represent Tipperary County Council on the Adult Literacy for Life Coalition (Tipperary ETB), and the Infant Mental Health Steering Group (HSE) in 2026.

An application has been submitted to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) for the 2026 Play & Recreation Capital Fund for Dromineer Playground in Nenagh MD.

Annual ROSPA inspections are currently in progress for all Council owned/managed playgrounds and play areas across the 5 MD's. Play Services Ireland are undertaking this work in 2026.

Clonmel Sláintecare Healthy Communities



Men's Health programme

Sláintecare Healthy Communities continues to play a key role in supporting the long-term sustainability of the Place4U Men's Health & Wellbeing Programme. A multi-agency steering group—comprising Place4U, HSE, Tipperary County Council, South Tipperary Development Company (STDC) and ETB partners—has been established to assess future resourcing options, including securing a dedicated staff member to ensure the programme's continued delivery and growth.

The independent research report on the *Living the Life, Men's Health & Wellbeing Programme*—funded by Sláintecare Healthy Communities—will be formally launched on **Thursday, 30 April**, from **11:30am–1:00pm** at **TUS Clonmel**

Campus. Stakeholders are invited to attend to hear the key findings and impact of this innovative community health initiative.

Clonmel Woodlands for Health Project

Sláintecare Healthy Communities is an active member of the multi-agency steering group overseeing the Clonmel Woodlands for Health project, working alongside Mental Health Ireland, HSE Mental Health Services, Tipperary Sports Partnership, Coillte, Social Prescribing and the Involvement Centre to coordinate planning, referrals, logistics and programme delivery. The project itself is a 12-week guided woodland-walking programme designed to support adult mental health and wellbeing through structured, nature-based activity. As part of its contribution, Sláintecare is funding the transport required to ensure participants can access each weekly walk, and will also be attending a number of the walks to provide on-site support and maintain strong local authority involvement throughout the programme.

Schools Cohort – Drugs Education programme

The first pilot Drugs Education session for all Clonmel secondary schools will take place on 13 May 2026, with Gaelcholáiste TY students contributing peer-led project work. Delivered by Sláintecare Healthy Communities and key local partners, the session responds directly to the Clonmel Substance Misuse Research Report by providing clear information and launching a new QR code linking students to local supports. This pilot establishes the basis for a coordinated, long-term schools-based drugs education approach in Clonmel.

Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership



A National LCSP meeting took place in The Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration office in Dublin on 5th February. This National meeting was for all of the Chairs and Staff of the LCSPs nationally and in attendance on the day was Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Jim O Callaghan. Speaking on the day the Minister welcomed the significant progress on the national roll out of the LCSPs.

The meeting highlighted the importance of strong local – national partnerships, public consultation and practical action in delivering the objectives of community safety. The National strategy for Community safety is due to be launched in April, work is currently started on small workshops and surveys locally around community safety and following on from the launch of the national strategy

Tipperary LCSP will start a County wide consultation to feed into a 3 year Community Safety Plan for Tipperary.



Pictured above is Angela Sheehan Tipperary LCSP administrator, Noel Coonan Chair Tipperary LCSP, Minister Jim O Callaghan, Áine Roche Co Ordinator Tipperary LCSP.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The team continues to work with the Ukrainian (BOTP population) and International Protection Applicants across the county. The following table details the number of individuals currently resident in the county

Cohort	Number
Ukrainian Community (BOTP)	1,697
International Protection (IP)	1,020
Total	2,717

As part of LAIT's collaboration with the Corporate Section to promote anti-racism and diversity, a successful Wear Red Day campaign was held amongst all staff across the county. The Rock of Cashel was also lit up in red to mark to occasion.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO ANTI-RACISM AND EQUALITY

HOW TO REPORT RACISM?

Report serious incidents at your local Garda Station. Request assistance from the Diversity Officer

You can also report incidents anonymously online through the national ireport portal



SCAN ME

The LAIT also worked with Corporate Section to create and display signage at all public counters to inform the public of how to report racist incidents. This was a key action of the Migrant Integration Strategy 2023-2026. Thanks also to the Local Community Safety Partnership for collaborating on this.



Tipperary Sports Partnership

The Sports Partnership is currently implementing its annual operation plan incorporating actions from the Sports Action Plan.



Community Projects

- A 6-week Activator Walking Programme began on the 24th and 25th of March in Nenagh and Cahir, with 15 participants on each programme.
- Funding of €10,714 was secured for Bike Week 2026, and applications from clubs are currently being assessed.
- Women in Sport Week (2nd–8th March) delivered 10 initiatives with 224 participants. Activities included Swimmin' Women in five pools, the Summit Sisters Hike, Mountain Biking, Her Moves taster sessions (Zumba, swimming, Spikeball), Inclusive athletics, Walking programmes and youth Volleyball. Three online workshops covered menopause wellbeing, the menstrual cycle, and recovery, along with a mother-and-baby programme.
- Two CarePALs workshops in partnership with Age and Opportunity took place on the 13th and 20th of March with 24 participants. This training supported staff in residential care settings to deliver physical activity programmes.
- Through the Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town, a new athletics club Tipperary Town AC has been re-established with the launch planned for 3rd May with a Fun Day.

School Programmes

- TSP worked with Olympic Handball Ireland to support the Schools County Finals on 28th February in Canon Hayes and the Abbey CBS Hall, with 15 teams from 9 schools and 180 students
- Working with Rowing Ireland and Clonmel Rowing Club to deliver Get Going Get Rowing programmes for 2026.
- Following expressions of interest, 69 schools were awarded funding under the Cycle Right Programme, aiming to reach 1,930 pupils.
- In partnership with Orienteering Ireland, a Park-O Event took place in Templemore Park on 25th February with 9 schools and 196 participants.
- Round 2 of the Balance Bike Programme commenced mid-March with 6 Child Care Centres.
- Her Moves Programme: St. Ailbe's and St. Anne's Secondary Schools in Tipperary took part in Zumba, Pilates, Spikeball, mountain biking and swimming. Comeragh College girls in Carrick-on-Suir engaged in Zumba, yoga, fitness classes, boxing/swimming, mountain biking, badminton and volleyball.

Sport4Empowerment ESF+ Programme

- TSP delivered a Safeguarding 1 workshop through Ukrainian to the Thurles Ukrainian Women Volunteer Programme on the 4th and 11th of March with 17 participants.



Disability Programmes

- A VR Kayaking taster session was held in Canon Hayes on 3rd March with service users from Moorehaven.
- Scoil Chormaic and Scoil Aonghusa began an 8-week Inclusive Athletics Programme on the TUS Clonmel track at the start of March.
- The Ability Programme started in Borrisoleigh on 5th March.

Training & Education Programme

- The Spring Schedule of Safeguarding Workshops is complete: 6 SG1 workshops (84 participants), 1 SG2 (14 participants) and 1 SG3 (13 participants).
- A Rescue Emergency Care First Aid workshop for coaches & volunteers was held in Littleton on 28th February with 28 participants.

Sports Infrastructure

- TSP is supporting Sport Irelands Mapathon Project mapping sports facilities in Tipperary to support Sport Ireland work with the Office of the Planning Regulator.

Research

- TSP is working with Limerick Sports Partnership, TUS, SETU, the Ladies Football Association and the Camogie Association on research exploring adolescent girls in Gaelic Games. Funding for Phase 2 has been applied for through Limerick LSP to Sport Ireland.

Fáilte Ireland food festival funding.

- Fáilte Ireland recently announced that each local authority will receive an additional €10,000 specifically for food festival development that contributes to local economic activity, celebrate Ireland's culinary strengths, and attracts domestic and international visitors. The Councils Tourism, Arts and Creative Ireland teams are currently engaging with the Tipperary Food Producers network in relation to this funding.

TOURISM



Tipperary Tourism Marketing Activity

Tipperary Tourism has engaged with Travel with Wes, an American Travel Writer who toured Tipperary with a campervan on the 19th and 20th of March last, highlighting water sports in Lough Derg, walking in the Glen of Aherlow and heritage in Cahir and adventure in Clonmel. Follow Tipperary Tourism @visittipperary for Travel with Wes adventures in Tipperary.

Explore with Criostoir, a travel influencer, will be coming to Tipperary in May and October to cover the tourism during the on and off shoulder seasons, highlighting well-being tourism. This will support the awareness of tourism activities in Tipperary to the domestic market.

Tipperary will feature strongly in the Spirit of Ireland publication distributed across the United States of America and Canada via the North American Celtic Trade Association, who represent traditional Irish stores across the pond, highlighting the many activities that were highlighted in the Lonely Planet Accolade.

The Launch of 'Cois Siúire' took place, on the 20th of March last, in Cahir Castle supported by Tipperary Tourism and Tipperary County Council. This four-part, 50-minute Irish-language series tells the story of the River Suir, highlighting the local history and heritage along the way. This is, at present, being screened on RTE and is also available on the RTE player.

Just Transition Tourism Intercounty Workshop - From Product Development to Bookings

A Just Transition workshop took place on March 31st last in Cloghan, Co. Offaly to enable providers to gain an understanding of tourism markets, trade shows and how to leverage market campaigns. Delivered by Bane Mullarkey Tourism Consultants, this event also enabled providers to connect with the cross-country tourism trade. This was facilitated by Tourism Activators in Tipperary, Offaly and Galway.



Destination Lough Derg.

Destination Lough Derg showcased its offering at the Wild Atlantic Way networking event *The Limerick Champions*. This was rare but valuable crossover given our Hidden Heartlands designation. With Limerick so close, we have a major opportunity to draw more visitors out to Lough Derg and strengthen regional collaboration and tourism flow.

New Product on Lough Derg

Derg lake tours have added an additional covered rib and 2 new self-drive boats to their current offering.



Nationwide aired a feature program of the Unravelling Shane tour on 18th. March



Tours are now bookable on Arra travel website.

First Shane MacGowan Tour



A group of 41 visitors from the Basque region experienced the magic of the Shane MacGowan Trail, enjoying stops at Shannon Rovers GAA Club, Johnny Ryan's Pub in Carney, and Hannigan's in Kilbarron. The tour, led by Mike Molamphy, included a traditional Irish music session by CCE Nenagh—all under beautiful skies.

Meitheal

Destination Lough Derg hosted a food stand at the meet the buyer's event at Meitheal this is a two-day face-to-face workshop that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. Over 10,000 appointments were conducted over two days.

Economic Development Programme

Pathways 2 Resilience Programme (P2R)

TCC has been successful in securing EU funding to participate in an 18-month programme, Pathways2Resilience (P2R). TCC is one of 40 European regions participating in the first cohort of the programme, and we are working with Irish and European partners to build a resilient Circular Bioeconomy, centred on the



work of the National Bioeconomy Campus at the former Lisheen Mine Campus, Thurles.

TCC in attendance at the P2R Summit in Budapest:



The three-day P2R Summit in Budapest brought together representation from the 100 selected regions. Several high-level officials and representatives from the European Commission, European Investment Bank (EIB) European Committee of the Regions were also in attendance, and joined the panel discussions on the role of Pathways2Resilience within the wider EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change

Above all, the P2R Summit was about connection, between the 1st and 2nd cohorts of regions. Over three days, all 100 regions took part in sessions and workshops reflecting on the work that 39 of the first cohort of regions have dedicated themselves to over the past 18 months.

The 1st cohort shared both the opportunities and challenges of the journey, from developing their Action and Investment Plans to forging stronger relationships with local authorities, before passing the baton to the 2nd cohort on day three. It was a chance for our newly joined regions to draw inspiration as they embark on their own path towards climate resilience.

Local Enterprise Office Tipperary

A snap shot of M1 Grant support, Mentoring & Training approved to date for 2026

GMIS FIGURES 01 Jan 2026- 24 March 2026	No. Approved	Amount Approved
Priming	2	99,900.00
Expansion	4	179,450.00
Feasibility	5	56,800.00
MEG	1	10,000.00
Gradstart	0	-
Green for Business	15	35,424.00
Green Start	5	11,070.00
Energy Efficiency Grant	14	122,642.00
Digital for Business	17	37,638.00
Grow Digital Voucher	3	8,259.00
LEAN for Business	9	34,870.50
Total Training	258	
SYOB	20	
Development Training	27	
General Training	211	
Mentoring clinics	88	
Mentoring 1 to 1	18	

A total of 258 have participated on various training programmes to date.



National Enterprise Week

March 2nd to 6th was National Enterprise Week and a week packed full of business advice clinics, local media interviews and headline events were held across the county, culminating on Friday, March 6th with the final of the Student Enterprise awards in TUS, Thurles and the Questum Leadership, Enterprise and Innovation Summit 2026. Both of these events are outlined in separate paragraphs below and a summary of the weeks events are as follows:

Business Advice clinics in the library, Clonmel; Civic Offices, Rosanna Road, Tipperary town; REACH, Roscrea; The Source Art Centre, Thurles; The Library, Nenagh and Carrick-on-Suir.

A Digital Transformation & Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Small Business was held in the Abbey Court, Nenagh where founder of AI Ireland, Mark Kelly delivered a full morning, practical overview of how AI is being used for SMEs. Dr. John Cosgrave, TUS specialist on digitalisation for industry outlined some of the supports and research available to small business. Approximately 100 attendees were present for this very interesting and timely workshop in the new world of AI that is shaping all our business and personal lives.

