

July 2020



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Management Report to Council



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COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues:</u>			
Policy Changes/Updates	Date Adopted	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
LECP Annual	January 2016	Review January 2020 and July 2020	Implementation of 2020 annual Plan
CYPSC Plan	Approved	Launched January 2019	Implementation of the plan
Age Friendly Strategy	December 2018	Age Friendly First OPC, Executive and Alliance held	Implementation of the plan
Healthy Tipperary	Noted September 2018	2020 budget in place	Implementation of the Plan
<u>Directorate Priorities</u>			
Major Current Issues	Progress to date		Next Stage
Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities	Progressing well All districts have spent in excess of 85% including commitments. Two of the districts are over 90%. Had been delayed due to sports capital grants, they had just been announced and COVID 19 restricted works. We have had a significant number of applicants now wrap up final drawdowns.		Look at decommitted funds and do we roll them into the next scheme. Develop the next scheme when levies are significant enough.
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	2018 Progressing well 3 complete and other 5 will be complete in the coming months. 2019 Only early stages 5 Projects 1. Lorrha Community Hall(community led) 2. Newcastle Community Hall(community led) 3. Cashel Public Realm Lowergate Square (MD Led) 4. Clogheen improvements to community Building and Chapel Lane.(MD Led) 5. Nenagh Ball Alley Lane(MD Led) 2020 EOP's issued two streams standard and accelerated measures -Standard we can submit 6, 39 EOP's received. Shortlisting in the coming week or so. 90% funding up to a max ordinarily fo €100,00(€200,000 in exceptional cases) -Accelerated Measures also oversubscribed		Close out 2018 project and progress the 2019 projects in time facilitate the 2020 call.



	2 tranches each allows for 5 applications 90% funding ordinarily max finding of €25,000 (but for an exceptional project one in each tranche can be €40,000)	
CLÁR Measure 2 (Playgrounds/Multi-Use Games Areas)	2019 1. Ballingarry Playground 2020 Measure 2 Outdoor recreational areas 90% funding from €5k-€50k funding at 90%. 16 EOI's received and 4 shortlisted in this category to develop into full applications.	Works have started
CLÁR Measure 3 (Sensory Gardens)	2019 1. Ballyporeen Sensory Garden 2. Ballysloe Sensory Garden	Works well progressed
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme	2018 M2 One scheme to close out soon in Cashel(loop walk) almsot completed. 2018 M2 Tipperary part of a larger plan(River Arra walkway). 2018 Blueway recently completed 2019 1 Measure 2 Garrykennedy. 2019 1 Measure 3 Cahir, Clonmel, Carrick & Newcastle. 2020 open to MD's and Development Companies for EOI's by end of June.	
Rural Development Programme (LEADER)	90% of RDP funding committed to projects(Contracts can only be signed to End Dec 2020). 52% of committed funding has been paid to promoters. (figures at 10 th June 2020) In a recent press release of the league table of LAGS Tipperary was top 5 in both of these KPI's As one of the top 10 LAGS an additional €500,000 funding has been made available to support additional projects.	This scheme covers 2014-2020 leader Programme.
Healthy Tipperary 12 actions funded Round 3.	12 actions approved for Round 3 including a Community Mental Health Fund.	Commence delivery of actions
COVID Emergency Response Fund	€81,831 awarded, to in excess of 100 applicants payments currently being processed as required documentation is submitted.	
Community Enhancement Programme	2019 fully subscribed	2020 programme launched on the 22 nd of June 2020



Community

Community Response Forum

Tipperary Community Response Forum was established in March 2020, informed by the High Level Community Support Framework. The purpose of the Forum is to lead the coordination of COVID 19 Community supports and resilience, to identify vulnerable groups and individuals and to ensure targeted social care supports and assistance to vulnerable groups and individuals. This forum has met 12 times to date.

Community Response Line

Tipperary County Council setup a Community Response Line with a 7 day support line operating from 8am to 8pm providing practical support as a safety net for vulnerable people cocooning. This reduced to 9 to 5pm on the 10th of June retaining the 7 day supports. To date Tipperary Response line has dealt with 369 calls

Mapping of Services and Community Response Hub

Tipperary County council staff setup a specific COVID 19 section on the website <https://tipperary-covid-19-resources-tipp.hub.arcgis.com/>. This section of the website featured resources and in particular Tipperary response maps. These maps reflect location of services across the county and also location of community facilities across the county and will be a tremendous resource for the future to view the service provision and to have an interactive map of the county.

In this Together

In this together is a national campaign which provides a focus as we learn to adapt to living within the current guidelines and restrictions

of Covid19. The campaign provides a focus, advice and tips about how we can look after our mental wellbeing, stay active and stay connected and it draws together a range of activities that we can pursue in our own home or locality, by yourself or with family members or friends online. In this together campaign focus on Looking after your mental health, coping at home, let's play Ireland, staying active, healthy eating, cocooning, helping in the community and local resources.

Tipperary County Council and the HSE have published newsletter as an element of the community response and demonstrating Tipperary's participation in the National In this together campaign. The newsletter will issue fortnightly, it will be distributed in soft copy to all partners and a limited printed copy will be circulated with meals on wheels services and into nursing homes across the county.

The campaign is also complimented by the creation of a pathfinder on Tipperary PPN website and the creation of a Tipperary Community YouTube Channel where we will showcase projects and supports and voluntary projects in the county

Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly held its inaugural Older Peoples Council meeting and Older Peoples Alliance meeting in February 2020 and had agreed dates to roll out quarterly meetings in 2020. These have been temporarily suspended due to Covid19 but it is anticipated that we virtual meetings this summer and take onboard government and health advice in relation to future meetings.

The all county Age Friendly Alliance also held its first official meeting and have been working in partnership to deliver on actions in the Age Friendly Strategy.



YSI project in Tipperary Town related to EYE health and provision of magnifying glasses in retail outlets across the town and campaign to engage early for eye checks.

Directory of Services for Older People has been reprinted and this is available through the HSE, local authority offices, local libraries and online at www.tipperarycoco.ie

Worked with Tipperary Libraries on series of Health and Wellbeing projects for Older People particularly in Carrick on Suir Library where a number of projects were underway.

Nationally Age Friendly shared service has developed a National Age Friendly website and Tipperary has a portal within this. This can showcase at a local level projects and relevant information for Age Friendly. <https://agefriendlytipperary.ie/> Age Friendly Ireland continue to issue a newsletter daily Monday to Friday and this is promoted on our website and through online social media

Tipperary is rolling out Understand Together Dementia awareness training which is funded by Healthy Ireland. This was initially public town hall style meetings and is transitioning into a series of webinars and interactive online seminars. This is a pilot nationally for the provision of the online training. We will pilot this in the Thurles MD but will roll this out across the county over the coming months.

Supported by Healthy Ireland funding Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Kilkenny are partners in Healthy Ireland at a Regional Level and we are planning towards virtual Positive Ageing Week in September partnering with the Libraries across the 5 counties and Tipperary Age Friendly are the lead on this for the Region.

Roscrea Age Friendly Town

Roscrea Age Friendly Town held its first Alliance meeting in February 2020. The Roscrea Age Friendly Group operate from the Courthouse in Roscrea and supported by LEADER funding they are developing Roscrea Age Friendly Strategy, this will compliment national and Tipperary policy.

The Roscrea Age Friendly are an extremely proactive group and expanded its Good Morning Roscrea call service during COVID 19 broadening the numbers engaging with the call service ensuring those isolating had contact on a frequency as required. They also distributed care boxes to over 250 people in the Roscrea catchment supported by voluntary and statutory agencies.

Joint Policing Committee

The JPC meeting scheduled for March was cancelled due to Covid 19. The first meeting of the year is scheduled for July the 3rd

Play and Recreation & Playgrounds

Capital Play & Recreational refurbishment grant is awarded to Elm Park, Clonmel & Fairgreen Carrick on Suir.

Play Day will be on July 4th and this will be by delivery of play packs to numerous Family Resource Centres, Intercultural groups & Traveller groups. The theme was “Stay Safe, Stay home”.

Training was provided for General Operatives in all Districts so they can carry weekly inspections prior to lockdown.

All playgrounds closed for lockdown and began to reopen from the 8th of June. All Council owned playgrounds have provided a designated hour for children with disability

and special needs, and some community run playgrounds are also providing this hour.

Cap/Rapid

Clonmel RAPID met in February 2020.

Further meetings have been cancelled due to Covid 19 Restrictions. Key issues for the RAPID areas in Clonmel is illegal dumping and specific areas of antisocial behaviour. It was noted that anti-social behaviour issues that are surfaced last year in Elm Park had eased.



Clean-up of illegal dumping at Heywood Close

Roscrea CAP met in March and subgroup via Zoom in June 2020. Key areas of focus in Roscrea are CCTV and the development of Family Resource Centre. Currently research is taking place to assess the needs of families in Roscrea. The research is funded through Tusla, NTDC and Tipperary County Council.

Comhairle Na Nóg

The Comhairle Na nÓg had to adapt their plan for 2020. So far meetings on Zoom are successfully attended and have exceeded quorums.

The Carrick on Suir Group have carried out a successful Climate Change Survey which was launched in World Environmental Day.

The results are to be discussed with the Environment section and MD.

Tipp/Cashel/Cahir – Be Sober be Safe campaign on Instagram and facebook,

subgroup working with MDTI drugs project on behalf of CYPSC work in the county.

Thurles / Templemore / Roscrea group have adapted their plan as Jigsaw is delayed. They are carrying out a survey with youth in Tipperary to see impact that lockdown has had on their mental health. This involves input from CFL Midwest & Southeast, CAMHS & Jigsaw. The results are to be announced in October to coincide with World Mental Health Day.

The Clonmel subgroup theme is Equality LGBT+ focus – planned to link with Clonmel Pride Parade which is now postponed so plans include a LGBT poster, a booklet on Gender equality and a poster supporting Blacklivesmatter.

As the Easter meeting was called off the group donated their catering to frontline workers by a donation to Clonmel hospital at Easter.

The Nenagh group are now working on delivering an online AGM which will be the first in Nenagh and the first online.

There was one Littleton CAP meeting in March and another Scheduled for the Summer. The group is looking at way of increasing footfall into the village and improving the look of the housing estates

Pride of Place



The pride of place competition will be rolled out in a different format this year. Instead of judge's visits, the participating groups will be asked to provide a submission (text, photos, videos etc) and this will be followed up with a

question and answer meeting with the judges to take place during August and September. Tipperary County Council will be submitting four strong projects across the categories

- Terryglass Enhancement Group (populations 0-300)
- Kilsheelan Tidy Towns (populations 300-1000)
- Cloughjordan Circus Club (Creative Place initiative)
- Roscrea Age Friendly Programme (Community Wellbeing Initiative)

What's on in Tipp

What's on in Tipp website promoting events happening throughout the county. This website is a portal that is showcasing community, voluntary and art events in the county and more recently providing information and promotion of online events taking place in the county.