'The 30 day year proposition' was the subject delivered by Pádraig O'Máille, one of Ireland's freshest and writers on business and motivational issues. The proposition is a micro-learning programme designed to help business owners overcome poor execution and procrastination by reframing the year in 30 day cycles, to create sustained urgency and focused action.

The Retail Edge was held at the Cashel Palace on the evening of the 5th of March, where a large attendance heard from retail experts, Padraig McMahon of Carraig Donn; Dr. Oran Doherty of Retail Ireland Skillnet and Peter Corkery, Digital Transformation Consultant. The experts guided a large attendance

through essential topics to enhance digital skills and transforming the way that businesses are developing through digital platforms.

The highlight event for the week was the Questum Leadership, Enterprise and Innovation Summit held on Friday, March 6th. The morning consisted of two panel discussions – the first of former CEOs of some of Ireland’s (and Europe)largest publicly quoted companies such as Glen Dimplex, Smurfit Kappa and Glanbia. The panels were interviewed by former Journalist, Conor Brophy, who is now head of communications for Teneo Management Consultancy group.

The second panel was Hilary O’Shea of Otonomee, Orlaith Ryan of Shorla Oncology and Frank Madden of Crest Solutions who spoke about founding and growing businesses and the challenges along the way. The subject of succession and exit strategies for successful businesses was a hotly debated subject with the attendant audience of 180, drawn from Clonmel, County and region.

Former Tanaiste, Simon Coveney, delivered the keynote address in between the two panel discussions on the subject of global geopolitics and its impact on export trade and development. There was a very robust and engaging debate with the audience and Simon. Diversification across different political blocks globally and the requirement to quantify geopolitical risks in different jurisdictions was a theme running through Simon’s keynote contribution.



Jenny Melia, CEO of Enterprise Ireland attended the last part of the morning proceedings and spoke about EI’s strategy 2024 – 2027 and it’s relevance and importance in a quickly changing world. Jenny spent the afternoon in Questum, meeting with a number of local businesses.

AI Digital Transformational Event The Abbey Court Nenagh

National Enterprise Award Winner Tipperary 2026 – Winner Stephen O’Sullivan “I left you a note Ltd” presented with award during Enterprise Week. Stephen will represent LEO Tipperary at the National Enterprise Final in the Mansion House on 18th June 2026



Student Enterprise Awards

Local Enterprise Office Tipperary are delighted that three outstanding student enterprises will represent the county at the **Student Enterprise Programme National Final** in the **Mullingar Park Hotel** on **Thursday, 7 May 2026**.

This follows an exceptional **County Final on Friday, 6th March 2026** at **TUS Thurles Campus**, where 24 Tipperary secondary schools and a total of 200 students made up of 65 teams showcased their business ideas to secure a slot to represent their county at national finals.

Tipperary's National Finalists

- **Junior Category:** *Danny Nugent Hurlers* — **Danny Nugent**, Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir
- **Intermediate Category:** *DMS* — **David Miron**, Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir
- **Senior Category:** *Echo IQ* — **Aidan Humphries**, Rockwell College



National Innovation Success for Tipperary

Tipperary also celebrated national success during Local Enterprise Week as **Katie Lonergan** and **Saoirse Shanahan Roche** of **Access4All**, **Scoil Mhuire Greenhill**, **Carrick-on-Suir**, won the **inaugural Student Enterprise Innovators of the Year 2026**. Their application helps people understand accessibility at shops, cafés, venues and public spaces in advance, including accessible parking, step-free/ramped entrances, accessible toilets and crowd-sourced user tips and reviews.



Environment & Climate Action Section

Climate & Energy

Climate Action Progress Report for 2025

Tipperary County Council have set out how they delivered climate action across their service areas over 2025. This is in line with the vision of the Tipperary Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 (LACAP). The LACAP sets out a detailed vision, actions and targets for climate action, and this second annual ‘Progress Report’ reflects the implementation period of January 2025 to December 2025.

The Progress Report is to be noted by the members of Tipperary County Council at the Tipperary County Council Plenary Meeting on the 13th of April 2026.

[Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan | Tipperary County Council](#)

Community Climate Action Programme

The Council is administering the Community Climate Action Programme on behalf of the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment (DCEE). The Programme assists local non profit organisations with grant aid for small capital projects which will help to build low carbon communities. The budget allocated for Tipperary is €700k. There was strong demand for funding with 69 applications seeking €2.15m in grant aid. An assessment committee was established and recommendations were sent to the Department for approval in late February. It is anticipated that the Minister will announce successful projects in April 2026, with an 18 month timeframe for completion.

Policy

A meeting of the Environment & Climate Action SPC took place on Wednesday 11th March at Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel offices in Tipperary Town. Items discussed included a presentation on Biomethane for Carbon and Community and an update on the proposed wording forming the basis of an amendment to the TCC Burial Ground Bye-Laws. The Committee also received a progress update on the Community Climate Action Fund. The next SPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 10th of June 2026 at 2:30pm.



Scale model biomethane plant that was on display at the SPC meeting

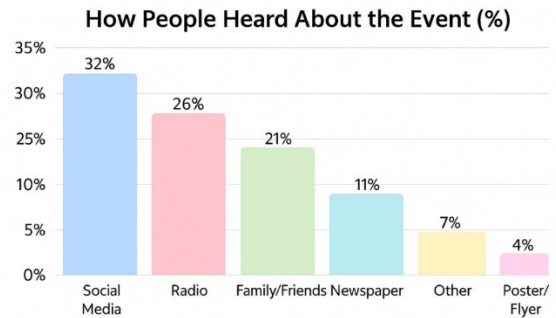
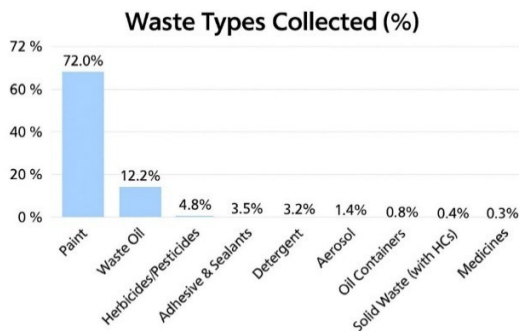
Public Awareness Initiatives

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Summary Report

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Carrigeen Recycling Centre, Clonmel



On Wednesday, 24 September 2025, a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held at the Carrigeen Recycling Centre, Clonmel. The event is run in coordination with the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices. The one-day event was a significant success, with **485 customers** availing of the service and **15.3 tonnes of household hazardous waste** collected. The Regional Waste office have now released statistics indicating that from the **11 Local Authorities** involved, Tipperary County Council recorded the **highest number of participating households** and the **second-largest volume of waste collected**.



National Tree Week 8th - 15th March

The Environment and Climate Action Section, in partnership with the Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte, distributed **1,000** native tree saplings to schools, farmers, Tidy Towns groups, and community organisations across Tipperary as part of National Tree Week. This annual initiative has resulted in the planting of thousands of native trees throughout the county in recent years, strengthening local ecosystems and fostering environmental stewardship at community level. Native species distributed included Oak, Common Birch, Silver Birch and Scots Pine.

Green Schools Programme – Update

The application deadline for this year’s Green Schools Programme was 20th March. A total of 31 Green School assessment visits were carried out and this is in line with 2025 figures. Applications have now been submitted to An Taisce for final review and flag-awarding decisions. The Green Flag Awards Ceremony for participating Tipperary schools will take place in Hotel Kilkenny in May.

Rubbish Film Festival Award Ceremony 2026



The Rubbish Film Festival Awards Ceremony was held on 18th March 2026 at the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, delivered in partnership with Create Schools and supported by the Environment & Climate Action Section of Tipperary County Council.

The 2026 Rubbish Film Festival Awards Ceremony brought together twelve secondary schools from across Tipperary to celebrate youth creativity and environmental awareness. Over a two-day programme, students created one-minute films addressing key environmental issues. The event showcased exceptional talent, highlighted the growing impact of youth-led climate action initiatives, and reinforced the Council’s commitment to sustainability education.

Films addressed issues such as plastic pollution, climate change impacts, biodiversity loss and threats to oceans, wildlife and communities.

The Award Winners were as follows:

Best Film: *Presentation Clonmel – Hell’s Climate*



Runner-Up Film: *CBS Thurles – Wrapped in Guilt*



Impact Award: *Comeragh College, Carrick on Suir – Let Them Eat Cake*



Best Poster: *St. Joseph's College Borrisoleigh – It's "Only One"*



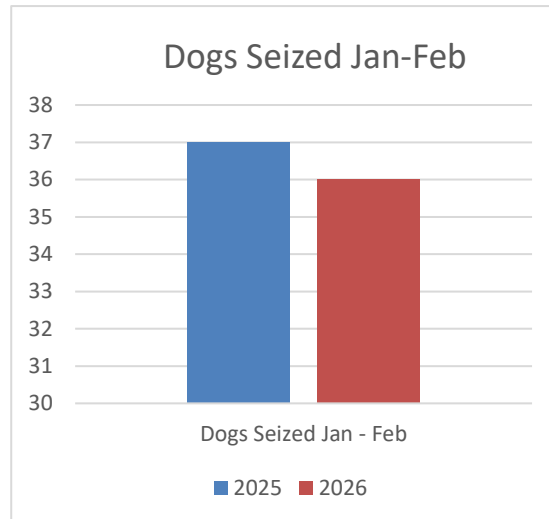
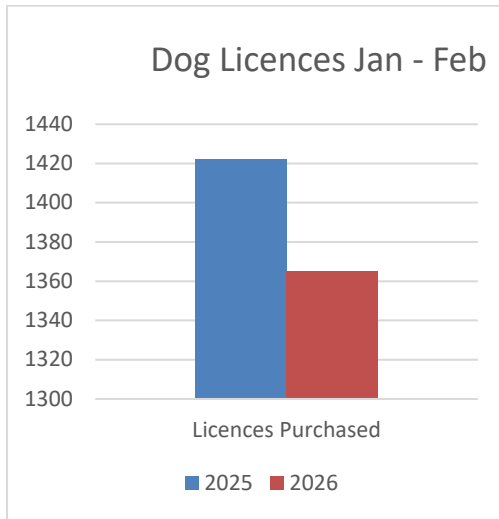
The full 2026 showreel of student films can be viewed at: rubbishfilmfestival.ie

Animal-Related Services

Dog Control

A total of 36 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens from 1st January 2026 to 28th February, 2026, 21 of the total number were sent to rescue, 4 were reclaimed by their owners, 3 were rehomed, 8 were put to sleep and 2 died of natural causes.

The number of dog licences purchased in the County to 28th February, 2026 is 1,365.



XL Bully Certification of Exemption

A total of 78 applications were received by the Council under the XL Bully (Certificate of Exemption) Legislation. To date 67 Certificates of Exemption have been granted, 3 applications were withdrawn by applicants, and there are 7 applications frozen until such time as the dog is mature enough for neutering. The final date for receipt of completed Confirmation of Neutering Status forms is 30th June 2026. 4 XL Bully Type dogs have been surrendered to Local Authority.

Control of Horses

There have been 7 reports to TCC of loose horses for Q1 of 2026. This has resulted in a total of 13 horses being seized across the county compared to 14 horses seized for the same period in 2025. All 13 horses have been rehomed.

Infrastructure

Burial Grounds

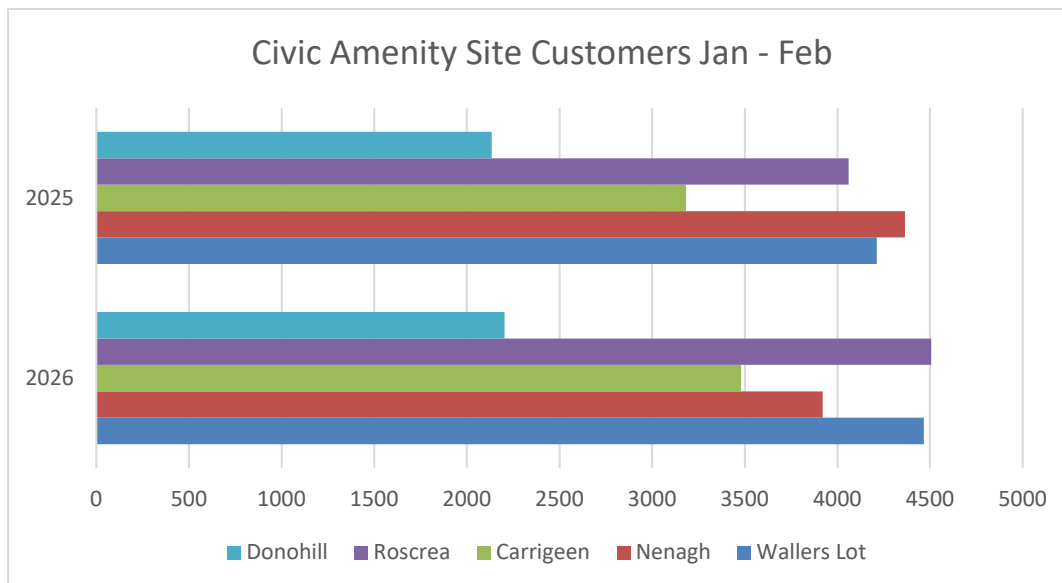
Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

- **Boher:** Burial Ground Development substantially completed and Official Opening to take place in Q2 date TBC.
- **Fethard:** Burial Ground Development completed, Official Opening 30th March 2026.
- **Cahir:** Burial Ground extension to provided by Waterford & Lismore Diocese the Diocese with technical assistance from Tipperary County Council Environment & Climate Action Section.
- **Carrick-on-Suir:** Land Acquisition completed for the development of an extension to St. Marys Burial Ground. E & CA currently preparing Part 8 Planning application.