<http://events.whatsonintipp.ie/>

Local Community Development Committee



The Tipperary LCDC has met 5 times in 2020- the March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 breakout but the meetings have resumed by Zoom. The continuation of the LCDC meeting is necessary for the progression of LEADER projects. The Committee continue to focus on key areas including Climate change and Biodiversity. All funding schemes including the Covid 19 Emergency Scheme, Community Enhancement programme, men's shed funding Town and Village Renewal, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and CLAR are brought to the LCDC providing an

overview of all community funding for Co Tipperary. An LCDC workshop took place last November and recommendations from the workshop will continue to be implemented throughout 2020.

Children and Young People Services Committee

The main purpose of the Children and Young People's Services Committee is to improve inter-agency cooperation and collaboration for better outcomes for children and young people with working groups established and in operation for each of the 5 outcomes. CYPSC funding has provided vulnerable families with additional supports in recent months and planned activities include targeted sensory play packs for children with disability and also family engagements over the summer months, providing an opportunity for identified vulnerable families to experience a day trip to an event or activity in the county, supported by tusla and the community policing divisions

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)



2020 saw an increase in the SICAP Budgets in both South Tipperary and North Tipperary. The North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) Budget was increased to €555,482 which the South Tipperary Development Company (STDC) Budget was increased to €653,105 bringing the SICAP budget for Co Tipperary to €1,208,587. Both Development Companies have targets to meet regarding work with individuals around supporting them to return to work and employment and also work with Local Community groups around



building their capacity. The targets for co Tipperary around individuals is 970 across the county (485 per Development Company) and 75 Local Community Groups, with NTDC working with 40 and STDC working with 35. Both companies must submit a case study in autumn each year showcasing a specific project and also emerging need areas. In the south of the County, the emerging need includes EDs in Mullinahone and Cashel which in the north of the county the emerging need is the LGBT community. The SICAP staff in North Tipperary were engaged within the community response process working to provide information in local shops and delivery services. The Mid Year review of SICAP 2020 will take place in July

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Tipperary PPN held 5 MD Wellbeing Workshops and this vision was incorporated into the Corporate Plan. The overarching Wellbeing Vision for Tipperary will be launched shortly.

The PPN played a pivotal role during the Community Response being a direct link with almost 1000 community groups and they have over 2000 on their mailing list as a means and channel to provide communication and supports to the community voluntary sector. Tipperary PPN launched their new website in June 2020 www.ppntipperary.ie, in addition to increased accessibility the PPN website is host to the In this Together resources which is a signpost for community groups and families to resources across the county.

Tipperary PPN issue monthly newsletter providing the community groups with notice of upcoming grant opportunities, training, consultation and participation.

Community Enhancement Programme.

- The CEP 2020 is targeted towards enhancing facilities in disadvantaged communities.
- Tipperary has been allocated €67,777
- The closing date must be before the 30th of September 2020.

Suicide Prevention & Mental Health

Over the past few months with COVID-19 the focus was to publicise access to support available in the area such as the text line 50808.

Due to restrictions the actions for Mental Health Week are delayed.

Pieta House has guaranteed the office in Roscrea to remain open at reduced hours that exist since January.

Disability Awareness

The Disability Action Plan has received all submissions and the final document has been delayed due to the Covid 19. It is envisaged that this would be completed in Q3 2020.

Sign Of The Times

Front line staff from the HSE and Tipperary County Council have completed the training of Sign of the Times promoting knowledge of Irish Sign Language. It is intended that this will be further available for public use.



This June we have partnered with Tipperary Libraries and produced a video story time which combines traditional storytelling with Sign Language and will provide the family with the opportunity to participate in story time. These videos will be showcased on Tipperary Library and Tipperary PPN.



Tipperary LCDC and Tipperary CYPSC have submitted a joint application for Round 3 proposal to have 12 actions over two years with a particular emphasis on Community Mental Health. Funding of €374,100 has been applied for. Within this there is an opportunity for local, community and voluntary groups to apply for funding up to €5,000 with €30,000 being available to administer in this fund. Application process which was to be launched in March is postponed until Q3 2020.

In response to the Covid 19 pandemic Healthy Tipperary along with partners in Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford and with HSE South East provided funding

towards Care Boxes and overnight bags for vulnerable persons affected by Covid 19 across the 5 counties. 80 care boxes were delivered to Public Health, Older Persons, Mental Health and Disability Services in the county. The Community section was assisted in packing and distribution by the Civil Defence and Library Service in the county. The Care boxes were gratefully received by all.



Ellen Rush, Senior Executive Officer, Community Services for Older People, Health Centre, Tyone, Nenagh accepting delivery of Care boxes from Dan Downey, Healthy Tipperary Coordinator



Tipperary Civil Defence and Library Services assisting with the packing of Care boxes at Moycarkey Borris Community Centre for distribution around the county.

Strategic Projects Unit (Spu)

Implementation and progression of EU part-funded projects continued to progress in 2020 with partner meetings and knowledge exchange:

- SWARE (Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions);
- SUPER (Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets);
- RUR@L SMEs (Policies to develop entrepreneurship and the creation & internationalization of innovative SMEs in rural areas);

- CATALYST (capitalise on applied R&D expertise amongst project partners in areas of product & service design, communications technology and materials development); targeting the sectors of Food & Drink and Life Sciences).

Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership is currently implementing its 2020 Operational Plan. In June, following consultation with Sport Ireland a review of the current Strategic Plan was completed and it was agreed to extend the plan for 2 years. To date, TSP has successfully secured over €318,000 for sports and physical activities in the County.

Between January and March a number of programmes and activities were delivered before the shutdown due to Covid19. These included two eight week walking programmes in Thurles and Aherlow and 5 Operation Transformation Walks in Cahir, Clonmel, Nenagh, Templemore and Tipperary Town along with an OT run in Cahir. The establishment of a new Parkrun was supported in Borriskokane. In February, support was also provided for the Intervarsity Canoeing Championships held in Clonmel. 3 Sport Leader Programmes were completed in Secondary Schools in Borrisoleigh, Templemore and Clonmel with 70 pupils receiving certification. In February, a Autism in Sport workshop was held, 21 sport leaders/coaches participated. The Slí Nadur (outdoor education) programme was delivered to 1 Primary School with 40 participants, Sports Hall Athletics was delivered to 3 Primary Schools and a Get Going Get Rowing programme for 80 teenage girls was also completed with Clonmel Rowing Club.

In partnership with LIT, a 20 week Club Administration Course 'Running Sport' was piloted, this programme is currently been evaluated and it is planned to run a new course in Sept/Oct. To date, 3 Safeguarding courses were delivered with 48 participants, delivery is currently postponed and will resume in the Autumn.



Participants at the Autism in Sport Workshop

A number of programmes were commenced and completion had to be postponed. These include- 5 Swim4aMile programmes; Cycle Right Schools programme delivered in 9 schools (312 pupils) to date and commenced in 7 schools with 170 pupils. The Wibbly Wobbly Bike programme was delivered to 6 Preschools to date. 3 Primary Schools were supported with information for achieving their Active School Flag. A physical activity programme for youths at risk through Tulsa in Nenagh was commenced with martial arts and swimming activities completed. A Club Training & Education package was commenced in Tipperary Town and Thurles with 4 Coaching Children & Physical Literacy workshops delivered to date.



Some Participants on the Sports Administration Course 'Running Sport' with LIT

Since mid March the physical delivery of activities, programmes and events were postponed and is slowly opening up activities. Initially outdoor activity is being supported, with TSP supporting Stand UP Paddle Boarding and Horse Riding for disadvantaged youths and the potential delivery of canoe camps in late summer is being planned. A new programme for teenagers has commenced with Youth Work Tipperary 'BeActive Badge'.



SwimForAMile, Clonmel

During lockdown TSP supported Tipperary County Council Community Call and the *In this Together* Campaign. TSP also rolled out a number of initiatives to support people to be active (specifically older adults, people with disabilities and families) through social media campaigns and competitions along with the

provision of information. On the 16th June, a National BeActive Day Campaign was launched and will take place on Sunday 26th June.

TSP is working in partnership with Sport Ireland and the network of LSPs to develop national resources to support activity. In May, TSP joined with Limerick and Clare Sports Partnership and the HSE Mid West Health Promotion to deliver 'Take A Break' lunch time exercise programme for HSE staff to support their wellbeing.

In June, the TSP Club Sports and Physical Activity Funding Scheme was launched which includes support for clubs to return to activity with a closing date of 27th June. Currently TSP is promoting Sport Ireland Covid 19 Awareness eLearning Courses to support sport clubs to return to sport safely and adhere to HSE guidelines.

TSP is continuing to support the **#20x20** campaign to support women in sport. The 2020 Women's Mini Marathon is being planned as a virtual event to be held at the end of September.

TSP continues to support the development of the Blueway and is currently working with TCC to achieve Blueway Accreditation for the Suir Blueway. A container was purchased for dressing rooms and storage for canoeing on Suir Island. Also, 2 tandem bikes and 2 handcycles were purchased to support people with disabilities to enjoy the Blueway.



Stand Up Paddle, Community Sports Hub on the Suir Blueway

A funding submission was submitted to Sports Ireland under Dormant Accounts for various projects in the County. 2 Newsletters were also distributed between January and June.

TSP is currently developing and planning protocols and programmes to return to delivery of programmes and adhere to HSE guidelines.

FAI
Social Inclusion



Football for All coaching sessions with Knocklofty Rehab Care, Bridge Water Rehab Care (Clonmel), Moorehaven Centre (Tipperary Town) & The Journeyman Program (Carrick on Suir)

National Learning Network Coaching Session in Clonmel Town FC (10 – 12 participants)



Women’s/Girls Football

Girls Football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county having girl’s football within their club structures.

Women’s Football Development Workshop held in Barack Obama Plaza with 10 clubs present and 28 participants

Player Development

Player Development (Boys and Girls) The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both South and North of the county providing additional coaching and contact time with over 550 elite underage players from the ages of U10 - U16.

FAI Club Mark

Meeting held in Barack Obama Plaza in January 20 clubs present
Newport Town AFC, Peake Villa, Lough Derg FC, Tipperary Town FC, Galbally United, Killenaule/Moyglass all have submitted application.

Club Mark Meeting held with following clubs over Zoom

- Killavilla United AFC
- Holycross FC
- Moneygall FC
- Lough Derg FC
- Newport Town AFC
- Galbally United

Coach Education

PDP1

CTI Clonmel (12 Participants)

GK Fundamentals

Cahir Park AFC (12 Participants)



7v7 Workshop

Cahir Park AFC (20 Participants)



Safeguarding 1

Killavilla United AFC – 23 Participants

Ballycahill Community Centre -17 Participants

Canon Hayes Centre – 15 Participants

Clonmel Town FC – 16 Participants

Schools

FAI Primary 5's started in February with 128 schools

Schools coaching sessions in Boher NS, Burgess NS, Newport BNS, Terryglass NS and Clonmore NS, Cashel NS

Covid 19

Many projects and programmes were postponed as a result of Covid-19, both FAI Development Officers are currently working with clubs and organisations to support their return to sport. Support was also provided to TCC Community Call.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION DIRECTORATE

Policy Changes/Updates

Public Awareness Events

The main events undertaken in March were the green schools programme and visits to marts to distribute wild flowers/trees. During the restricted period virtual workshops and social media campaigns against illegal dumping and the promotion of the civic amenity sites were undertaken. The National Spring Clean also took place and attracted a big response from community groups and tidy town committees, with over 50 groups participating.