- **Ongoing Site Identification for Parish Burial Grounds:**
 - I. New Inn;
 - II. Kiladangan;
 - III. Solohead/Monard;
 - IV. Borrisoleigh.
- **Holycross:** New Lawn & Urn Plot section developed. Urn Plot memorials to be constructed in Q2 2026.

Civic Amenity Sites

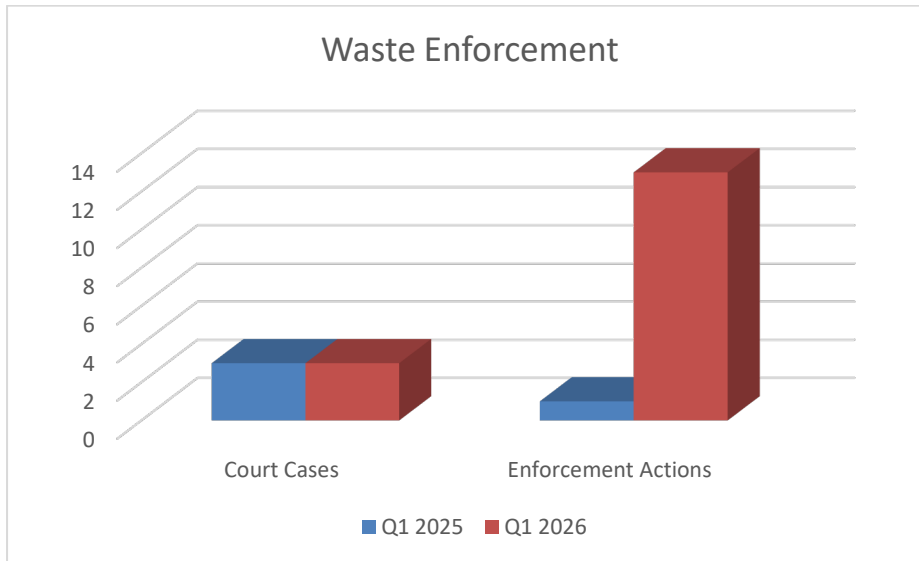
The customer numbers that have used the Civic Amenity facilities up to 28th February is 18,578. This is an increase from a total of 17,953 during same period in 2025.



2026 Tidy Towns Grant Scheme & 2026 Burial Ground Maintenance Grant Scheme

A total of 283 Burial Ground Maintenance Grant application forms and 143 Tidy Towns Grant Application forms were issued in early February. The closing date for receipt of completed applications was 13th March. All returned applications are now with the relevant Municipal District for processing and payment at a later date. Please note that late submissions are still being accepted.

Waste Management and Enforcement



Enforcement Actions

A total of 13 Waste/Litter Enforcement actions were undertaken from Jan to date, which comprised of Directions to clean a site/property and cease any further un-authorized waste/litter activity. All Directions are still active and within the specified timeframe for completion.

Legal Proceedings

In 2026 there were 3 court cases for prosecutions under the Waste Management Act were heard. One case related to dumping on Coillte Forestry, the Coillte Officer provided a statement to the Enforcement Team and was called to give evidence on the stand, Judge Marie Keane convicted the defendant and imposed penalties and costs to the amount of approx. €1,000.

The second case related to accumulated waste at the rear of a private dwelling, visible from a public place. This person was a re-offender and previously convicted for the same issue in 2023, Judge Marie Keane considered the defendants personal situation and imposed fines of and costs totalling €1,800.

The third case related to a long-standing issue of dumping of waste in a quarry, a bench warrant was issued for the defendant to appear before the court. Judge Marie Keane imposed fines and costs of €12,000 to be payable to Tipperary County Council before April 1st or a custodial six months jail sentence would be added.

There was 1 court case for prosecution under the Litter Pollution Act which was settled out of court, the defendant paid the litter fines for unauthorised signage.



Household Waste Inspections

A total of 84 household waste surveys were carried out on houses in Co. Tipperary to 19th March 2026. The compliancy rate to date is 64% with 54 householders providing evidence of their waste service providers. The Section continues to engage with home owners/occupiers in an effort to encourage full compliance.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

- 37.4 tonnes of textiles were collected in January and February 2026 at the five civic amenity sites. This is a significant reduction on the tonnage seen before the amendments to service however the collection has not settled to a regular monthly pattern as yet.
- 719 tonnes of glass were collected in the county up to 19/03/2026.
- 7.33 tonnes of cans were collected in the county up to 19/03/2026. Can tonnages continue to fall since the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme in February 2024.

Certificate of Registrations / Waste Permits

There are 15 Certificates of Registrations, 32 Waste Facility Permits and 82 Waste Collection Permits currently active in Co. Tipperary. There are 3 permits under review at the time of report writing, 3 of which are existing waste facility permits.

Fixed Penalty Notices

The total number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued up until 19th March is 60. These are issued for Litter Fines, Waste Management Enforcement and Waste Bye Laws (Household Waste Inspections).

Landfills

Operations

Licensed Landfills - Ballaghveny

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. The acceptance of waste is as per licenced conditions.

Licensed Landfills - Donohill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing.



Ballaghveny Landfill Community Gain Fund

2025 CGF – It is proposed to seek applications for the 2025 fund in Q2 2026. The value of the Community Gain Fund to be allocated will be €56,609.39. This is reduced due to the reduced waste intake in Ballaghveny for 2025.

Capital Works

Closed/Historic Landfills

Funding approval of €6,996,075 Grant Assistance for Landfill Remediation Works 2026 has been received from the Department of Climate, Energy & the Environment. The eligible work covered by the funding includes the landfill remediation work at Ballaghveny Phase 1 Cap, Tipperary Town Historic Landfill Remediation Project, consultant fees and costs, Environmental Risk Assessments Tier 2 and Tier 3 costs, annual monitoring fees, Certificate of Authorisation applications, preparations and fees, and borehole installations for closed landfills within the county. The funding is provided for the closed landfills at: Ballaghveny (closed section) and the list of Historic Closed Landfills below. Environmental monitoring of these Historic Landfills is ongoing. Additional funding may become available as projects progress, subject to availability. The status of each Historic Landfill is summarised as follows:

Landfill	Risk Class	Status	District
Tipperary Town	A	Final CoA Issued – Contractors commenced remediation works in Dec 2025.	Tipp Cahir Cashel
Brittas Rd, Thurles	A	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Dec 2021 - Final CoA approval expected in 2026	Thurles Templemore
Connawarries, Carrick-On-Suir	A	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Dec 2024 - Draft CoA approval expected in 2026	Carrick-on-Suir
Coole, Knocklofty	A	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Feb 2022 - Regulation 7(4) Notice Response to be returned	Tipp Cahir Cashel
Deansgrove Cashel	A	Legal issue with landowner – agreement sought	Tipp Cahir Cashel
Dundrum	B	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Nov 2021	Tipp Cahir Cashel
Caher Abbey, Cahir	B	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Dec 2025	Tipp Cahir Cashel
Killeigh, Cahir	B	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Dec 2025	Tipp Cahir Cashel
Kilsheelan	B	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Jun 2013	Clonmel

Monanearla, Thurles	B	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Dec 2021	Thurles Templemore
Shesheraghscanlan	B	CoA Application Submitted to EPA Dec 2025	Nenagh
Kiltillane, Templemore	B	Tier 2 Complete, Tier 3/CoA Application WIP	Thurles Templemore
Grange, Ballina	C	Tier 2, Tier 3/CoA Application WIP	Nenagh
Bawn, Nenagh	C	Tier 2, Tier 3/CoA Application WIP	Nenagh
Cooleen, Silvermines	C	Tier 2, Tier 3/CoA Application WIP	Nenagh
Glencrue, Portroe	C	Tier 2, Tier 3/CoA Application WIP	Nenagh
Knockanree, Cloughjo	C	Procure consultant in 2026 - subject to funding	Nenagh
Grange, Roscrea	C	Procure consultant in 2026 - subject to funding	Thurles Templemore
Templeree, Templemore	C	Procure consultant in 2026 - subject to funding	Thurles Templemore
Knockane, Toomevara	C	Procure consultant in 2026 - subject to funding	Thurles Templemore

Tipperary Town Historic Closed Landfill Remediation Project

- Priority Construction Ltd. has been appointed for the remediation of Tipperary Town Historical Closed Landfill at Carrownreddy, Tipperary Town.
- The Contractor commenced on site in December 2025.
- The value of the project is approximately €3.5m.
- The works are 100% funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment as part of the Historic Landfills Grant Programme.
- The estimated duration of works is approximately 8 months.



Landfill entrance gate before works commenced.



Landfill entrance gate after works commenced.

Ballaghveny Phase 1 Capping Project

- Priority Construction Ltd. has been appointed for the capping of Phase 1 (Cells 1 and 2) of Ballaghveny Landfill.
- The Contractor commenced on site in October 2025.
- The value of the project is approximately €2.2m.
- The works are 100% funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) as part of the Historic Landfills Grant Programme.
- The estimated duration of works is approximately 8 months.



View of borehole drilling works on Cell No. 2 at Ballaghveny Landfill

Environmental Protection

Water Pollution and National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)

- 166 samples have been taken as part of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 79 farm inspections have been carried out under the NAIP across the County.
- 7 septic tank inspections were performed under the National Inspection Plan including verification inspections.
- 8 Section 4 discharges to water samples were taken and monitored for compliance under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977(as amended).
- 105 drinking water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme and under the European Union (Drinking Water) Regs 2023, 37 of which were investigative follow-up samples.
- 10 drinking water audits were performed (Small private supplies , GWS & Private Wells)

Planning Referrals

22 Planning applications have been assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

AIR

Air Inspections

- Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022) – 45 inspections have been carried out.
- European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012 – 1 inspections have been carried out.
- European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012 – 3 inspections have been carried out.
- Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997 – 7 petroleum vapours inspections have been carried out

Air Monitors

- The current status of air quality in all towns monitored is rated as good and is compliant with The CAFE directive. Live Information on Air Quality in Clonmel and Tipperary Town can be retrieved at <https://airquality.ie/>

Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance (AM) Subsidy 2026

67 Schemes were invited to apply for AM Subsidy in 2026. At 23/03/2026 there are 15 applications received and 13 have been paid, total invested under the Scheme is €22,749.



Current Capital Projects

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (2024-2026) - projects were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2024. In November 2024 the DHLG&H allocated €1,789m for 13 projects, 15 GWSs. July 2025, DHLG&H allocated €540,174 for projects, 21 Projects, 16 GWSs, finalising the MARWP 2024 – 2026 Allocation. Both Allocations bring the MARWP 2024 – 2026 funding to €2,610,715. Multi-Party Framework is being prepared with which to procure Consulting Engineering services in order to put the major projects in place .

Total paid at 23/03/2026 is €56,668, (10 GWSs), relating to smaller projects (Water Quality Systems, for example).

Private Well Grants

20 Applications have been received to date and 13 grants have been paid out to a total of €47,842

Domestic Wastewater Treatment System Grants, (Septic Tank Improvement Grants)

Three applications have been received to early March.

Lead Piping Remediation Grants

A total of €4,439 has been paid to one Applicant.

Environmental Complaints

Category	Active	Resolved	Total
Air	3	2	5
Animal	33	68	101
Default	0	3	3
Infrastructure	3	8	11
Litter	20	153	173
Noise	4	10	14
Waste	37	89	126
Water	7	30	37
Cancelled	0	3	3
Totals	107	366	473

Number of Complaints Received is in line with Complaints Received 2025.



CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Strategies/Policies/Plans

<u>Policy/Strategic Issues</u>	<u>Status</u>
Audit Committee Work Prog	Approved
SPC Scheme 2024-2029	Approved
Corporate Plan 2024-2029	Approved
Service Delivery Plan 2026	For approval
Annual Report 2025	At Draft Stage
Public Sector Duty (PSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment & Evidence Book • Values Statement • Implementation Plan • Action Plan 2025-2026 	Completed
Communication Strategy	Under Review
Customer Charter & Customer Service Action Plan	Completed
Social Media Policy & Protocol	Under Review
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

Circular Letters

- LG 02/2026 dated 6th February 2026 re Increase to Elected Members annual remuneration

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on 10th February 2026. Items considered are as follows:

- Presentation on new Property Management Strategy
- Audit Committee End of Year Reports
- Discussion on Corporate Plan and Oversight Role of Audit Committee
- Audit Committee Work Programme for 2026
- Local Government Audit Management Letter on Completed Audit for 2024

- Internal Audit Update
- Reports for Noting, TCC Management Reports for January & February 2026
- LGAS Review of Temporary Development Contribution Scheme
- Risk Oversight Group Annual Report 2025

Annual Report 2025

Tipperary County Council is required under Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001 to prepare and adopt an annual report not later than 30th June concerning the performance of its functions during the preceding year and shall furnish a copy of the report to each member of the Council, the adoption of which is a reserved function.

A draft report is required to be submitted to the members not later than the 30th April in each year, a copy of which has been circulated with the agenda for consideration. The report includes particulars of the policies, programmes, services and other activities undertaken by the Council during 2025 and also information in relation to the performance of functions by the Municipal District members in respect of the 5 Municipal Districts.

The final report will be submitted to the Council for consideration at the June meeting of the Council.

Service Delivery Plan 2026:

The draft service delivery plan for 2026 has been drafted and circulated to the members for their consideration. This plan is consistent with the budgetary provision estimated to be necessary for the Council to carry out its functions during 2026. The adoption of the plan is a reserved function of the Council;

Register of Electors

Tipperary Electoral Register is scheduled for migration to the Voter.ie platform as part of the 6th wave of local authorities. Staff training is planned for July, with the migration process to follow during

September and October. Current preparatory work is focused on identifying dwellings that do not have Eircodes registered on the system and improving the overall quality and consistency of address data within the system.

Following the recent data-cleansing process of the Electoral Register, a list of all electors who have been removed from the register has been compiled and will be circulated to Elected Members, organised by Local Electoral Area

Coroner Service: Statistics for period 1st Jan to 31st March 2026

No. of deaths reported: 268

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 57

No. of Undertaker Removals: 22

Performance Indicators:

2025 Indicators – Request for Data

The deadline for compliance with the submission of data to the LG Returns system in respect of the 2025 performance is Friday, 17th April 2026. A report on the indicator outcomes will be presented to the full Council and the audit committee following the publication of the NOAC report later in the year.

A report on the 2024 Performance Indicators for Tipperary has been circulated with the agenda for information.

New Indicators for the 2025 Report include:

Changes to the 2024 Report

Pg 10-14 - **Housing** - further details included for clarity.

Pg 20-21 – **E2** - No. of environmental complaints closed. This data now relates to environmental complaints as opposed to pollution cases and will be provided by the EPA

Pg 23 – **P2** – Name of indicator changed to Number/percentage of planning decisions confirmed by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Pg 29 – **L1C** – Clarification note

Pg 38 – **J2** – Clarification note.

Pg. 40 – **J5** – Clarification note.

Communications and Customer Service Desk

The Communications team communicates and promotes Council activities and services and raises public awareness of matters of local and national interest.

Digital and Social Media

The communications team plays a vital role in managing the Tipperary County Council's social media enhancing community engagement, promoting key initiatives, and increasing awareness of the Council's ongoing projects, services and policies.

Social Media (January – March)

Tipperary's social media accounts have a combined total of 218,257 followers, which is an increase of 4,414 followers since the end of 2025. Most of this growth came from Facebook and Instagram, which continue to be the County's strongest and most active platforms.

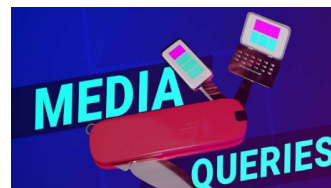
Digital – Website (January – March)

From January to March 2026, the Tipperary County Council website had 178,847 visits, with people spending an average of 1 minute and 45 seconds on the site. That's quite a short session time, which suggests most visitors know exactly what they're looking for, find it quickly, and then leave.

January – March 2026



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January

<p>Tipperary library service</p> <p>FAMILY CARER'S SUPPORT GROUP</p> <p>Meetings are in Nenagh Library on</p>	<p>Tipperary Sports Partnership</p> <p>Tipperary Sports PARTNERSHIP</p>	<p>Healthy Tipperary</p> <p>hi Healthy Ireland</p>
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February

<p>Tipperary Tourism</p> <p>Time for TIPPERARY</p> <p>48 HOURS IN CLONMEL</p>	<p>Tipperary Arts Office</p> <p>Resonance Loughderg</p> <p>Ballina/Killaloe</p> <p>TIPPERARY FESTIVALS</p>	<p>Tipperary Museum</p> <p>ON THIS DAY IN TIPPERARY</p> <p>17 Februar 1980</p> <p>The magnificent Derrynaflan Chalice was found by Michael Webb and his son Mike at a monastic site on Littleton bog on this day 46 years ago.</p>
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March

<p>Tipperary County Council</p> <p>Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council</p>	<p>Clonmel BD</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>—gh From All at at—</p>	<p>LEO Tipperary</p> <p>Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil Local Enterprise Office</p> <p>Local Enterprise Week 2026</p> <p>Making it Happen</p>
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Communications focus		Summary of some items PLANNED for Quarter 2 2026	
Month	Event	Month	Event
April	National Spring Clean (throughout April)	June	Criunniu na nOg (6 June)
	World Autism Day (April 2)		Pride
	World Health Day (April 7)		Summer Stars (July-August)
	National Workplace Wellbeing Day (April 29)		National Water Safety Awareness Week
May	Active School Week (27 April – 1 May)		
	Bealtaine Festival (month of May)		
	Student Enterprise Awards Programme Finals		
	National Bike Week (9-17 May)		
	National Volunteering Week (18 – 24 May)		

Customer Service Activity

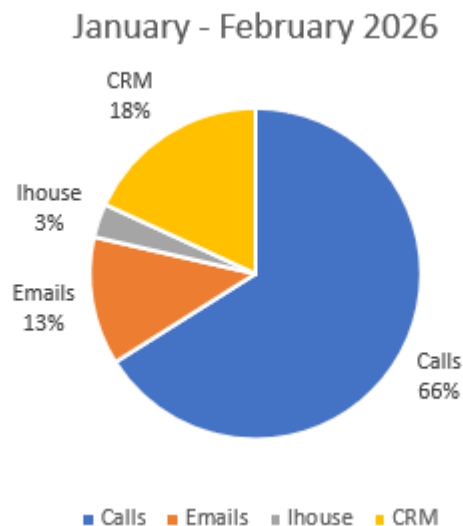
CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries: -

- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

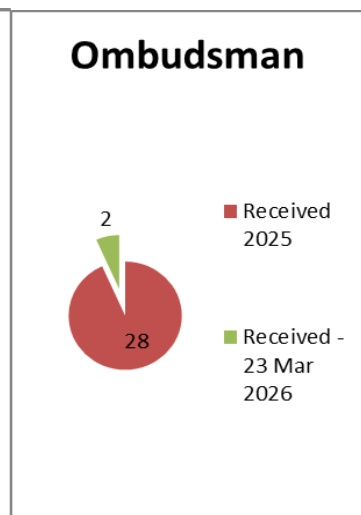
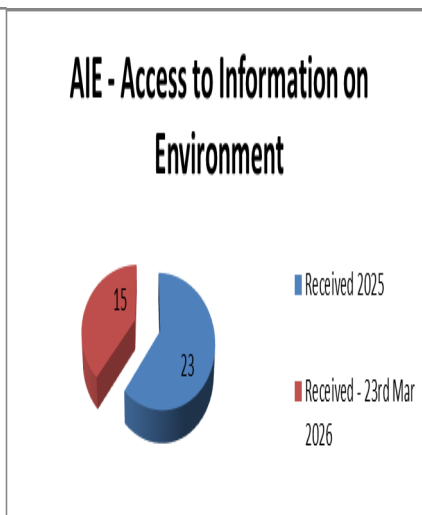
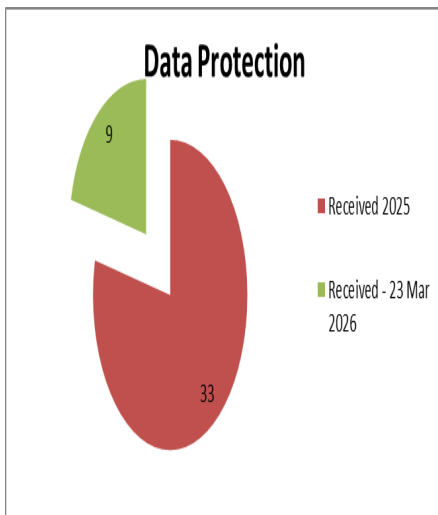
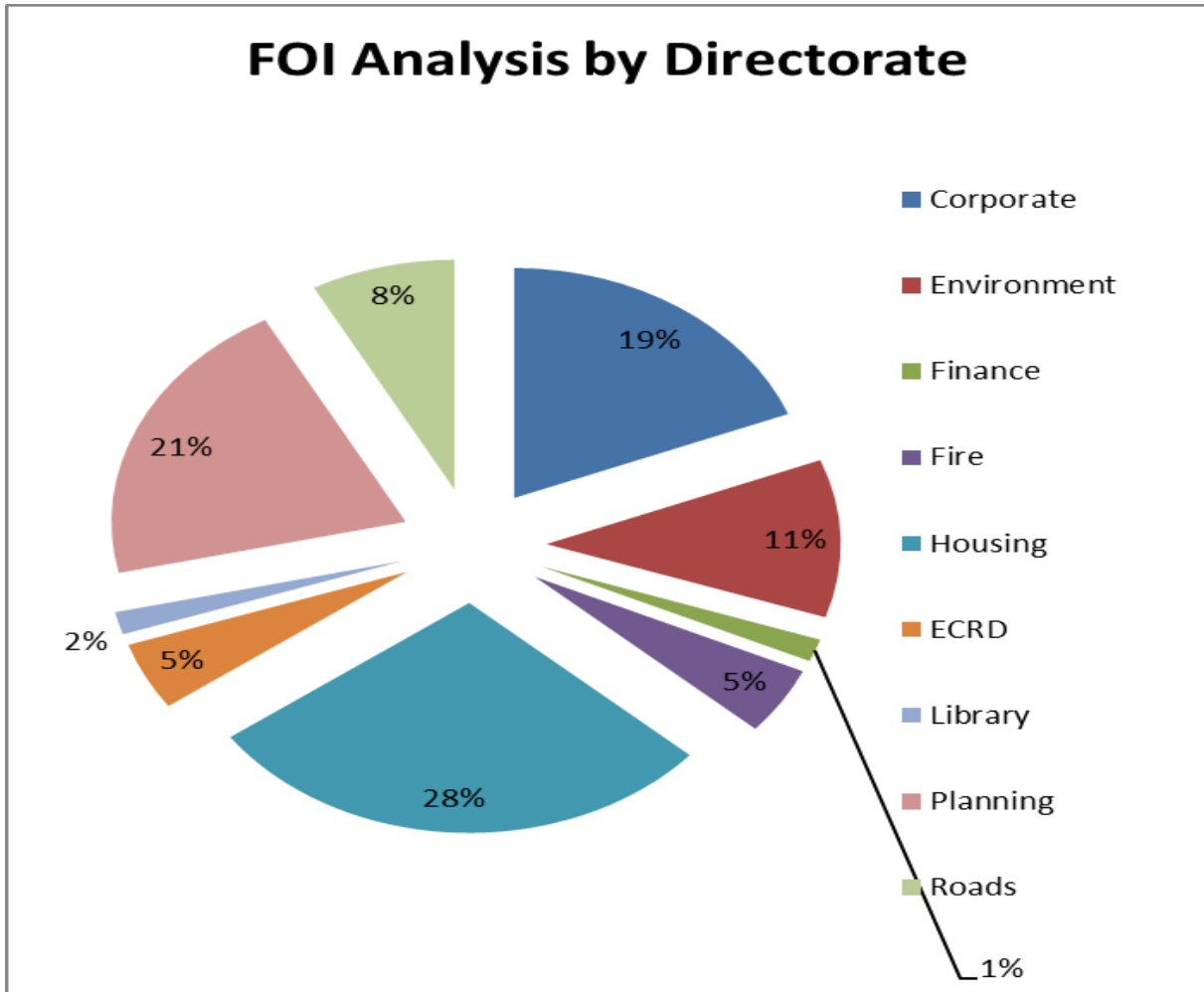
Customer Service activity including Customer Relations Management System – CSD staff

1 January –28 February 2026

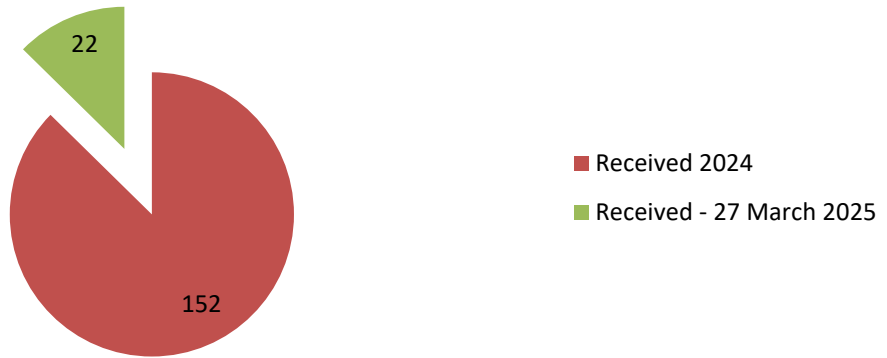
	Calls	Emails	Ihouse	CRM
January - February	17,648	3,345	882	4,843



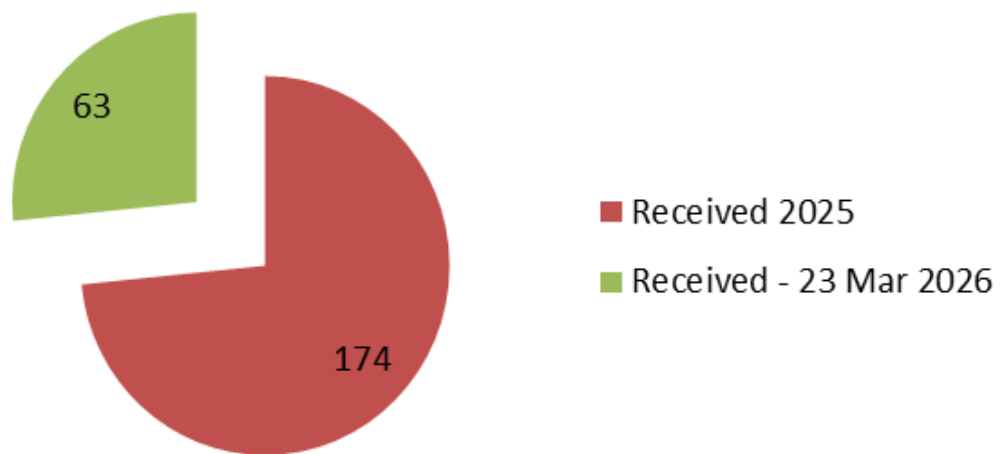
Information Management



FOI - Freedom of Information



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Property Management

Property Unit, Corporate Services are responsible for managing Tipperary County Council's Property Portfolio consisting currently of **282** Buildings and **687** land parcels.