Green Schools



A number of school visits were completed in February and March, 2020 under the Green Schools programme.

Due to Covid 19, staff were unable to call to some schools to carry out assessments. An Taisce is currently liaising with schools to finalise applications for green flags.

Colaiste Dun Iasciagh, Cahir – Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Green Schools Coordinator and Green School Committee

Distribution of Trees and Wildflowers

1200 trees were distributed as part of National Tree Week in association with Coillte to Tidy Towns, Schools, Community Groups and Staff.

375 packs were distributed at Cahir Mart ,Tipp Town Mart and Cashel Mart. A further 75 wildflower seed packs were distributed to various Tidy Towns, Schools, Community Groups and Residents Associations.



Staff at Cahir Mart on 4th March, 2020.

Anti Dog Fouling Initiatives



Staff in Cahir promoting anti dog fouling

Environment & Climate Action Staff are working with traffic wardens from the Cashel/Tipperary Municipal District in a campaign against dog fouling. Bags were distributed and the public were advised of the locations of mutt dispensers and of their obligations to pick up after their dog.

New stencil signage was painted on footpaths in Cahir and Tipperary at known walking routes.

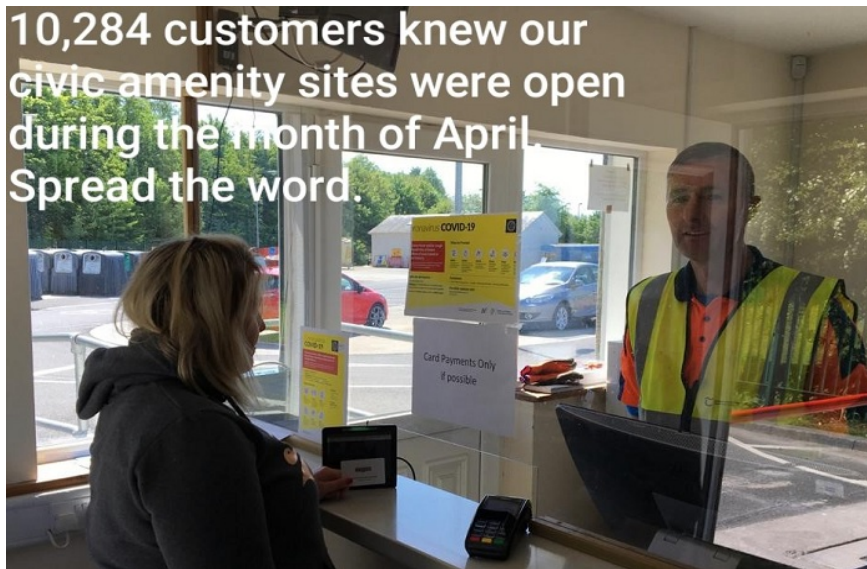
Biodiversity Workshops

Two virtual workshops were organised with Albert Nolan, the first was held with Terryglass development association and included 17 participants from the local Tidy Towns and neighbouring groups. The title of the workshop was birds and attendees learnt about the common species found in our gardens, how to identify them and develop projects to conserve bird habitats as part of tidy towns.

The second workshop was held with Ballinderry Tidy towns and 19 participants registered including members of the local scouts group. The workshop covered hedgerows, their value to wildlife and especially pollinators and bats.

Civic Amenity Sites promotion

All our civic amenity sites remained operational during the covid crises and customers numbers increased during the period.



Social media campaign promoting CAS during Covid 19

Veterinary Services

Dogs

District	No licences issued
Nenagh	775
Clonmel	637
Carrick on Suir	332
Thurles	636
Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	389
Total	2769

Horses

The number of horse queries processed totalled 43 and resulted in 29 horse pickups. The council is working with relevant stakeholders to address the issues of stray horses on our public roads and lands.

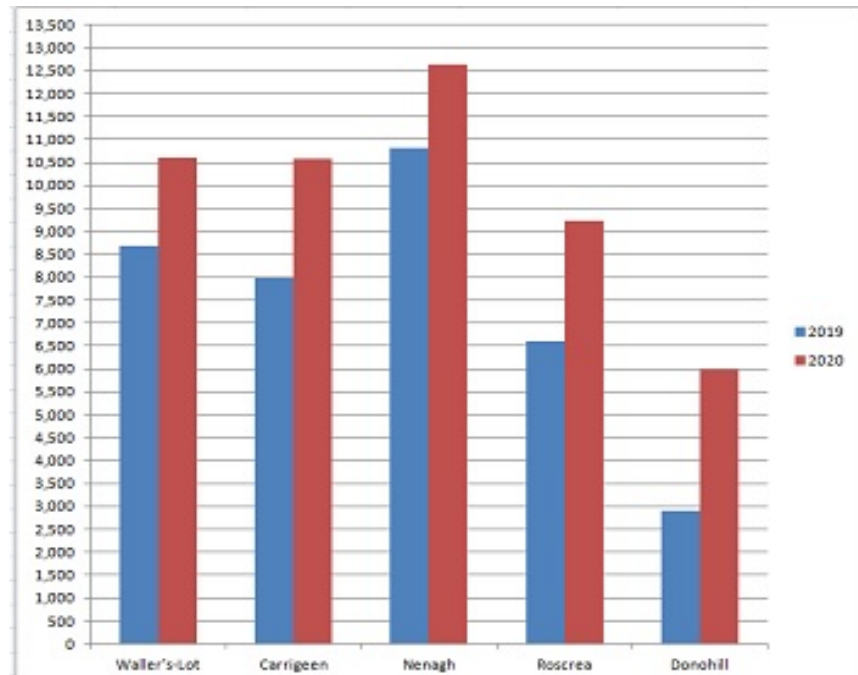
Abattoirs

Tipperary County Council currently has 16 Abattoirs, 2 Poultry Plants, 22 Small Meat Manufacturing Plants, and 1 vehicle unit that are inspected on a regular basis.

To date 198 AM/PM inspections were completed by veterinary officers where a total of 286 Bovine (Cows), 1013 Ovine (Sheep), 23 Porcine (pigs), 2 Caprine (goats) and 454 Deer were processed through the abattoirs.

Civic Amenity Sites Visitor Numbers

Footfall at the civic amenity sites has increased by 8 % over 2019. Modifications were carried out at the sites to ensure compliance with Covid guidelines.



Sites	Numbers to the end of May
Waller's Lot Cashel	10,603
Carrigeen Clonmel	10,581
Nenagh	12,626
Roscrea	9,219
Donohill	5,975
Total	49,005

National Spring Clean

55 community groups partook in the National Spring Clean in Tipperary, which took place from 8th -20th June. Packs of litter pickers, bags and gloves were distributed and the rubbish disposed at the civic amenity sites.



Cashel Tidy Towns



Goatenbridge/Ballybacon Tidy Towns



Cashel Tidy Towns

Infrastructure

Burial Ground Maintenance /Tidy Town grants

There was 92 Tidy Town grants approved and €168,290 distributed to the various groups throughout the county. 214 Burial Ground Maintenance grants were approved to date and €164,314 distributed.

Derelict Sites

The Section continues to try and engage property owners to render their sites no longer derelict ideally with works completed without the need to be entered on the Derelict Site Register. Two Section 8 (2) notices have issued. The updated Derelict Site Register was published on our website. Four properties/sites were added to the new register and nine properties were removed. Levies for 2020 have issued to 8 owners.



Landfills

LANDFILLS	Next Stage
Donohill	
The Civic Amenity Site is open and remained fully operational throughout this Covid-19 crisis. The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.	Ongoing operation.
Ballaghveny	
The intensive groundwater monitoring programme commenced in September 2019 and is continuing. The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.	Regular water / groundwater sampling. Ongoing operation
Review of tenders for the enabling works to the landfill infrastructure to facilitate the acceptance of waste at the site have been completed.	Proceed to engage contractors to compete the enabling works.
Tipperary Town	
Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys are ongoing in preparation of NIS for submission to An Bord Planeala.	Complete surveys and develop remediation design in conjunction with NIS, then make application to ABP.
Historic Closed Landfills	
The preparation of Tier 2 the Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at four historic closed landfill sites is ongoing.	Complete Tier 2 ERA and move to preparation of Tier 3 ERA and where appropriate an NIS.
Carrick-On-Suir	
Consultant appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are to be completed in preparation of NIS for submission to An Bord Planeala.	Complete surveys and develop remediation design in conjunction with NIS, then make application to ABP.

Waste Management and Enforcement

€91,000 was approved by the Department of Communication Climate Action & Environment towards anti dumping projects under the Anti Dumping Initiative 2020. The section is working with each of our Municipal Districts and community associations to implement these projects. The Anti-Dumping Initiative is a national project that was introduced in 2017, which aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping. To date, Tipperary County Council has been the recipient of €167,000 under previous programmes.

The projects focus on a joint approach involving the local authority, communities and other State Agencies, covering prevention, abatement, and enforcement.

Solar Compacter Bins – a pilot project to upgrade and enhance the use of litter bins. The compacter bins are a “smart” bin system, with built in software. The section is collaborating with staff in Carrick on Suir Municipal District to optimise the management of litter bins in towns and villages. Amount approved: €26,700

A clean-up of a black spot area in Roscrea, will involve surveillance, fencing, household waste inspections and a clean-up of an area that has issues of regular dumping. Amount approved €20,200
Smart Enforcement Supports – this project involves upgrading and purchasing of modern surveillance systems and signage to assist with investigation and enforcement of illegal dumping “black-spots” in the county. Amount approved: €28,000

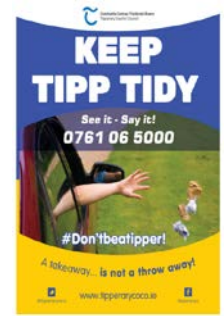
Investigation and Enforcement of black spots at Tipperary/Cashel/Cahir, by working collaboratively with the Municipal District Administrator and wardens to carry out investigation and surveillance in areas that suffer from regular dumping and littering. Amount approved €16,312.

Bring Banks Litter Awareness

A campaign to deter littering at brings banks was launched recently. This involves the use of covert CCTV cameras at sites and placing stickers on the bring banks to advise the public against littering.