Property Transactions:

The Property Section actively manage the acquisition and disposal of the Council's Property portfolio, excluding the Council's Housing Stock. If a property is to be acquired or disposed a Property Transaction file is opened accordingly.

There are currently **275** active Property Transaction files currently open.

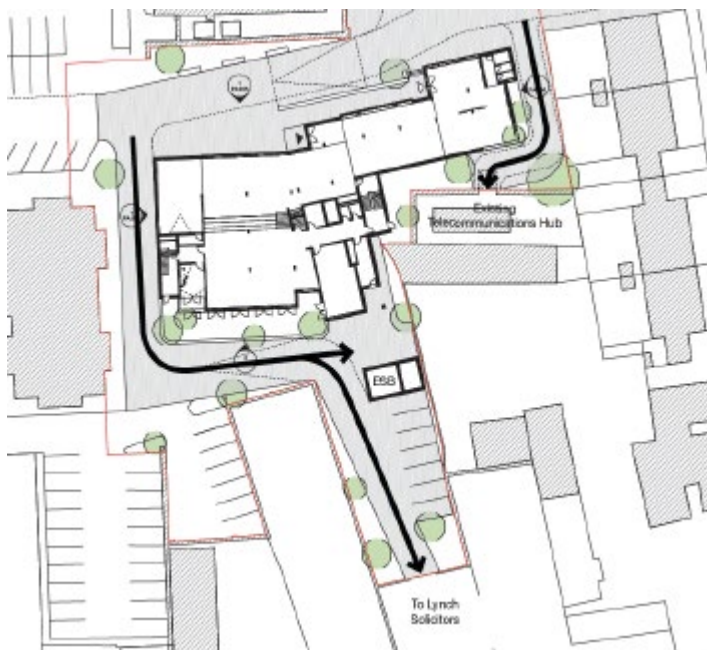


Table 1: Property Transaction Activity

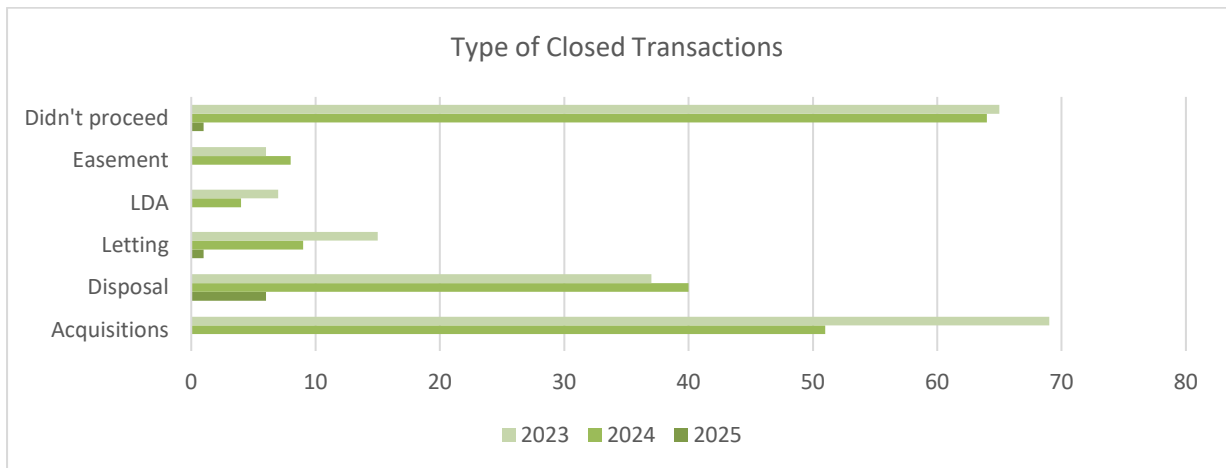


Table 2: Completed Property Transaction Types

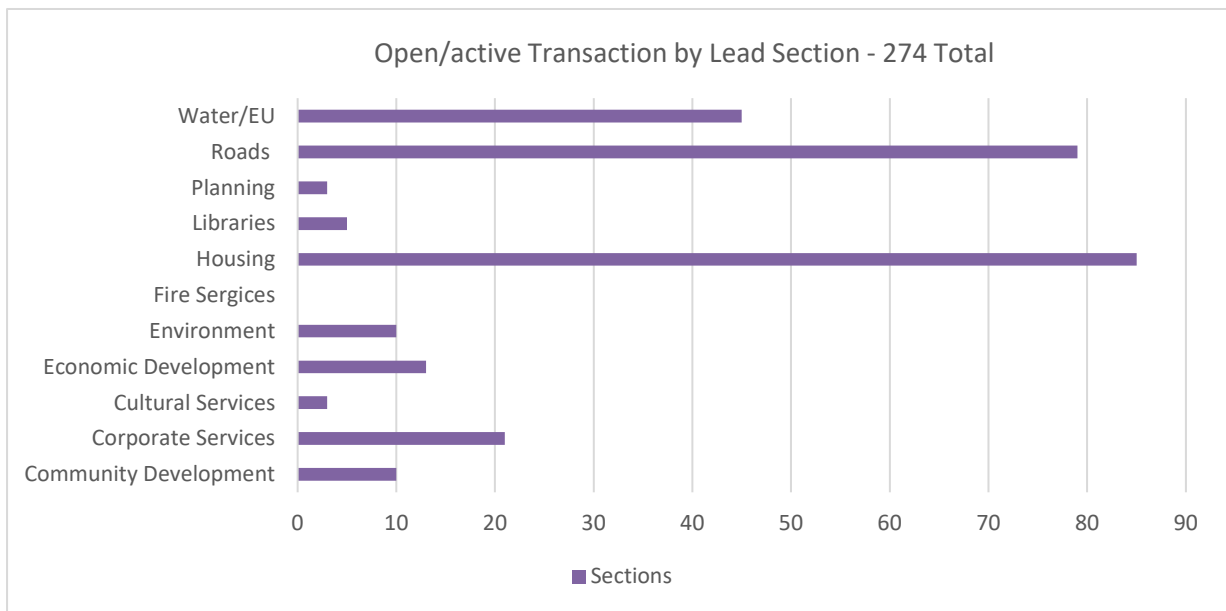


Table 3: Property Transaction assigned to Sections

Section 183 Resolutions (Disposals)

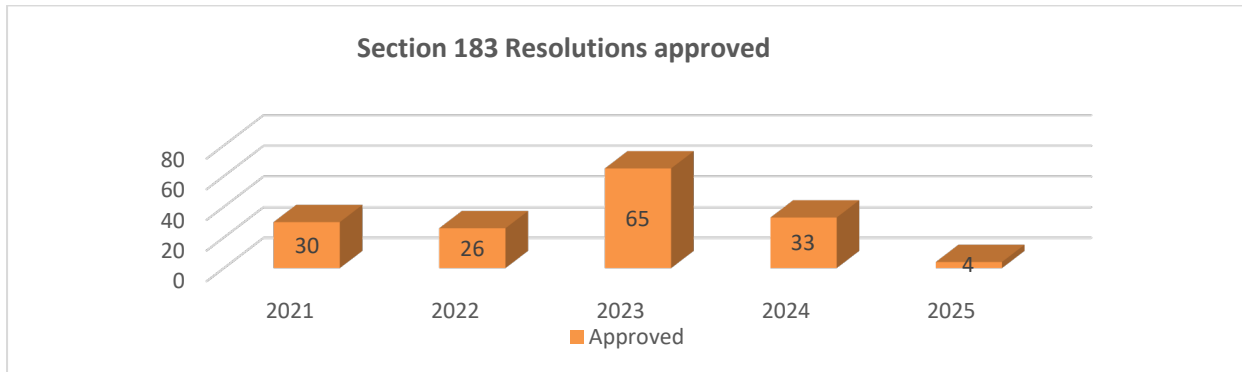


Table 4: Section 183 Resolutions Approved

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
• Church View House – Rectification	Boundary
• Cloughjordan Library –	Disposal
• No. 5 Avondale Court, Cahir	Boundary Rectification
• Garranlea, New Inn –	Boundary Rectification

Table 5: 2025 Section 183 Resolutions

Letting Agreements:

The Property Unit is currently responsible for the management of letting agreements, i.e., create new lease agreement, review current agreements, issuing of annual licences, and oversee surrender of letting agreements.

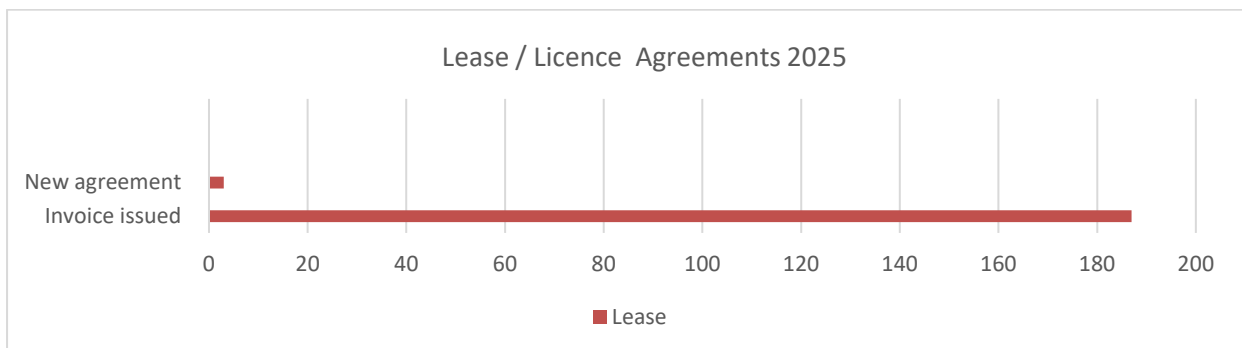


Table 6: Lease/Licence Agreements invoiced 2025

Housing Directorate

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Ashbury,
Roscrea*

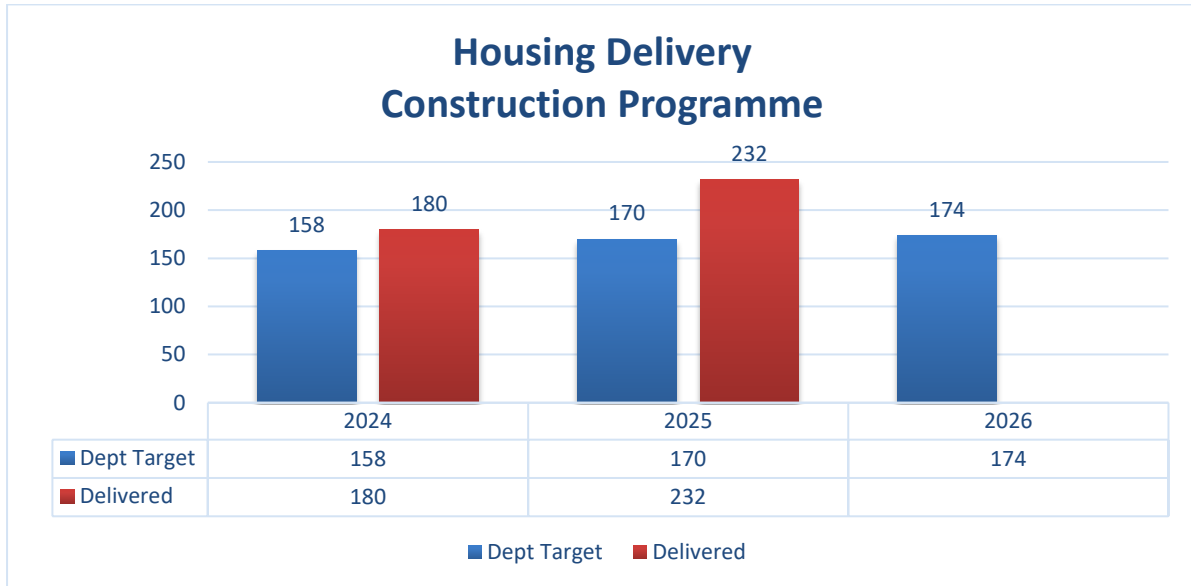


**All figures relate to the period
01 January 2026 – 31 March 2026**

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Review of Differential Rent Scheme	Under Review	Initial draft to be brought to SPC in May
Review of CBL in respect of an approved 1 bed applicant bidding on a 2 bed property	Under Review and working group set up	First meeting of the working group is scheduled for after the Plenary on the 13th.

Housing Delivery



Various steps from assessing a site to actual construction on site for any housing development to provide clarity to the current status tab below.

(These are not approval stages with the Department)

1. Site Feasibility
2. Design team appointment
3. Detailed Design
4. Planning Process
5. Construction Tender
6. Construction Ongoing

The current status of projects is as follows:

Scheme Location / Name	Agency	No. of Units	Status for Management Report	Comment
Puckane	Tipperary Co. Co.	21	1. Site Feasibility	HIIF Application submitted for UE elements
Hollyford	Tipperary Co. Co.	5	2. Design team appointment	Tender Prep for Design team
Dublin Rd. Thurles	Tipperary Co. Co.	37	2. Design team appointment	Tender Live for Design team
Castlegreen, Cashel	Tipperary Co. Co.	13	2. Design team appointment	Tender Prep for Design team
Murroe Rd. Newport	Tipperary Co. Co.	58	2. Design team appointment	Finalising appointment
Dapp Inn, Nenagh	Tipperary Co. Co.	16	2. Design team appointment	Tender Prep for Design team
Ballingarry (South)	Tipperary Co. Co.	18	2. Design team appointment	Tender Prep for Design team
Millersbrook, Nenagh	Tipperary Co. Co.	13	3. Detailed Design	Ongoing design
Clogheen	Tipperary Co. Co.	15	3. Detailed Design	Masterplan complete, design
Kilcooley Way, Gortnahoe	Tipperary Co. Co.	12	3. Detailed Design	Ongoing design
Donohill	Tipperary Co. Co.	6	3. Detailed Design	Part 8 review & publish
Bansha	Tipperary Co. Co.	12	3. Detailed Design	Ongoing design
Churchview, Killenaule	Tipperary Co. Co.	10	3. Detailed Design	Ongoing design
Matthew Bourke House, Thurles	Thurles Lions Trust CAS	10	3. Detailed Design	Design team appointed
Presentation, Fethard	Fethard District and Daycare	20	3. Detailed Design	Revised stage 2 submitted
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	Tipperary Co. Co.	6	3. Detailed Design	Stage 2 submitted
Gortlandroe, Nenagh	Tipperary Co. Co.	27	3. Detailed Design	Ongoing design



Templemore	Templemore Voluntary	20	3. Detailed Design	Redesign of Scheme
Gantley Road, Roscrea	Tipperary Co. Co.	17	4. Planning Process	Stage 3 approved - UE Engagement
Rathcabbin	Tipperary Co. Co.	7	4. Planning Process	Part 8 decision
Rialto Site, Nenagh	Tipperary Co. Co.	13	4. Planning Process	Prep for Part 8 Planning
Morton Street, Clonmel	FHIST	6	4. Planning Process	Conclude CPO process
Borrisoleigh	Tipperary Co. Co.	30	4. Planning Process	Preparation of planning documents
Fr. Matthew Street, Tipp Town	Tipperary Co. Co.	2	4. Planning Process	Part 8 preparation
Croke Street, Thurles	Thurles Lions Trust CAS	6	4. Planning Process	Planning Granted, stage 3 to be submitted
William Street, Nenagh	Tipperary Co. Co.	5	4. Planning Process	Part 8 - May Meeting
1/1A Limerick Street, Roscrea	TLTHA	2	5. Construction Tender	Stage 4 Approved - Contractor appointment
Graystown, Killenaule	Tipperary Co. Co.	1	5. Construction Tender	Contractor appointment
Gort an Oir, Fethard	Belmont Park Housing Association	7	5. Construction Tender	ongoing UE engagement
Templemore Road, Roscrea	Marillac AHB CAS Renewal	2	5. Construction Tender	Tender being published
Coleville Road, Clonmel	Tipperary Co. Co.	20	5. Construction Tender	Turnkey submission to dept
Coleville Woods, Clonmel	Oaklee AHB	30	5. Construction Tender	CALF application awaiting Department Approval
Mountain View, Cahir	Tipperary Co. Co.	45	6. Construction Ongoing	Construction commenced
Ashbury, Roscrea	Tipperary Co. Co.	10	6. Construction Ongoing	Construction commenced
Slieve Alainn, Drangan	Tipperary Co. Co.	7	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026
Plaza View, Davis Rd. Clonmel	Clonmel Voluntary AHB CAS	5	6. Construction Ongoing	Awaiting Department Approval
Coopers Lot, Cashel	Respond AHB	44	6. Construction Ongoing	Phased Delivery
Glencarrick, Roscrea	Cluid AHB	15	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026

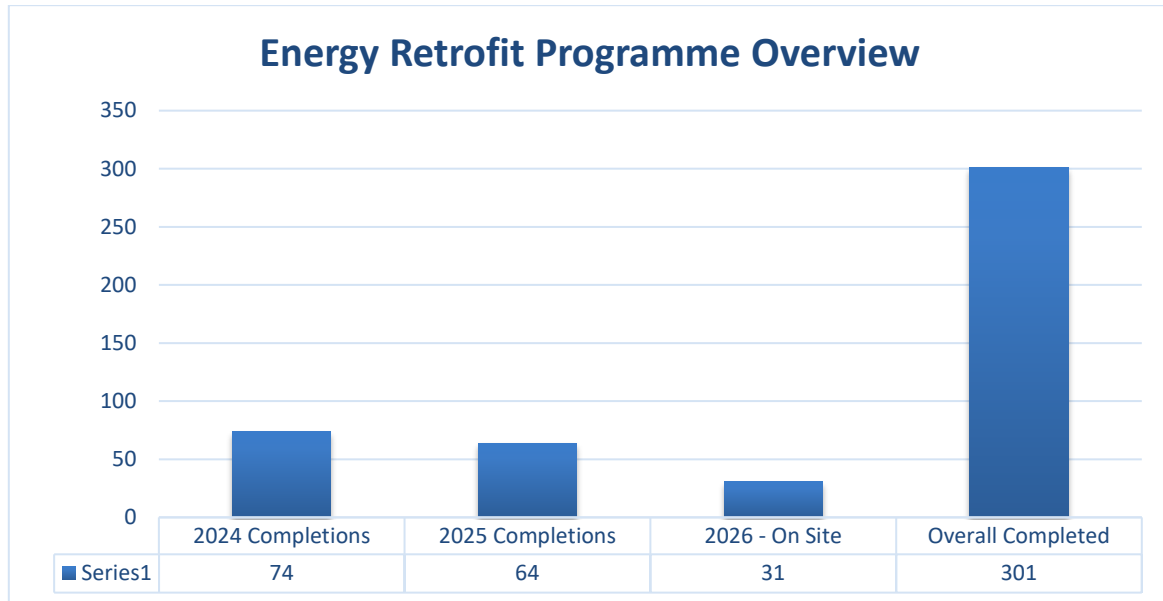


18 Church Street, Templemore	Tipperary Co. Co.	1	6. Construction Ongoing	ESB Connection Due
Rosefield, Dundrum Rd, Tipp	Cluid AHB	16	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026
Crann Ard, Clonmel	Cluid AHB	55	6. Construction Ongoing	CALF Approved - Delivery 2026/2027
Bregawn, Cashel	Tuath AHB	20	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	Tipperary Co. Co.	5	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026
Radharc na Carraige, Glencarrick, Roscrea	Tipperary Co. Co.	47	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026
Prior Park, Clonmel	Tipperary Co. Co.	35	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026/2027
Templemeadows, Templemore	Tipperary Co. Co.	36	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026/2027
Longfield Park, Boherlahan	Tipperary Co. Co.	5	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026
Thomas Street, Clonmel	Tipperary Co. Co.	61	6. Construction Ongoing	Phased Delivery
Grove Street, Roscrea	Tipperary Co. Co.	9	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026/2027
Oakwood Close, Glenconnor, Clonmel	Tipperary Co. Co.	6	6. Construction Ongoing	Phased Delivery further phase delivery in 2026
Church Street, Templemore	Tipperary Co. Co.	4	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2027
SHIP Renewals, Tipperary Town	Tipperary Co. Co.	2	6. Construction Ongoing	Completion 2026
Tyone Road, Nenagh	Respond AHB	67	6. Construction Ongoing	Delivery 2026

Housing for All Summary

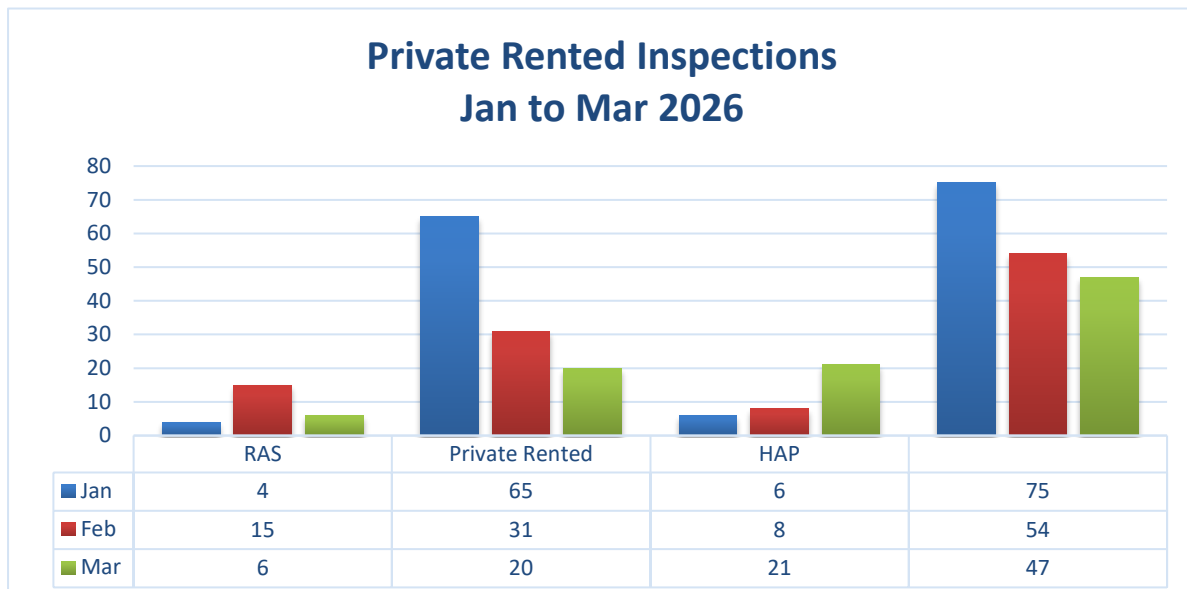
Housing for All Years	Dept Target	Output	Delivery %
2022 - 2025	713	769	108%
2022 - 2026	887	1061*	120%*