Roadside Litter Campaign

50 Aluminium “Keep Tipp Tidy” signs were purchased to raise awareness about roadside littering; these will be placed at known black spots across the county. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage people to dispose of their litter responsibly and to support the work of tidy town committees



Textile Recycling

The Section is in the process of rolling out Textile Banks, this is an effort to regularise the clothing collections in the county. Under the contract, Textile Recycling Ltd, will place and maintain textile receptacles at all of Tipperary County Council's Bottle Bank locations (113 in total).

These locations were chosen as there is an authorisation to store waste at these locations from the EPA through a Certificate of Registration. In parallel unauthorised / Bogus Textile collectors are being contacted to either regularise the banks through a Certificate of Registration or remove the banks from their unauthorised location.



Environmental Checkpoints with Roads Policing:

2 Checkpoints were undertaken, 12 vehicles regulated by waste legislation were stopped, no Environmental offences detected.





Litter Fines

60 Litter Fines issued, 25 Fines Paid, 17 appealed and cancelled. 1 Fine voided 17 Fines outstanding – awaiting payment.

Illegal dumping

48 cases of Illegal dumping were dealt with by the enforcement officers over the period.

Prosecutions:

PENDING:

Prosecution for unauthorized waste activity at Templemore/Thurles Municipal District under Section 32, and 39 of Waste Management Act: Case listed on 18th Feb and matter deferred until April 21st 2020, subsequently deferred to June 2020 due to COVID-19.

Prosecution for non compliance with a Direction under Section 14 WMA 1996 as amended listed for July 2020. Offence relates to a domestic waste complaint at Cahir, Co. Tipperary

Enforcement Actions:

#	Legislation	Enforcement Action	Details	Status
1	Waste Management Act	Section 55 Notice	Served in May for an unauthorised waste activity at Thurles. The Notice stipulated conditions to be implemented in order to remediate the site.	Active Follow-up due in June 2020.
2	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	1 Direction Served for an unauthorised activity	Active Follow-up due in June, the operator is in the process of regularising the activity- applying for a Waste Collection Permit
3	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	1 Direction served on a householder to clean the property, obtain a refuse service.	Escalated to Prosecution. Failed to comply with the Direction.
4	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	Business carrying out an unauthorised waste activity, directed to remediate the site and cease movement of waste on site	Active Follow-up due in June
5	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	Direction served on a business for allowing accumulation of waste causing complaints.	Active Follow-up due in June 2020
6	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	Direction served on private house to clean accumulated waste build up.	Complied with.



Regulated Inspections

<u>Env Inspections Category</u>	<u># of Inspections</u>
Batteries Regulations	4
Commercial Food Waste Regulations	5
Hazardous Waste	1
Packaging Regulations	14
Plastic Bag Levy Regulations	3
Tyres Regulations	2
Waste Electrical Equipment Regulations	3

WASTE Authorisations

Waste Facility Permits – 4 review received, 1 withdrawn, 2 granted, 1 under further information requested. Certificates of Registration: - 1 new granted (Received in 2019), 1 expired

Annual Environmental Returns

2019 Annual Returns for Waste Facilities are as follows:

39 Waste Facilities / Certificates of Registration of which 24 submitted a return for review
16 validated/accepted and 15 have yet to submit a return.

2019 Annual Returns by Private Collectors are as follows:

68 Waste Collection Permit Holders of which 39 have submitted a return for review
17 validated/accepted 9 outstanding, 2 reversed for further information and 1 deemed inconclusive .

Household Waste Inspections:

76 Inspections undertaken, 47 Compliant , 29 Non-compliant to whom warning letters were issued.

Climate & Energy Update

Climate Action

The Eastern & Midland CARO is currently finalising the climate change training programme for elected members and staff.

Working with TEA to prepare a new Sustainable Energy Climate Action Plan to replace the previous Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

Energy Initiatives

Submitted details of energy consumption for our public sector buildings to the National Building Register Survey to gather data to enable buildings achieve a B energy rating by 2030.

A contractor was appointed to install PV arrays on the roofs of buildings selected as part of the CVPP project

Investigating the feasibility of storing excess electricity from PV's on council buildings onto batteries.

Commenced the audit of buildings with renewable heating systems.

Burial Grounds

Progressing works at Fethard, Kilmore, Cloughprior and Cahir.

Further restoration works to be carried out at the Quakers Burial Ground.



Environment Protection:

Air Pollution

Air monitoring continues under the Clean Air for Europe directive in conjunction with the EPA through the installed monitors in Tipperary Town, Nenagh. Clonmel. All monitoring data is available to view on the EPA website. A 6 month Traffic emission study planned for Thurles Town will commence in August having been deferred in March.

Air Emissions

Petrol Stations, Dry Cleaners, Motor vehicle spray painting shops and the smaller scale Pharmaceutical companies all require permits to operate (due to the use and emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds) and require inspection by approved assessors and the local authority.

Sector	No. Inspections Q1 2020
Dry Cleaners & Pharmaceutical Sector (small scale use)	4
Vehicle Refinishers	7
Solid Fuel regulation Fuel Suppliers within Ban Area	4 (1 with Waterford City & County Council)

Water Pollution /Agriculture

Planned Inspections were restricted in March . All Pollution incidents were investigated as per HSE guidelines . Activities undertaken in this area to date include :

- Approx 300 river samples were taken as part of the WFD sampling program.
- Sites where pollution incidents occurred were inspected and appropriate corrective action implemented
- 30/50 planned Farm inspections have taken place to date.
Inspections undertaken following the receipt of Department of Agriculture , Food & Marine cross reports and complaints were deferred and will not take place this year due to COVID 19.

- 5 - S12 Notices and 4 Warning letters were issued in response to Water Pollution incidents.
- 3 - Source Protection investigations were conducted in response to requests from Water Services
- Monitoring of Section 4 licensed premises commenced in January with 54 samples and 3 on site audits were completed.
- 16 Nutrient Management Plans have submitted and assessed. 14 have been approved with 2 pending resubmission. TCC are expecting a further 20 NMPs to be submitted in 2020

Planning Referrals

- 50 Planning applications were reviewed and reported to The Planning section



Open/Closed Complaints 1st January 2020 – 31st May 2020

Complaint Description	Tipperary/Cahir Cashel		Thurles		Nenagh		Clonmel		Carrick-on-Suir	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	7	40	4	10	0	10	2	27	2	5
Burial Grounds	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Derelict Sites	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Dog Control	3	73	0	85	0	57	4	34	1	27
Litter	7	170	24	107	3	140	15	110	1	72
Noise	1	1	4	4	3	2	1	3	0	2
Veterinary	0	12	0	4	0	4	1	3	0	1
Waste Enforcement	1	4	5	5	2	6	1	3	2	2
Water	5	7	0	8	3	15	3	6	2	1
Complaints Open	25		38		11		28		8	
Complaints Closed		307		223		235		187		110
Total Received		332		261		246		215		118



WATER SERVICES

IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN:

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

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

- the Water Services Act 2017;
- the publication by Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and

Local Government, of the Water Services Policy Statement on 21 May 2018, and

- his approval of Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan 2019-2024 on 08 November 2018.

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

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

The table hereunder provides an update of the current status of capital projects in County Tipperary. **Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary:**

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Consultant	Contractor	Current Scheme Status
Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 (Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines) (Contract Cost €9.5M)	Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 Design Build Operate (DBO) Water Treatment Plant at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	Glan Agua Limited	Contract ongoing. Completion expected in September 2020.
Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme (Contract Cost €2.27M)	Mechanical and Electrical Works at Ballylooby Springs at Scart East, Ballylooby, including Reservoir at Kilroe, Ballylooby	Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited	Response Engineering (part of Ward and Burke Limited)	Contract ongoing. Completion expected in July 2020.



B. Schemes at Pre-Construction / Design	Contract Name	Current Scheme Status
Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Water Abstraction, Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines)	Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme – Water Intake Works, Water Treatment Plant, Reservoirs and Pipelines (Design Build Operate (DBO) Contract)	Nicholas O’Dwyer Limited Engineering Consultant. The main scheme is currently delayed due to issues with awaited abstraction licence legislation. Irish Water are to progress an alternative project involving increasing the supply from the Monroe wellfield into Clonmel. Irish Water to issue full details shortly.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water reviewing draft Drainage Area Plan.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water reviewing draft Drainage Area Plan.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant and Network Upgrade	Irish Water to appoint project Contractor/Consultant. Planning application documents and EIS estimated to be submitted in Q2 2021.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants to prepare Drainage Area Plan for Irish Water. Model due for completion in Q3 2020.
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant to progress with full design, EIA and planning documentation. Preliminary surveys ongoing. Planning Application estimated to be submitted in Q1/Q2 2021.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing.



		Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Preliminary surveys ongoing.
Goatenbridge Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	Irish Water has postponed project.

In 2020, Irish Water restructured the delivery of the Investment Plan into three streams, as follows:

- (1) Water Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to water treatment plants, water quality, trunk watermains, reservoirs, energy efficiency and dam safety;
- (2) Wastewater Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to wastewater treatment, sludge management, trunk networks and drainage area plans; and
- (3) Networks Portfolio includes leakage reduction programme, water networks regional contracts, growth and development programmes and sewer rehabilitation.

The above table lists those projects in County Tipperary which form part of the water and wastewater portfolios.

In respect of the Capital Delivery element of the Investment Plan, these ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, by identifying where funding is most needed through a focus on specific asset

condition and performance, identifying root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programme addresses issues such as:

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

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

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



**(A) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO
DELIVERY (WATER):**

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

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

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

(1) Watermains Rehabilitation Works:

(1.1): Design works commenced for Ballinard Bridge, Fethard (0.163 km); Abbey Road/Marlfield Road, Clonmel (1.68 km); and Davis Road, Clonmel (0.48 km).

(1.2): New watermains of 1.0 kilometres to be completed at Tully's Cross to Birdhill.

(1.3): Back yard services works in Thurles suspended due to the current unprecedented national circumstances occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. Contractor awaiting Irish Water approval to recommence. The locations are: Seán Treacy Avenue, Ard Mhuire, Loughtagalla, Bohernamona Road, Bohernanave, St. Brendan's Terrace, St. Enda's Terrace, St. Ita's Terrace, St. Colomba Terrace, St. Ailbe Terrace, Innisfallen Avenue, Butler Avenue, Iona Avenue, The Crescent and Stradavoher.

(1.4): Find and Fix works, DMA establishment is ongoing in the Clonmel, Dunderum,

Tipperary, Clonoulty and Cappawhite Water Supply Schemes.

(2) National Disinfection Programme:

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

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

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:

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

Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:

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

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

- (i) Galtee Regional WTP and Monroe WTP at process proving;



- (ii) Design walkthrough completed and trial holing at Lingaun, Carrick-on-Suir WTP;
- (iii) Trial holing completed at Dundrum WTP;
- (iv) Civil works ongoing at Crotty's Lake, Carrick-on-Suir WTP;
- (v) Kiosks delivered at Coalbrook WTP; and
- (vi) Snagging ongoing at Templetney WTP and Mullenbawn, Fethard WTP.

(B) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO

DELIVERY (WASTEWATER):

Irish Water has appointed AECOM (Project Management) and Terra Solutions contractor to carry out sewer network rehabilitation works as part of regional sewer rehabilitation projects. The scope of works within each regional contract will be defined gradually through inputs from Water Services engineers, closed circuit television (CCTV) surveys, etc., to identify and prioritise asset upgrade requirements. Locations in Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Fethard, Rosegreen and Cahir have been identified for surveys by USA Limited.

No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

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

Irish Water has procured J.B. Barry and Partners Limited as Engineering Consultants to assess a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to assess if the provision of new inlet works, storm tank, sludge treatment (or combination of these) would be worth progressing to improve plant operation. The sites identified are Borrisokane, Kilsheelan, Holycross and Limerick Junction. A preliminary design review is ongoing. The provision of any identified works will require a prior grant of permission from Tipperary County Council as planning authority.

(2) Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme:

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

(3) Provision of Chemical Bulk Storage Tanks:

The provision of chemical (ferric sulphate/chloride) bulk storage tanks is planned

for a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county.

(4) Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme:

Under the Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme, the wastewater treatment plant at Carrick Street, Mullinahone was identified for improvement works. A grant of permission issued to Irish Water by Tipperary County Council, as planning authority, on 25 September 2018 to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, to include construction of inlet works, new process units and below ground storage tanks, landscaping and associated ancillary works including new below ground pump chambers and pipework.

The documentation submitted by Irish Water with the planning application indicated that the population equivalent of the agglomeration of Mullinahone is 608. Consequently, it is in receipt of a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The above works are in progress with anticipated completion in Q3 2020.

(5) National Certificate of Authorisation Programme:

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

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

CONCLUSION:

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



NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:

On 03 July 2019 the CRU published its Decision on Irish Water's Non-Domestic Tariff Framework. The purpose of the framework is to generate a harmonised suite of tariffs for non-domestic water and wastewater customers. A harmonised approach will benefit Irish Water's customers in terms of transparency, simplicity and equity. The framework sets out the "rules" for how tariffs are designed and how customers will be transitioned to their new tariffs over time, as well as the new non-domestic tariff rates.

This framework of charges will replace the existing charges, which had been set by each local authority prior to 01 January 2014. The new charges will be on a national basis, i.e. there will be no local variation and they will have a fixed and a variable element. Existing billing frequencies will remain as they are until Irish Water carries out a review. Details of the new charges are provided at <https://www.water.ie/for-business/billing-explained/charges/> and an executive summary is available at <https://www.cru.ie/cru-publishes-decision-on-new-tariffs-for-irish-waters-non-domestic-customers/>.

The new non-domestic charges were to take effect on 01 May 2020 but have been deferred. The CRU, in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Irish Water, announced on 31 March 2020 that they have agreed to approve Irish Water's proposals to defer the implementation of the new non-domestic tariff framework for business customers, to 'a future point in time', in recognition of the potential financial difficulty for non-domestic customers over the coming months.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH IRISH WATER:

Workshops with Irish Water for the elected members have taken place at the Civic Offices, Thurles on 27 October 2017, 12 April 2018, 02 October 2018, 03 April 2019 and on 30 September 2019. It is planned to hold the next workshop at The Dome, Semples Stadium,

Thurles in September 2020, on a date to be agreed.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:

The Rural Water Programme principally covers the following:

- (i) group water schemes; and
- (ii) group sewerage schemes, the provision of which requires the active participation of the householders concerned.

The focus of the Rural Water Programme for 2020 in respect of group water schemes is to address remaining inadequacies in the quality of drinking water so as to ensure compliance with the priorities set down in the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended, through:

- (i) the provision of treatment and disinfection facilities;
- (ii) source protection measures; and
- (iii) the rehabilitation and upgrade of distribution systems.

Capital grants paid to group water schemes at 22 June 2020 amounted to €180,101. The unprecedented national circumstances occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic paused much of the civil works activity. Whilst this has recommenced, progress is slow. With social distancing requirements it has been impossible to hold meetings required for the scheme amalgamation and rationalisation process.

Progress on the above programme of work was reviewed by the Rural Water Committee at its meeting at Civic Offices, Thurles on 14 January 2020. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for early July 2020.

Annual Maintenance Subsidy for Group Water Schemes (GWSs):

Annual Maintenance Subsidy (AMS) payments at 22 June 2020 amounted to €198,912 distributed over 30 group water schemes. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Rural Water Team has been in contact with group water schemes accepting electronic submissions



and responding electronically where possible. Group water schemes are allowed to submit claims despite being unable to hold an annual general meeting and where it has not been possible to present audited accounts to members at an annual general meeting. Such schemes are to ensure that, at the earliest opportunity, annual general meetings and presentations take place. This year the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has set a closing date of 20 October 2020 for receipt of recoupment claims from Tipperary County Council. Payments to group water schemes after that date cannot be recouped until 2021.

Alia:

The Rural Water Programme also covers the following and expenditure on these grants is recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government:

- (i) grants for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house (known as well grants);
- (ii) grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013 (it should be noted that the site inspections, etc. are carried out by the Environment and Climate Action Section) (known as septic tank grants); and
- (iii) grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016 (known as lead piping grants).

Further details on these schemes follow:

Well Grants:

Payments amounted to €44,524 at 22 June 2020. 81% of grants paid were at the maximum figure, which is €2,031.58. 38 applications have been received at 22 June 2020; 8 of these are under the revised scheme (see below).

Revised Private Well Grant:

A revised Private Well Grant Scheme is now in place and operating from 05 June 2020. A webinar was hosted by the Department of

Housing, Planning and Local Government on 24 June 2020 to inform local authorities. The Council's Rural Water Team attended the webinar. Conditions are largely unchanged and the Scheme is still demand-led. The Scheme has an appeal system built into it. There are 3 headings under which an application may be made:

Treatment: installing an ultra-violet (UV) system, pre-filter system, iron or manganese, etc. filter;
100% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €1,000.

Upgrade: New pump, pressure vessel, structure and electrics of pump house;
85% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €3,000.

New source: drilling, dressing, sealing well head;
85% of approved costs, subject to a maximum grant of €5,000.

An applicant can apply under any of these headings or combinations as follows:

Treatment and Upgrade or Treatment and New Source.

An applicant **cannot** apply for both New Source and Upgrade.

Applicants under the former scheme can withdraw their application and re-apply under the revised scheme only where their work has not commenced. In some cases it is financially beneficial to remain on the former scheme, for example, where one is installing more than one treatment system. A UV system, of €850 approximately, plus iron and manganese filter, €1,400 approximately, will give a total cost of c. €2,250. The maximum grant payment of €2,031.58 would be payable under the former scheme; under the revised scheme only €1,000 would be payable. These along with other queries have been raised with the Department. It is the applicant's decision to withdraw, or not, from the former scheme. Several have already withdrawn and these are, of course, applicants who are drilling new sources.



Septic Tank Grants (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems):

No applications have been received at 22 June 2020.

The Domestic Wastewater Treatment System Grant Scheme has also been revised. There are now 3 headings under which an application can be considered. Technically, the conditions are unchanged. The income limit has been removed. The maximum grant payable has increased from €4,000 to 85% of eligible costs or €5,000 whichever is the lesser figure.

Each of the following is a separate scheme and an applicant cannot be assisted under a combination of these schemes. Each scheme requires the applicant to have registered the domestic wastewater treatment system with *Protect our Water* by 01 February 2013; where the dwelling was erected after that date, the applicant must have registered within 90 days of connecting to the domestic wastewater treatment system.

Each scheme requires that the home is the applicant's principal place of residence (not applicable to holiday homes, for example). Each scheme has an appeal system built into it.

(a) DWWTS National Inspection Plan:

This is the most similar scheme to the former scheme with virtually no change in conditions under which an applicant qualifies and an increased maximum payable. This is not demand-led. The Environmental Protection Agency notifies Tipperary County Council of the areas where inspections can be carried out and the number of inspections to be carried out annually. Only those homeowners inspected can be considered for assistance under this scheme.

(b) DWWTS Prioritised Areas for Action (PAA):

The River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021 outlined Prioritised Areas for Action nationwide. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) promotes the scheme in Prioritised Areas for Action, identifying

homes where domestic wastewater treatment systems may be a risk to water quality and notifying the homeowner in writing. This enables the homeowner to apply to Tipperary County Council to be considered under the DWWTS PAA Scheme. Receiving such a letter does not mean the homeowner must apply for a grant and carry out improvement works. Neither will this be used in enforcement proceedings. It is the homeowner's decision to pursue an application and works under the DWWTS PAA Scheme.

To apply for consideration, the homeowner forwards a completed application form, the LAWPRO letter along with a scope of works put together by a competent person, to Tipperary County Council. Staff from the Environment and Climate Action Section carry out a site visit to verify the application for qualification purposes and the scope of works outlined by the competent person on behalf of the applicant. The applicant is advised in writing as to eligibility for the scheme and can proceed with eligible works. Once work is complete a second site visit is carried out by staff from the Environment and Climate Action Section. Where all is in order, the file proceeds to payment.

(c) DWWTS High Status Objective Catchment Area:

Potential applicants satisfy themselves that their home is within a High Status Objective Catchment Area (there is an interactive map online), then submit an application form and a scope of works prepared by a competent person, to Tipperary County Council. The Council carries out a site visit verifying whether or not this application is eligible for consideration. The homeowner is notified in writing of eligibility (or not). Where eligible, the applicant can proceed with having work carried out, which is followed by an eventual post-works site visit and processing of payment.

Lead Piping Grants:

No applications have been received at 22 June 2020.



Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme - Water Treatment Plant



Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme - Water Treatment Plant

HOUSING DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Policy & Practice - Review of Void Management	Scoping document is being prepared on review of current practice; review of practices in other counties & options to be considered.	Update on Voids to be brought before the June SPC
Review of Housing Allocation Procedures & Potential of Choice Based Letting	Work has commenced on review of current practice.	Working Paper to be brought before the June SPC
Review of Housing Adaptation Grants	Work ongoing on the implementation of the new guidelines for Housing Adaptation Grants. Discussed at SPC level and recommendation has been made for consideration by Council	Presentation to the Council made at the March meeting & Signed off by Plenary Council

Housing Delivery

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government identified a Target of 625 Social Housing Units to be delivered by Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Approved Housing Bodies for the period 2018-2021 as part of Rebuilding Ireland, through Build, Acquisition, and Long Term Leasing. This is in addition to separate HAP and RAS targets.

In the period 2019/2020 459 units of accommodation have been provided in Tipperary as part of the 2018-2021 programme or 73%, with 50% of the timeline remaining.