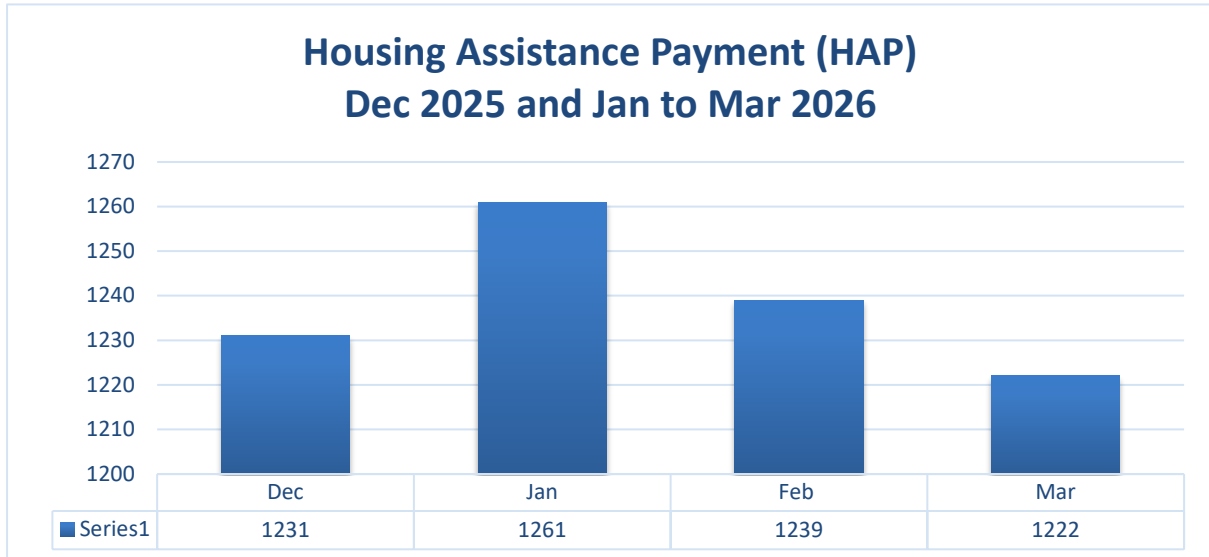
*projected delivery 2026



2026 Department Allocation of 95 units received.

Private Rented Properties



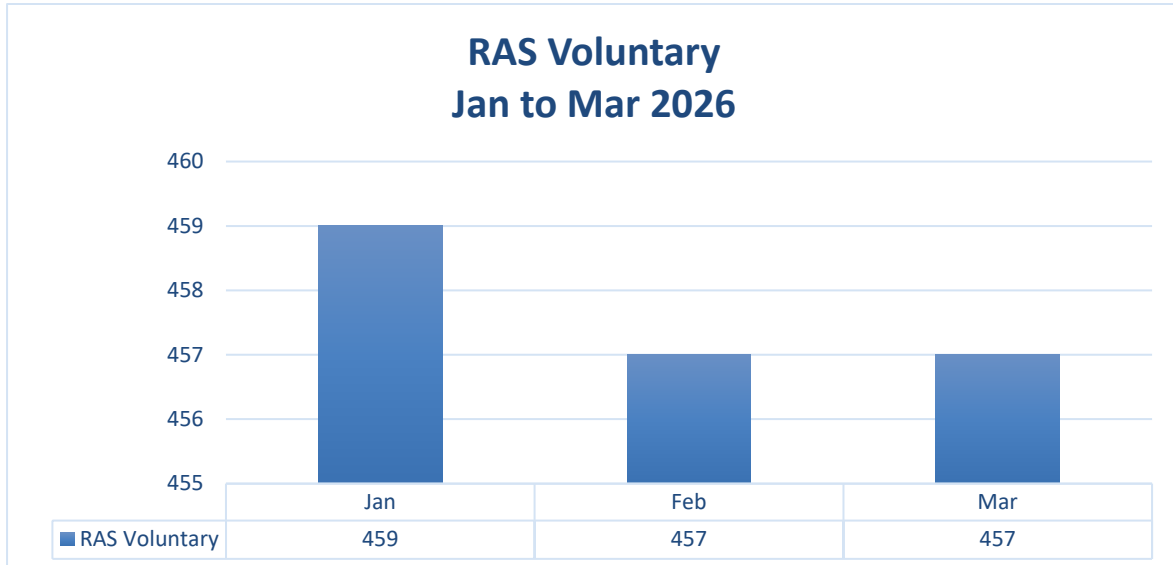


HAP tenancies at the end of March stood at 1222.

Please note increase from December to January is because inter-county transfers are now being included in stats. 1293 is the December 2025 figure which included inter-county transfers.



RAS tenancies at the end of March stood at 510.



RAS Voluntary. This is a payment to support Council nominated tenants of AHB's. Each AHB has their own rent scheme and is subject to governance through their Boards and AHBRA (Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority). A council nominated tenant pays the differential rent and the RAS voluntary payment makes up the shortfall.

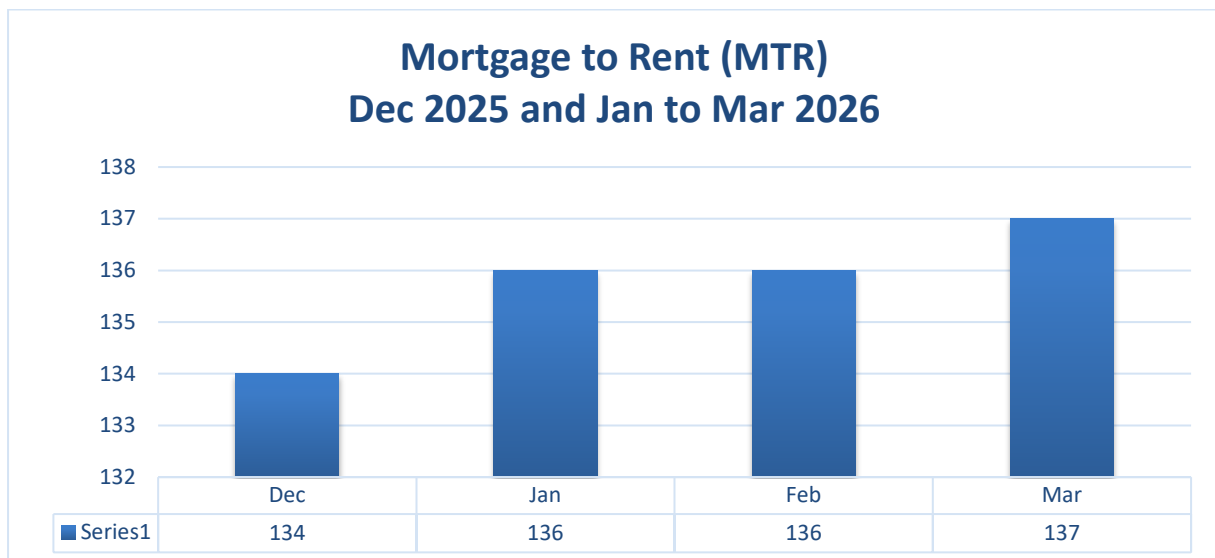
RAS Voluntary tenancies at the end of March stood at 457



LTL: This scheme is currently not accepting new properties in accordance with Department guidance.

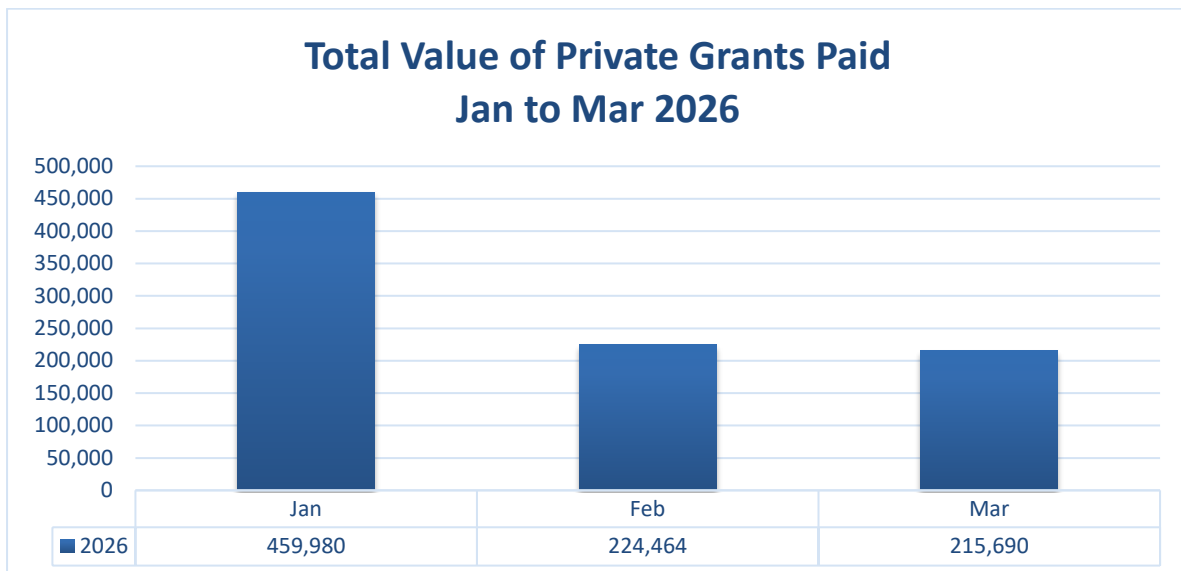
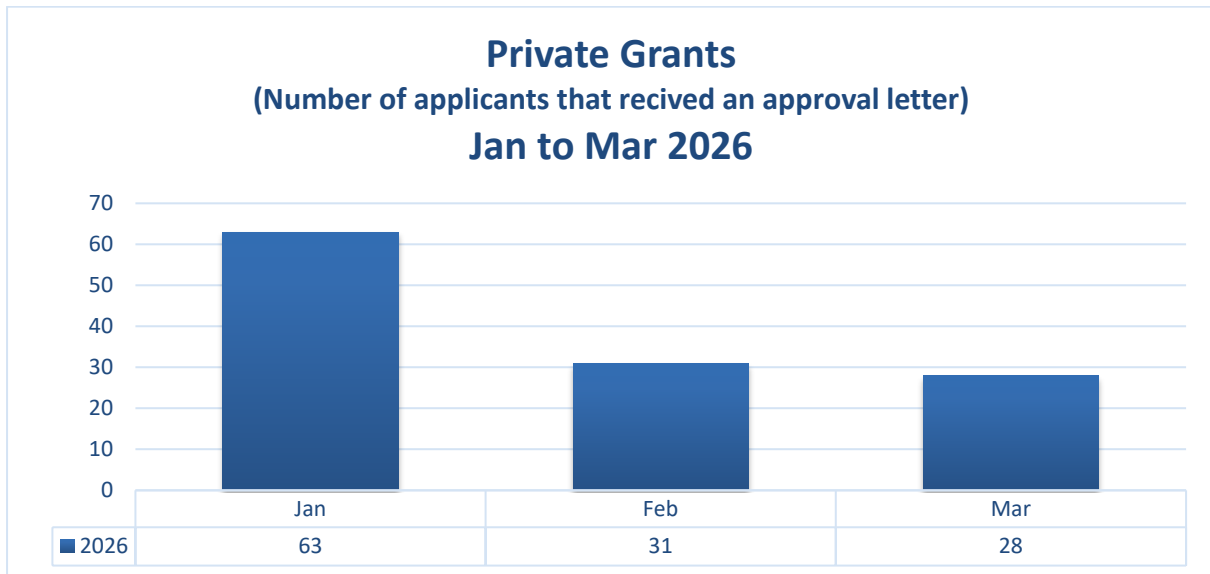
LTL tenancies at the end of March stood at 246.

Please note, the figure in 2026 has increased as we are now reporting on properties rather than tenancies. This accounted for the difference between December and January units.



(MTR) tenancies at the end of March stood at 137. This scheme either an AHB or private entity (approved by the DHLGH) purchases the property with a distressed loan from the financial institution. The mortgage holders must qualify for Social Housing. If a private entity purchases the property the residents become local authority tenants for the duration. If an AHB purchases the property the mortgage holders become AHB tenants.

Housing Grants



Private Grant Allocation for 2026 is €5,461,669
Local Authority DPG Allocation for 2026 is €1,719,936

Voids Overview

District	Total Stock	occupied	Minor Refurbishment	Major Refurbishment	Ready To Let	Voids	Occupied %	Minor refurbishment %	Major Refurbishment %	Other %	Voids %
Carrick On Suir Municipal District	1023	1010	11	1	1	13	98.73%	1.08%	0.10%	0.10%	1.27%
Cashel-Tipp-Cahir Municipal District	1435	1411	20	3	1	24	98.33%	1.39%	0.21%	0.07%	1.67%
Clonmel Borough District	942	926	14	1	1	16	98.30%	1.49%	0.11%	0.11%	1.70%
Nenagh Municipal District	933	919	12	1	1	14	98.50%	1.29%	0.11%	0.11%	1.50%
Thurles Municipal District	1330	1299	27	2	2	31	97.67%	2.03%	0.15%	0.15%	2.33%
Total	5663	5565	84	8	6	98	98.27%	1.48%	0.14%	0.11%	1.73%

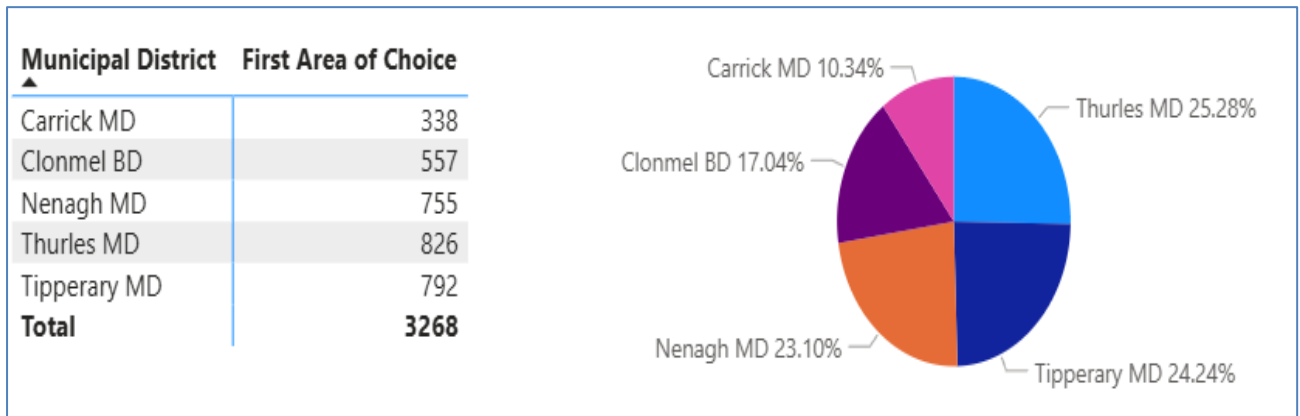
Total number of voids per district

District	Minor Refurbishment	Major Refurbishment	Capital Voids	Available for Relet
Thurles Municipal District	27	2	2	2
Cashel-Tipp-Cahir Municipal District	20	3	3	1
Clonmel Borough District	14	1	3	1
Nenagh Municipal District	12	1	1	1
Carrick On Suir Municipal District	11	1	0	1
Total	84	8	9	6

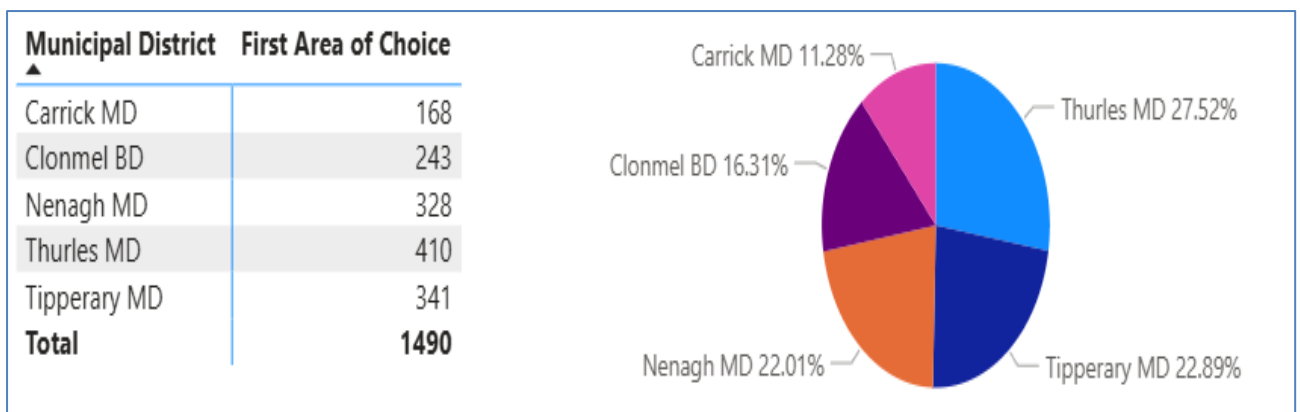
- Major refurbishment – typically with Housing Capital
- Minor refurbishment – typically with the District

Assessments and Allocations

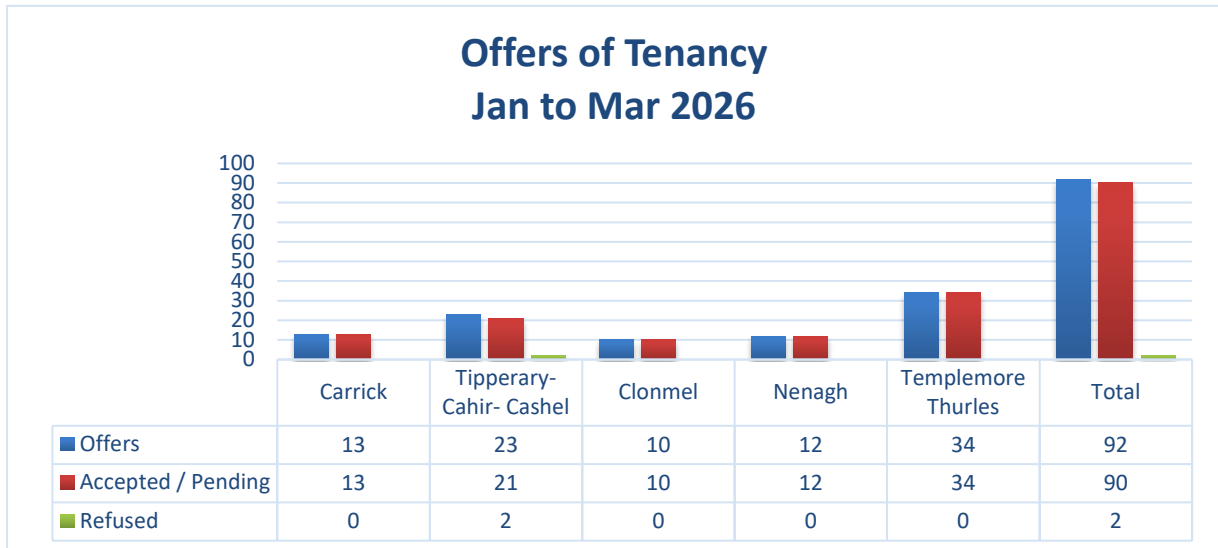
First Area of Choice Preference – Gross Need



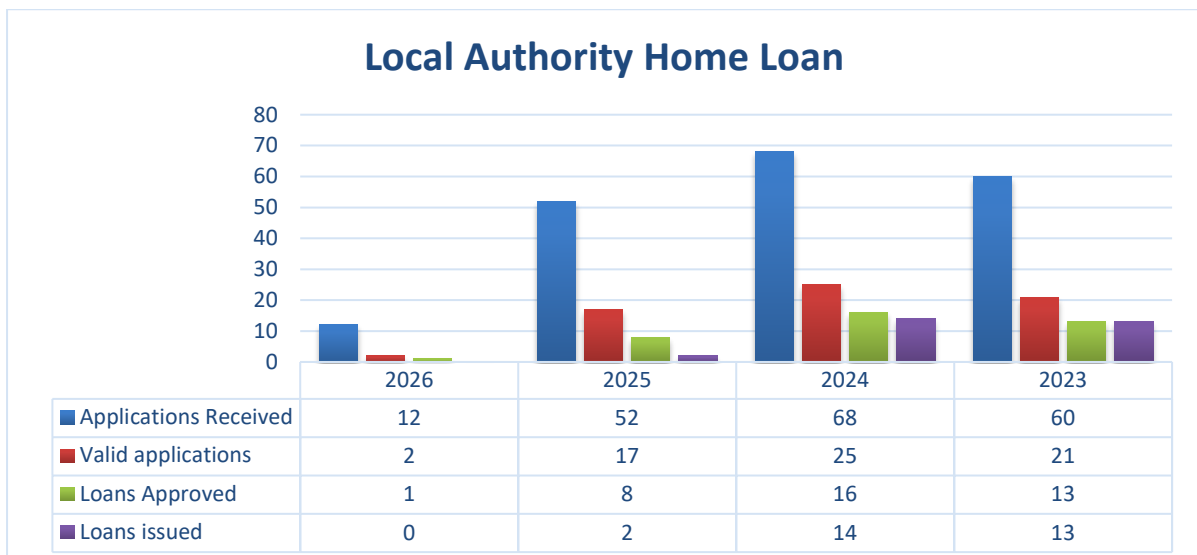
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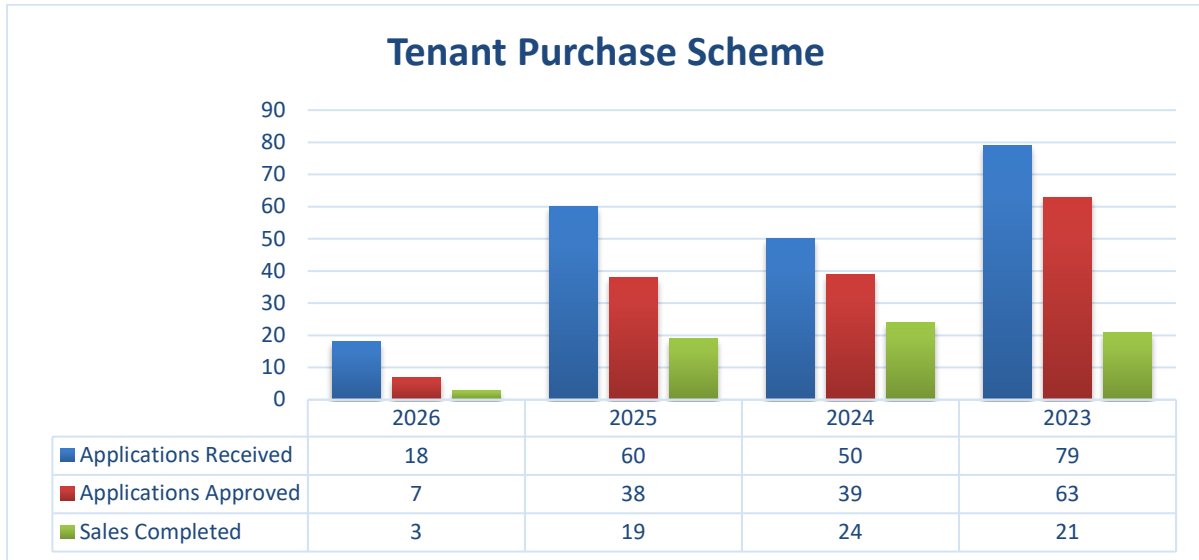
Offers of Tenancy



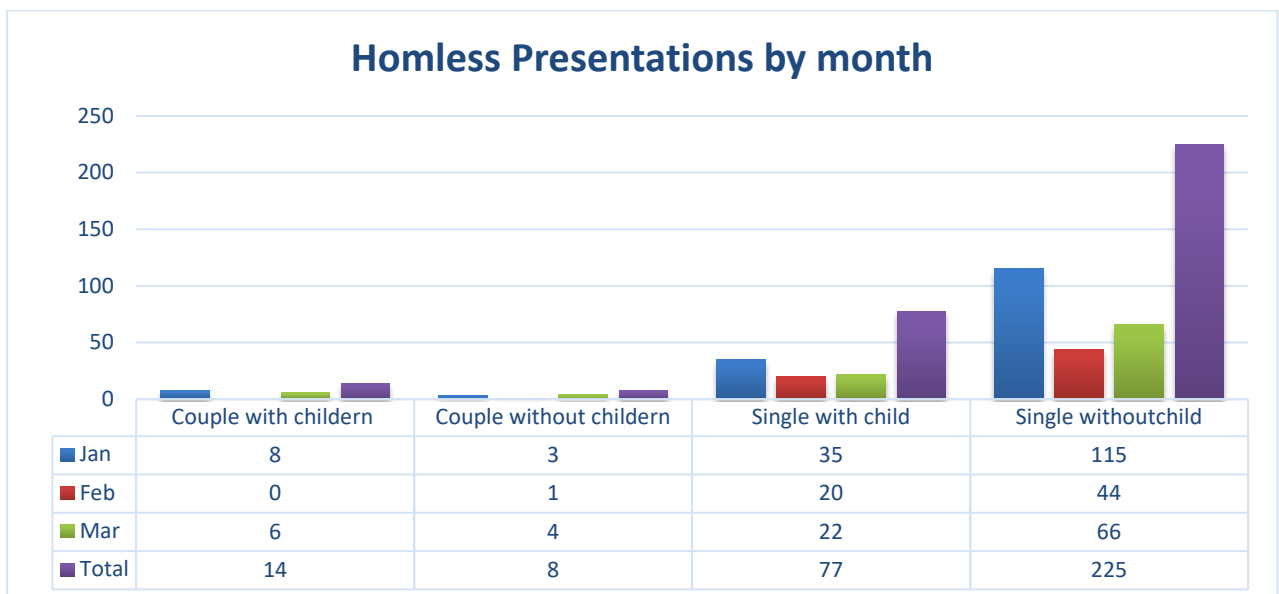
Local Authority Home Loans



Tenant Purchase Scheme



Homelessness



Total Presentations = 324

Distinct Presentations = 238

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 sets out a target of accommodating 110 traveller families during the lifetime of the plan. The Council continues to support members of the traveller community accessing Choice Based Letting (CBL) as the primary mechanism for the allocation of Social Housing Supports.

In 2025 the Council met its allocation target with 22 units provided. 4 caravan loans were also approved during 2025.

The 2026 Caravan Loan Scheme is currently open, and Tipperary County Council is accepting applications from eligible applicants. The closing date for receipt of applications is 1st May 2026.

Local Traveller Clinics continue across the county. Persons wishing to avail of an appointment can contact the customer services desk by phone or email to arrange a suitable time.

Location	Day	Time
Clonmel Civic Offices	Wednesday	Morning (10am-12pm)
Cashel, Youth Work Ireland, Hogan Square	Tuesday	Morning (10am-12pm)
Tipperary, Tipperary MD Offices	Thursday	Morning (10am-12pm)
Nenagh, Nenagh Civic Offices	Wednesday	Afternoon (2pm-4pm)
Thurles, Thurles MD Offices	Thursday	Morning (10am-12pm)
Roscrea, NTDC offices, Main Street	Monday	Afternoon (2pm-4pm)



Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing Clonmel

Two applications have been formally submitted to the Department under the Affordable Housing Fund and are pending approval. We understand a decision is imminent.

Affordable Housing Nenagh

The expression of interest for Nenagh closed on 30 January 2026. 2 applications will be submitted to the Department for funding under the affordable housing fund. However, it is necessary to finalise Part V on the schemes prior to submission.

Ready to Build Sites – Boherlahan, Cashel

The expression of interest has now closed. Deposits have now been paid on the two remaining sites.