The 2018-2021 Housing delivery programme continues to be rolled out with:

- Construction works on Local Authority sites at 9 locations providing 126 dwellings
- A further 76 dwellings on site through Local Authority Turnkeys, Part V & AHB's
- 3 schemes at Contract Award Stage providing 37 units
- 35 Local Authority units being developed to tender stage in the coming weeks
- An additional 28 dwellings being tendered currently by the AHB's and
- 47 units about to commence the Part 8 Planning Process at 5 locations



Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) & Long Term Leasing (LTL)

New RAS properties, incl Voluntary units	35
New LTL properties, incl AHB units	40
Rent Reviews carried out 2020	106

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP Tenancies set up in 2020	181
Total Active HAP Tenancies	1811

2019 Construction Programme

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir	30	Internal Discussions on Masterplan	Stage 1 submission to Dept
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 Approved	Preparation of Part 8
Camphill Communities, Carrick on Suir	7	Stage 2 Approved	Submission of Planning Application
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 Approved	Submission of Planning Application
Ardcroney	4	Part 8 being Prepared	Part 8 advertisement
Moyne	7	Part 8 being Prepared	Part 8 advertisement
Ballyclerihan	14	Part 8 Prepared for display	Part 8 advertisement
Bansha	14	Part 8 Prepared for display	Part 8 advertisement
Donohill	4/8	Part 8 Prepared for display	Part 8 advertisement
Mullinahone	10	Part 8 Approved	Stage 3 submitted
Two Mile Borris	23	Part 8 Approved	Stage 3 submission
Glencarrick, Roscrea	10	Scheme on hold pending resolution to access issue	Scheme on hold
121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel	2	Tender documents being prepared	Tender on etenders
Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles	19	Tender process commenced	Stage 4 Approval
Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel	9	Tenders received	Stage 4 Approval
Cormac Drive, Nenagh	12	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor being appointed
Mulcair View, Newport	11	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor being appointed
Portroe	14	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor being appointed
Cloughjordan	2	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2020
Mitchel Street, Thurles	1	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2020
Gortnahoe	5	Houses snagged and nearing completion	Delivery 2020
Glenconnor, Clonmel	26	Houses snagged and nearing completion	Delivery 2020
Mill Road, Thurles	28	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Borrisokane	16	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021



Knockanrawley, Tipperary	28	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Abbey Street, Cahir	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Templetuohy	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2021
Turnkey project at Strylea, Fethard	3	Turnkey, Works in Progress	Delivery 2020
Mill River, Carrick on Suir Tuatha AHB	22	Turnkey, Works in Progress	Delivery 2020
Co Operative Housing Ireland, Ashgrove, Thurles	17	Turnkey, 10 units completed	Delivery 2020
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey	Delivery 2020/2021/2022
Longfield, Boherlahan	3	Part V	Delivery 2020
Turnkey project at Abbey View, Fethard	21	Turnkey, 21 units completed	
Turnkey at An Grianan, Killenaule	14	Turnkey, 14 units completed	
An Duiche, Tipperary Town, Respond	43	Turnkey, 43 units completed	
Turnkey at An Ardan, Borrisokane	13	Completed	
Thurles Lions Trust, Monastery Close, Thurles	34	Completed	
Gortataggart, Thurles	2	Completed	
Mulcair View, Newport	3	Completed	
Treacy Park, Carrick-on-Suir	1	Completed	
The Barracks, Borrisoleigh	2	Completed	
Cabragh Bridge Traveller Accommodation	6	Completed	

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments 4 stages of approval are:

Stage 1: Layout Design and confirm approval of scheme for Expenditure

Stage 2: Assess project prior to Statutory Approval Submission

Stage 3: Approve Detailed Design Solution and Pre Tender Cost Estimate

Stage 4: Review Tender Returns in advance of Contract Award



Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project

Tipperary County Council is housing 45 families in 2020 as part of Ireland's international commitments arising from the humanitarian crisis in Syria. In 2019 an interagency steering group was established to assist the resettlement process and a scoping exercise was undertaken to determine the most appropriate locations to house the families. Arising from this work, four locations were identified (Nenagh, Templemore, Tipperary Town, and Clonmel). Youth Work Ireland (Tipperary) have been appointed as the implementation partner for this project. They will provide resettlement assistance for an eighteen month period and establish a support structure for the families once the project is completed. It is expected the first families will be housed in the Autumn of 2020 (delayed due to covid). Engagement is ongoing with all relevant Districts and a Communication strategy has been agreed and will be rolled out in the coming weeks with the relevant communities and local elected members.

Energy Efficiency

We are awaiting Departmental notification on the Energy Efficiency Works for 2020 which we anticipate shortly.

Phase 2 will focus on the fabric upgrade to the remaining houses with solid/hollow block wall construction and in situations where dwellings have poor performing single glazed windows or defective doors.

Housing Grants

The Council received a total allocation of €3,220,545 in 2019 for Private Housing Adaptation Grants which was subsequently increased to €3,632,444 for 2019. The Council has not received confirmation of the 2020 allocation for private grants but continue to progress applications based on 65% of the initial 2019 allocation.

The Council received a total allocation of €555,556 for Local Authority DPG's in 2019. In May 2020, local authorities received written

confirmation they may undertake works up to a maximum value of 65% of their 2019 allocation pending receipt of their full 2020 allocation in order to progress works throughout the year.

Applicants who are seeking a grant for roof insulation, wall insulation, boiler and heating control upgrades, solar panels, etc should contact the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) - Tel: 1850 927000 for more information, as these works are not available under the Housing Grants Schemes.

In January 2020, the new application and guidelines from the Department for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability schemes was presented to the SPC. Following this meeting a subgroup was formed to discuss the management of the backlog of P2 and P3 applications to a value of €3.2 million approximately. The new scheme and guidelines was presented at the March Council meeting in Clonmel notifying all Elected Members of changes in the application form. The Recommendations of the subcommittee were also brought to this Council meeting and passed. These recommendations include:

- Temporarily suspend the housing grants scheme to all new P2 and P3 applications submitted with immediate effect.
- Housing Grants section will only process and validate P1 applications for the remainder of 2020 with a review at year end.
- Housing Grants will begin to process the back log, subject to Department funding, starting with P2 & P3 applications received in 2017.

The Council sought clarification regarding the funding of this backlog and we are awaiting notification on same.



The table below outlines the details in relation to Grants at 31/05/2020.

Grants 2020	BUDGET (65% of 2019 Budget)	Total Amount Approved	Number of Applications Approved	% of Budget
HOUSE ADAPTION GRANT PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY (HGD)	€1,573,354.25	€1,749,805.00	137	111%
MOBILITY AIDS GRANT (MAG)	€130,000	€66,189.20	18	51%
HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE (HOP)	€570,000	€411,511.00	70	72%
TOTAL	€2,273,354.25	€2,227,505.20	225	98%
Local Authority DPG Grants	€361,110.75	€353,803.50	8	98%

Please note, Tipperary County Council has not got confirmation of 2020 allocation from the Department.

Voids

74 Number Completed from 01/01/2020 to 31/05/2020

Mid Year Review of Voids 2020.

At the January meeting of the Council the Housing Section in response to two motions undertook to examine how efficiencies could be introduced in the vacant house turnaround times and to report back to the full Council at the July meeting.

The review crossed the 5 key stages including:

- Obtaining the keys back from previous tenant or their representatives:-. This is a difficult area particularly following a bereavement, the timeline where transfers are involved is actively monitored as is casual vacancies.
- Inspection Process and determination of works to be carried out:-. There is now a clear structure in place from when the keys are handed back to an assessment of the vacant dwelling and the allocation of a budget. This process is contingent on an available budget
- Tendering/ Repair Process with budget provision:-. The variations across the districts were examined with suggested modifications based on best practise to standardise the approach taken. There is

also a better understanding of roles and responsibilities.

- Identification of tenants and allocation process:-. A working group is looking at this to standardise the approach across the county. The allocation scheme is also being reviewed with the first meeting held on the 30/6/2020 (delayed due to covid)
- Pre-tenancy training and conclusion of letting process:-. The CLO's are notified at time of allocation which allows pre-tenancy training to be held prior to the receipt of keys by the tenant which again impacts positively on the timeline.

In the overall context it is necessary to note:

- Acquisitions: - 89 dwellings were purchased in 2019 all requiring varying degrees of work once the sales were closed (this is in addition to the annual number of voids which are naturally turned over). The number of acquisitions will be approximately half this in 2020 due to the increase in planned activity on construction sites across the county. There has been significant tendering carried out in the first half of the year with contractors appointed to complete these works, fully funded by the Department. It is anticipated most of these units will be available for letting in Q3 2020 where works are not already

complete. There are currently 53 of these units with works ongoing.

- Long Term Voids: - The review also examined every long term void and vacant demountables across the 5 districts (44 No) with a detailed costing and examination of need. All options were considered and arising from this
 - 4 properties are sale agreed with legal paperwork in progress.
 - A further 4 will be demolished and form part of the SHIP
 - 6 are being worked on with 2 due for completion in late June
 - An action plan has been agreed for the 7 demountables in stock, through upgrading existing units and by selling the remainder which need significant work
 - The remaining units require funding to enable them to be returned to the housing stock. An application was made to the Department for the funding of long term voids, however funding provision is expected to be for a general voids in 2020.

Standard Voids:

- 63 units currently require minor reletting repairs across the 5 districts. There has been very active engagement by the districts in looking at the processes and how reletting repairs are managed and this is going to result in significant time reductions going forward. The districts are to be complimented on the buy in to improving the overall structures used in void management. The Districts will continue the ongoing reporting of the voids position at the monthly District meetings.

Allocations:

- There is currently 40 dwellings awaiting allocation (av 8 per district) and a further 28 dwellings allocated in recent weeks. 101 dwellings were allocated in a 5 month period in 2020 despite the

impacts of Covid 19. This is on a par with 2019. A working group is currently reviewing the Allocation Scheme. Once a draft has been prepared, it will be brought before the SPC for discussion with the final document coming before full council for consideration. The number of units for allocating will be increasing with the construction programme active on sites across the County

Challenges:

- 94 dwellings have been vacated in the first 5 months of 2020, which indicates the fluctuating nature of housing voids. A recent study of the 63 houses that currently require minor works as part of the voids programme shows that 22 are the result of transfers or 35%. In other words 22 houses will be prepared for reletting and turned around with no nett reduction in the number of voids. This needs to be looked at in the context of the allocation policy. It is also worth noting, in the same 5 month period January –May, 74 dwellings had works completed in 2020 compared to 51 in 2019.
- Covid 19 has had an impact on void management in terms of continuing the ongoing streamlining of processes and review meetings with all the parties involved. Significant work was carried out in January and February but there is a need for continuous review and monitoring. There was a very limited number of allocations during Covid 19 which were only done on an emergency basis but there was 41 houses allocated in May 2020. With the lifting of Covid restrictions, normal work activities are resuming Q3.
- The 2020 voids budget is fully committed and practically expended across the Districts due to the increase in activity whereas a lesser budget in 2019 wasn't fully allocated until September. In this context the cost of funding the return of all voids to housing stock has



been examined and an action plan has been agreed subject to the support of the elected members which will seek to provide funding to clear the historical issues over the past number of years. Assuming this is agreed, it will allow us an opportunity to have a more systematic and efficient approach to addressing the void area.

The review and management of voids is ongoing and the detailed appraisal of the current void situation has highlighted the issues which needed to be resolved to enable a quicker turnaround and a reduction in vacant housing stock numbers in 2020.

Vacant Houses - Position as at 31st May, 2020

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% vacant houses -v- overall housing stock
Carrick	363	32	0.60%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	845	52	1.00%
Clonmel	674	30	0.60%
Nenagh	789	62	1.20%
Templemore/Thurles	923	67	1.30%
Total	3594	243	4.60%

Offers of Tenancy in 2020

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nominations to AHBs
Carrick	32	22	2	8	27
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	48	28	9	11	7
Clonmel	24	20	0	4	0
Nenagh	36	35	0	1	1
Templemore Thurles	47	31	6	10	11
TOTALS	187	136	17	34	46

Buy and Renew

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. It is a companion strategy for the Repair & Lease scheme, providing additional social housing options. Buy and Renew can target the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes and assist in

the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

The Rebuilding Ireland home loan is a Government backed mortgage which was introduced on 1st February 2018. You can borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €250,000 in Tipperary. This loan offers two rate products 2.745% fixed for up to 25 years and 2.995% fixed for up to 30 years.



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications

01/01/2020 to 31/05/2020

Number of Applications Received	27
Number of Valid Applications Received	10
Number of Loan Applications Approved	3
Number of Loans Issued	6
Total Value of Loans Issued	€694,000

Tenant Purchase Scheme Allocations

01/01/2020 to 31/05/2020

Formal applications to purchase received	11
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	7
Sales completed	4
Total proceeds of sales received	€199,780

CORPORATE SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee Work Prog	Completed
SPC Scheme	Completed
Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Completed
Service Delivery Plan 2020	Completed
Annual Report	Completed
Communication Strategy Implementation	In Progress
Social Media Policy & Protocol	In Progress
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	In Progress

Directorate Priorities

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on 21st May by Video Conference. The following items were discussed:

1. Update from the Crisis Management Team/Covid-19 Response Team – Clare Curley
2. Risk Register Update - Ger Walsh, Corporate
3. Update on the implementation of recommendations from Cyber Security Audit - Ger Lynch, IS
4. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2019/2020
5. Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014 - Audit Committee - report on the AFS
6. Audit Committee's Annual Report to the Council
7. Internal Audit Update- Noirin O'Dwyer
8. Internal Audit Reports – Noirin O'Dwyer
9. Overtime Audit Report
10. LGA Motor Tax Management Letter – Liam McCarthy
11. My Pay Audit Report

The next meeting is scheduled for 15th July by Video Conference.

Service Delivery Plans:

The service delivery plan for 2020 was adopted by the Council at their meeting held on 8th June 2020, a copy of which is now available to view on the Council's website.

Performance Indicators 2019

The deadline for compliance with the submission of data to the LG Returns system in respect of the 2019 performance was extended to the 24th July 2020 owing to the Covid-19 crisis. A report on the indicator outcomes will be presented to the full Council and the audit committee following publication of the NOAC report later in the year.

Annual Report 2019

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 in relation to 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.

The draft plan was presented to the Council at the June meeting and a hard copy of the plan has been published for each member of the Council. The Plan is also available to view on the Council's website and at each of the Council's Municipal District Offices and Library branches.

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 31st May 2020:

Pothole - 41

Public Liability - 33

Total Claims – 74

Communications Strategy




Tipperary County Council’s Corporate Plan provides a vision for how we propose to deliver our services working with our communities, our citizens, our Councillors and our staff. Key to this is good communications across the Council to deliver our message and tell our story.

Some of the activities promoted since the last report include the following:-

Achievements March - June 2020

March	
<p>Thurles Town Centre Renewal community engagement event</p>	
<p>LEO business clinics</p>	
<p>Wild Flower Seeds available from Tipperary County Council</p>	

<p>Tipperary Fire and Rescue – Nenagh recruitment course</p>	
<p>Recent Improvement works carried out to the Three Drives MUGA Tipperary Town</p>	
<p>Draw your own Fire Escape Route</p>	
<p>Covid 19 response hub An online Covid-19 Hub for Tipperary has been made available from the Council's Website. Tipperary County Council have established an area to pull together national and local resources in one place. This will be updated with news and any relevant datasets that become available to us over the coming weeks. Currently available datasets include statistics, local services and Covid-19 testing centre locations. We have also included links to supporting information, FAQs, leaflets and links to</p>	<p>Other details communicated on website and social media platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to services • Age friendly Ireland information leaflet • Motor tax arrangement • Community support services • Home crime prevention

<p>local authority services available online. This is a comprehensive guide of reliable public service information, available to you in one place.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQs planning applications • FAQs civic amenity sites • Special meeting 3 April • Insurance cover for community groups • Video message Cathaoirleach and Chief Executive • Thurles MD Service update • Mortgage payment break • Online library services • Online museum activities • Online fire service activities
<p>April</p>	
<p>Tipperary Libraries</p>	<p>Our five 3D printers in action printing visor headbands. Engineers Ireland is coordinating a national effort to produce face shield visors for healthcare professionals /EngineerIreland – Video</p> 
<p>Clonmel BD 2km social distancing signage</p>	<p>We are in this together 🇮🇪 2km limit from home #SocialDistance #COVID19 New signage reminding us all to "Stop and think" placed around #clonmel by @ClonmelBD #StayAtHome 🇮🇪 @TipperaryCoCo #YourCouncil</p> 
<p>Clonmel BD planting</p>	<p>Some pictures this evening of the new plants & trees placed at the approach to the #roundabout at The Mall #Clonmel thanks to Eric Ryan and his team @ClonmelBD #Springtime #YourCouncil @VisitTipp @TipperaryCoCo @clonmelcitytown @TipperaryLive</p> 

<p>Tipperary Sports Partnership</p>	
<p>Tipperary Volunteer Centre – Corporate Plan</p>	<p>Delighted to see @TipperaryCoCo recognise the value of volunteering in their Corporate Plan 2020-2024. The staff and board of @TipperaryVolCentre are proud of our long standing partnership with you. Here's to another great 5 years of add value. #communitycall</p>  <p>OUR PEOPLE The commitment and understanding of our staff and the elected Members with the critical to the achievement of our objectives. They are essential for our commitment, demanding of themselves and working for a shared purpose to deliver services for the citizens of Tipperary.</p> 
<p>Clonmel BD dumping before and after clean up</p>	
<p>Collecting a new batch of visor parts. A team of library staff are keeping the 3D printers going, 11 hours a day, seven days a week</p>	
<p>PPN Tipperary</p> <p>Members of Nenagh Red Cross Deirdre Ryan and Jason FitzPatrick (Community Support Officer) volunteering with the collection and delivery of food and goods</p>	

May	
<p>Let's Play Ireland Messy Play an Mindfulness</p>	
<p>Thurles Town Centre Integrated Strategy</p>	
<p>Gardening for biodiversity</p>	
<p>Illegal dumping campaign</p>	
<p>Direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures</p>	
<p>Liberty Square Carpark. Boundary works and underground services nearing completion</p>	

<h2>June</h2>	
<p>Council meeting - Hillview Clonmel and Annual Meeting – The Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles</p> <p>Social Distancing compliant</p>	
<p>Library Service</p> <p>Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people,</p>	
<p>Reopening of Parks and Playgrounds</p>	
<p>Town Centres: Framework for Post Covid-19 Recovering, Reopening and Revitalising</p>	

<p>Clonmel Borough Staff assisting with social distancing for retailers</p>	
<p>Tipperary Libraries</p>	
<p>Footpath replacement at Sarsfield Street, Thurles</p>	
<p>Road resurfacing at Ballindoney, Grange</p>	
<p>Resurfacing and relining Main Street, Borrissoleigh N75 Cathedral Street Thurles Mary Willies to Gortnahoe N62 Main Street Templemore</p>	
<p>Playground reopening</p>	

Communications focus	Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion July-September 2020
<p>Your Council Day – 1 July</p> 	<p>Local authorities around the country to highlight Covid-19 innovations to be posted on social media</p>
<p>Arts/Events/Festivals/Heritage/Museum</p> 	<p>Clonmel Junction Arts Festival – digital festival Heritage Week Museum online activities</p>
<p>Environment and Climate Action</p> 	<p>Dog fouling and Tidy Town</p>
<p>Fire and Rescue</p> 	<p>Carbon monoxide week</p>
	<p>Road Works Programme Local and Community Improvement Schemes National Slow Down – August bank holiday weekend</p>
<p>Tourism</p> 	<p>Revitalising tourism around County</p>
<p>Libraries Something for everyone</p> 	<p>Positive Ageing Week</p>
	<p>Water Heritage Day</p>

Local Government Service Catalogue – update

The first phase of the project is completed the Local Government Service Catalogue by functional area , the cataloguing of **650** public-facing services across **Housing, Environment, Planning, Roads and Transportation, Economic Development, Tourism Development and Local Enterprise**.

You can find draft catalogues on the LGMA website at www.lgma.ie/en/servicecatalogue



The next cataloguing steps

The finalising of the catalogue of approximately 130 services for Parks, Open Spaces, Public Realm and Community service. Then, work will commence on Libraries, Arts and Culture and the other outstanding functional areas yet to be catalogued, see listed below:-

Functional Area
Libraries, Arts and Culture
Heritage and Conservation
Human Resources
Corporate Services
Finance
Communications
ICT/Digital Services
Fire and Emergency Services
Water Services
Miscellaneous

Customer Service Activity

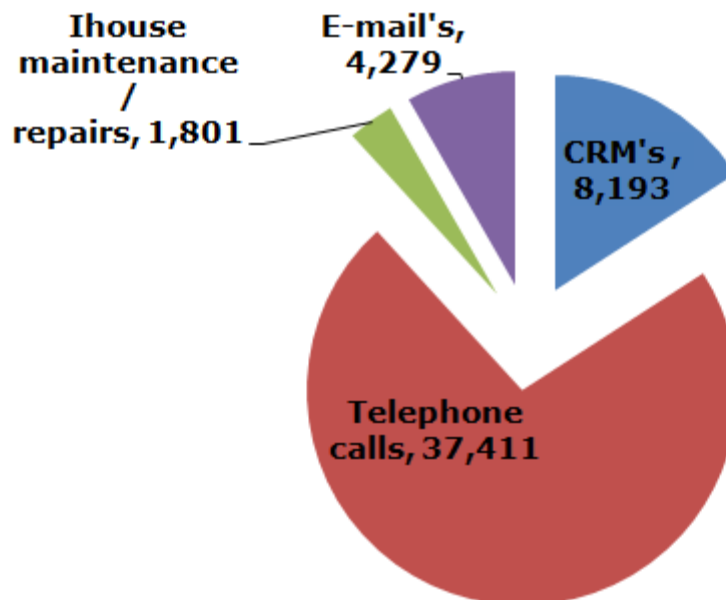
1 March 2020 – 30 June 2020 (4 month period)

Customer Service Statistics

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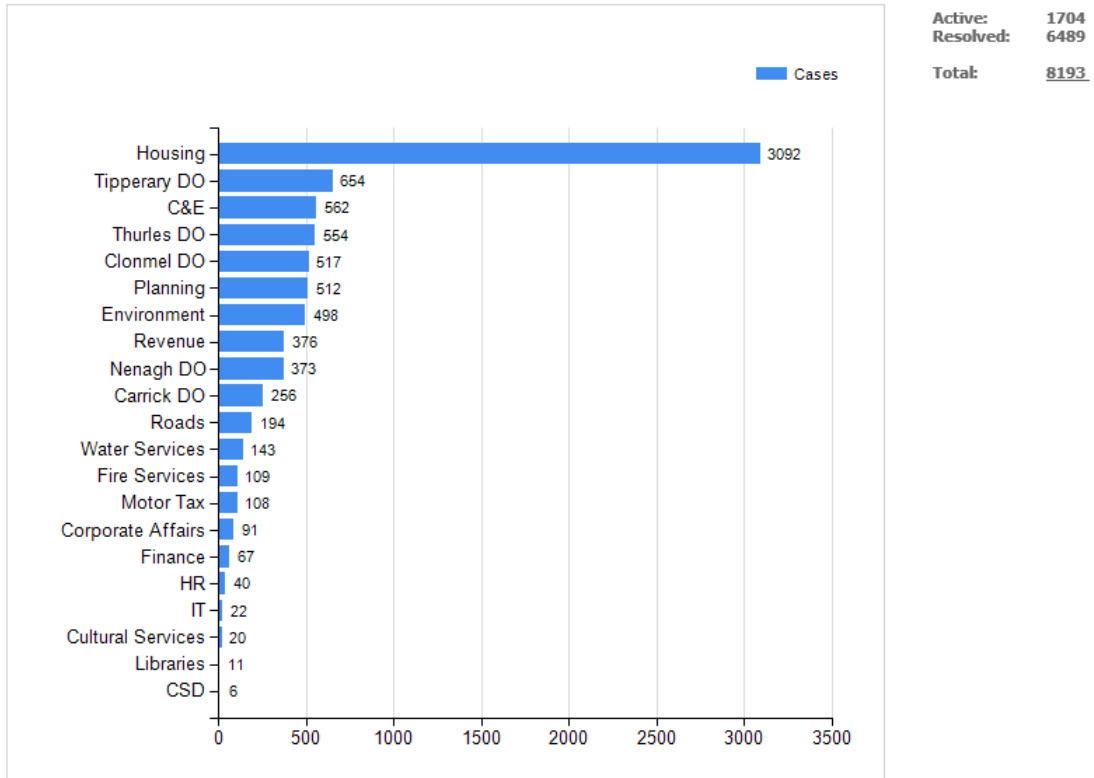
- Anti Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

CRM's	8,193
Telephone calls	37,411
Ihouse maintenance/ repairs	1,801
E-mail's	4,279

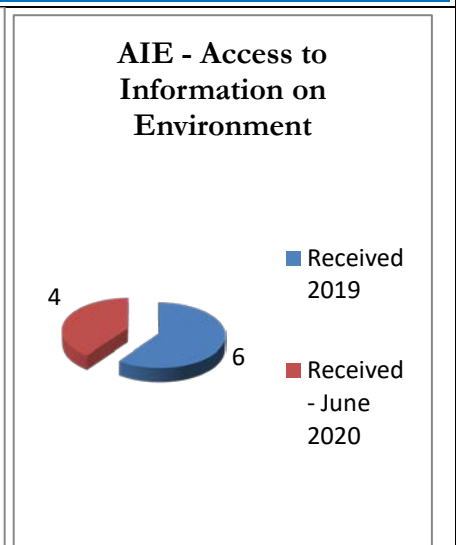
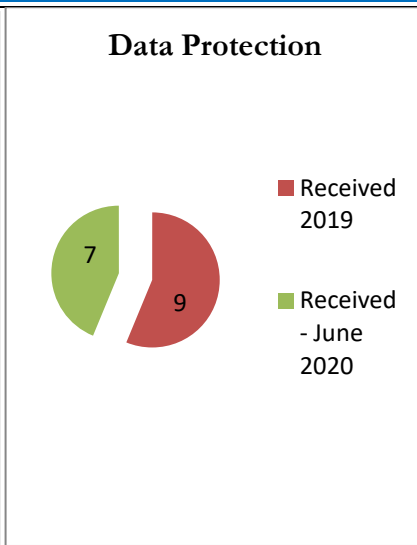
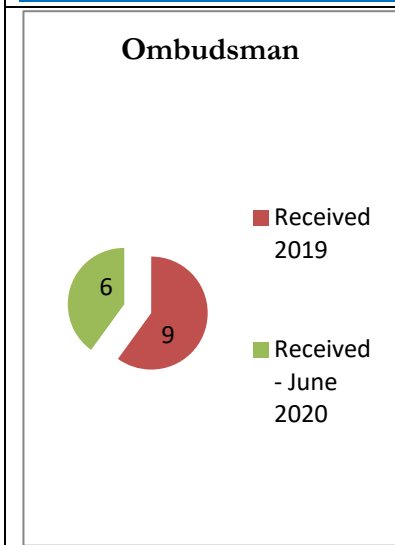
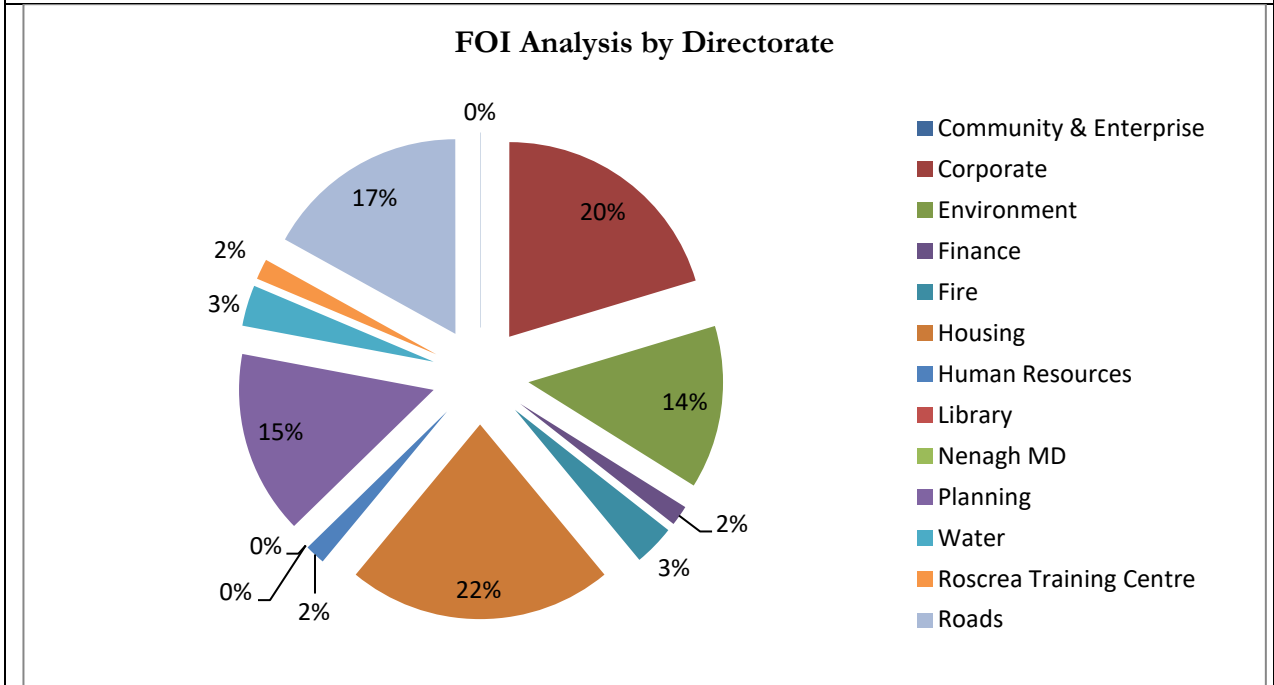
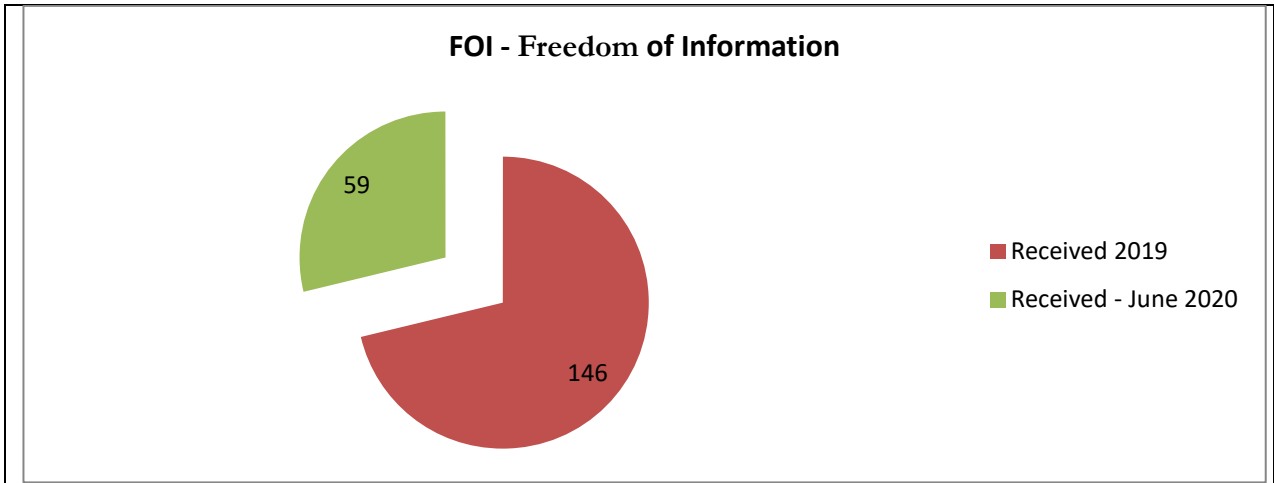




Customer Relations Management (CRM) system –per section



Information Management



Property Management

Land Disposal - Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council and managed by CPU - Period to: 30 th June 2020			
Year	Approved	F/I Requests	Resolved
2018	27	4	23
2019	33	5	28
2020	9	5	4

Schedule of Property Transactions o/s

1. Main Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary (Old City Hall)
2. Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary
3. Ballintaggart, Callan, Co. Tipperary
4. Powerstown Demesne
5. New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary
6. Hughes' Lot East & Kilsobin, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
7. Stereame, Nenagh North, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
8. Ballyhaden, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary
9. Roscrea Old Courthouse, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
10. Glenconnor, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
11. Ballyclerihan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
12. Glenconnor Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
13. Brickendown, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
14. Carrick on Suir Town Hall, New Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary