



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>
Policy Changes/Updates
Infrastructure SPC – meeting scheduled for 2 nd March 2020

<u>Directorate Priorities</u>		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	Submission on N24 to NPF. Two no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2027: - Waterford to Cahir, - Cahir to Limerick Junction. Project Appraisal Plans submitted to and approved by SRAD for both sections. Consultants tender advertised and returned 9 th August 2019. Arup appointed on 22 nd October 2019 for Cahir to Limerick Junction Section	<u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Enter Section 85 agreement with Kilkenny County Council. Appoint consultants in Q1 2020 <u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Q1 2020 Arup to progress the Cahir to Limerick Junction Section through Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility)
Capital Programme 2020	Implementation of Capital Programme	Progress schemes and drawdown grant funding before end of TII financial year
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2020	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	CIS – 35 schemes completed in 2019 LIS – 21 schemes completed in 2019 CLÁR – 2 schemes in progress Application for funding for 2020/2021 CIS scheme was submitted to the Department in September 2019 and confirmation of funding allocation for 2020 CIS scheme is €1,194,000. LIS – The 2020 scheme was advertised in December with a closing date of 31 st January 2020. The local improvement scheme applies to non-public accommodation roads and bog roads and to undertake minor drainage improvements



Consultation	Continued consultation with TII, DTTAS, Elected Members and staff	Meeting with TII held on 5 th November 2019
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing
Road Safety	First all county strategy adopted in June 2018	Implement Strategy in conjunction with Road Safety Together Working Group. Meeting held on 30 th January 2020
2020 National Roads Allocations	Total allocation €6,262,116	Circulated to members
2020 Regional and Local Roads Allocations	Total allocation €28,946,723	



Department of Tourism Transport and Sport (DTTAS)
REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2020

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2020	
Restoration Improvement	€14,343,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,576,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,796,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€627,000
Specific Imp. Grants	€700,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€200,000
Safety Improvement Works	€543,000
Speed Limits	€40,170
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€1,194,000
Hedge Cutting Pilot Scheme	€15,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€1,000,000
Total Allocation	€28,946,723



NATIONAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2020

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2020	
Improvement	Allocations 2020
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€20,000
Major Scheme	€525,000
Pavement	€1,360,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€150,000
Major Scheme	€500,000
Pavement	€2,530,000
Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Improvement Programme	€325,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2020	€5,410,000
Maintenance	Allocations 2020
Total National Primary Maintenance	€370,481
Total National Secondary Maintenance	€393,335
Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2020	€852,116
Total of 2020 National Roads Allocations	€6,262,116



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works	Construction commenced in November 2018. The Contractor has completed all of the footpaths and most of the road resurfacing works in the town centre and on the Nenagh approach to the town	Main Street works to be fully completed in February 2020. N52 Birr Road and Bridge culvert repair/protection works commencing in February 2020
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road	Preliminary design work is underway and is expected to be completed in Q1 2020 with detailed design and construction work taking place in 2020
N65 Carrigahorig Village	This scheme was originally intended to be a realignment of a 0.6km section of the N65 on the southern approach to Carrigahorig village. The scheme has since developed into a pavement improvement scheme which deals with a number of road safety issues in the village and will also involve the provision of an extension of footpath from the village to the R493 Terryglass Road. Preliminary design work has been completed and funding is now being sought from the TII to carry out the final design and works	It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence in 2020
Thurles Municipal District		
Thurles bypass and Inner Relief Road	Response received from TII to Plenary Council letter of September 2018, Thurles bypass is not on the National Capital Plan. Inner Relief Road - Land negotiation ongoing	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. Expect Lidl to construct a section of the road for access to their new store with development commencing in 2020
Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves improvement of National Secondary route between the Dunnes Roundabout and junction with Liberty Square. Topographical and Pavement Condition Surveys complete. Consultants appointed, draft design 95% completed	Design to be completed and Part 8 to be advertised in 2020
N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. Survey work completed, design has commenced on both schemes	Mid West Regional Design Office to complete the design in 2020, with some construction works to take place in 2020



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir	Part 8 Planning to be advertised in January 2020	Following planning approval, the detailed design will be completed to allow the scheme to proceed to Tender
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	Preliminary Design under way	Part 8 Planning Process
Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Golden Pavement Improvement Scheme	Snagging works completed	Completed
N24 Bansha Pavement Improvement Scheme	Snagging works completed	Completed
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	TII approval to Publish CPO received	Meet Landowners and Publish CPO
Main Street and Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	Topographical and Pavement Condition Surveys complete; Consultants appointed. Draft design 95% completed	Design to be completed and Part 8 to be advertised in Q1 2020
N24 Davitt Street Pavement Strengthening	Works substantially completed, Snagging items being completed	12 months Defects period
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	Draft feasibility report on options prepared	Internal review and submission to TII
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	Preliminary Design for pavement improvement over 1km on westbound approach to Knockagh Roundabout	Prepare preliminary design for discussion with TII
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Clonmel Pavement Improvement Scheme	Works commenced in October 2019 and are ongoing. Due for completion in March 2020	Contract Administration to completion

Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Nenagh to Thurles Upgrade Knockalton - Kilconane	Scheme was completed in 2019	Snagging is currently underway
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. On-going consultation with landowners to finalise work on CPO	Subject to Department approval it is anticipated that the CPO will be advertised in Q1 2020
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Progress/Steering committee meetings held monthly, Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures and Oral Hearing have been completed	Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q3 2020. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence early in 2021 taking in the region of 3 years to complete

HEDGE CUTTING SEASON



Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who have inspected trees and hedges on their property during this hedge cutting season and ensured that they do not pose a danger to road users. Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths obscuring road signs, public lighting or road users' visibility.

All necessary hedge cutting work should be carried out between now and the end of February 2020.

Landowners/occupiers have a legal obligation under the Roads Act, 1993 to take all necessary care to ensure that trees, shrubs, hedges or any other vegetation on their land

is not, or could not be, a danger to those using a public road or to somebody carrying out maintenance or improvement work on the road.

Liability for damage or injury resulting from such hazards will rest with the landowner/occupier. All such inspections should be carried out by suitably qualified persons. For information on any of the above please see our website www.tipperarycoco.ie.

Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe.

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY - TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

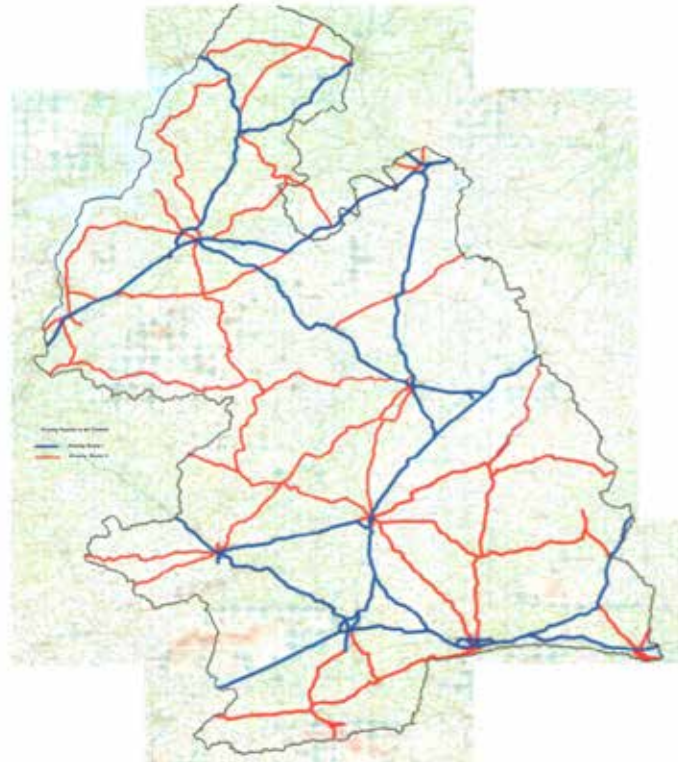
Tipperary County Council is responsible for:

- 99 km of Motorway (M7 and M8 maintained under contract from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) by private concessions),
- 70 km of National Primary Road,
- 150.2 km of National Secondary Roads,
- 903 km of Regional road and
- 4,490 km of Local roads in County Tipperary.

The primary aim is to keep these roads safe and as free as practicable from winter hazards. Tipperary County Council is constantly striving to improve the winter maintenance service provided; however neither the local authority nor TII has a statutory obligation to pre-salt roads.

Tipperary County Council, as far as reasonably practicable, will seek to ensure the prevention of ice formation on Priority 1 Routes (**Blue Routes**) and Priority 2 Routes (**Red Routes**) as outlined in the map below.

In extreme weather events Priority 1 Routes will take precedence over Priority 2 Routes in terms of allocation of available resources.



Map - Priority Routes 1 and 2

Road users should always assume that pre-salting or winter services have not been provided on Priority 1 and 2 routes and drive accordingly.

The Winter Maintenance Service involves the pre-salting of National Primary and Secondary Routes and major Regional Roads and routes of strategic importance.

Tipperary County Council spreads salt on roads before ice or snow is expected (called Precautionary Salting). Pre-salting commences at the time determined by the Icecast Duty Engineer to ensure the completion of routes before the onset of icy conditions or snowfall.

The operational winter maintenance period as determined by TII shall be 14 October 2019 to 30 April 2020.

9 cubic metre Salt Spreader mounted on 26 Tonne Tipper Truck



Tipperary County Council operates 14 demountable Romaquip Salt Spreaders.

In Clonmel and Cahir, 6 Spreaders (3 No. 9 m³ and 3 No. 6 m³) are mounted on trucks for the duration of the winter season and 1 No. 6 m³ Spreader is available to provide cover in the event of a breakdown or extreme conditions. In addition the council has 2 trucks on trial fitted with Brine Tanks.

In Nenagh, 6 Spreaders (2 No. 9 m³ and 4 No. 6 m³) are mounted on trucks for the duration of the winter season and 1 No. 6 m³ Spreader is available to provide cover in the event of a breakdown or extreme conditions.

Tipperary County Council pre-treats approx 1,000 kilometres of road in a callout. The Council also operates 15 No. demountable Romaquip Snowploughs which can be fitted to the salt spreader trucks at short notice, in the event of snowfall.

The Council has covered Salt storage capacity of in excess of 2,700 tonnes throughout the county (sufficient for a 5 day snow event).

Tipperary County Council has in place Section 86 agreements with adjoining counties Kilkenny, Offaly and Waterford. These agreements allow Councils to formally carry out works on each other's behalf. This allows for greater efficiencies in the operation as it allows Councils to treat roads which they travel over outside of their functional area on a quid pro quo basis.



Admin/Licensing Process	No. 2019	No. 2020
Number of Roads Abutting Certificates issued	689	15
Number of Abnormal Loads Permits issued	212	25
Number of Road Opening Licence applications received	1,483	66
Number of FOI requests processed	30	3
Number of AIE requests processed	5	0
Taking in Charge Process	No. 2019	No. 2020
Estates Taken in Charge - further details outlined below	25	1

List of Estates Taken in Charge	
Total no. of 25 Estates Taken In Charge - 2019	Total no. of Estates Taken in Charge - 2020
Abbey Court, Bohermore, Cashel	Bruach Tailte, Nenagh
Abbey Court, Burke Street, Fethard	
An Duiche, Scallaheen, Tipperary Town	
Ardán, The Terrace, Borrisokane	
Ayrhill, Parkmore, Roscrea	
Cluain Bán, Fancroft Road, Roscrea	
Cregg Lawns, Carrick on Suir	
Cúirt Ná Rí, King Street, Clonmel	
Dún Chormaic, Dualla Road, Cashel	
Galvoher, Ballylooby, Cahir	
Kiltillane Court, St. Mary's Road, Templemore	
Mill Hollow, Windmill, Cashel	
Oakdale Park, Templemore	
Oakwood, Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	
Ormond Keep, Nenagh	
Ravenswood, Carrick on Suir	
Riverview, Ballina	
Rosehill, Newport	
Roselawn, Rossana Road, Tipperary Town	
Rosemount Gardens, Cahir	
St. Patrick's Gate, Gortnahoe	
Summer Cove Meadows, Old Road, Cashel	
Sweet Auburn, Carrick Beg, Carrick on Suir	
Tullaskeagh Drive, Parkmore, Roscrea	
Tullaskeagh Square, Parkmore, Roscrea	

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Estates Advertised Q1 2020
Castleheights, Carrick-on-Suir
Gort Na Smól, and Barr an Ard, Ardgeeha, Clonmel
Roseanna Close, Rosanna Road, Tipperary Town
Rosemount Drive/Avenue/Close/View, Barnora, Cahir

Tipperary County Council advertised the Community Involvement Scheme for new applications during Q3 2019. Forty one new applications were received, which along with those already on hand were prioritised for a funding submission to DTTAS in September 2019.

The Council has been notified of an allocation of €1,194,000 for CIS in 2020, and a similar allocation is expected for 2021.

Declaring of Roads to be Public Roads

Six roadways were declared Public Roads in 2019

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS)

This scheme applies to non-public accommodation roads which are rural in nature. An allocation of €599,969 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development for 2019. LIS applications were reviewed, schemes were prioritised and offered to applicants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the scheme and adopted policy, with works in progress over the summer months. The 2019 programme of Local Improvement Schemes (21) has now been completed.

List of Roads declared to be Public Roads in 2019
Corca Teine, Templemore
The Mall, Templemore
Oakdale, Templemore
Magherareagh, Bouladuff, Thurles
Stereame, Limerick Road, Nenagh
Woodlands, Barnora, Cahir

The Council has advertised the LIS scheme for 2020 and closing date for receipt of applications was 12 noon on 31st January 2020. We are awaiting notification of 2020 grant allocation from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME (CIS)

The Community Involvement Scheme is a joint venture approach between the Council and local communities, for the purpose of carrying out maintenance and improvement works on suitable public local roads.

The value of the contribution by the local community will be 15% of the estimated costs of the scheme, as determined by the Council's Engineer.

The allocation provided from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for 2019 was €1,182,921 and schemes were offered to successful applicants in each of the Districts within the terms of the scheme. The 2019 programme of Community Involvement Schemes (35) has now been completed.

CLÁR 2019

The Council sought expressions of interest for funding under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures and made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding for 11 projects in 2019. The Council was notified on 26th August 2019 that two applications under Measure 1 had received approval to proceed with an allocation of €95,000. These works must be completed by May 2020.

ROAD SAFETY

Winners in the Tipperary County Council Cycle Safely Poster Competition



Congratulations to the prize winners from Carrig and Lorrha National Schools, who took part in the recent Cycle Safely poster competition for sixth class pupils in the Nenagh Municipal District, organised and funded by the Road Safety Section of Tipperary County Council. The competition generated a lot of interest among primary schools with the joint first prize winners, Maureen Seymour from Carrig N.S. and Chloe Mannion from Lorrha N.S. each winning a bicycle and safety equipment. There were also prizes for the runners up of safety helmets and hi-viz jackets.

Pictured above are the prize winners with their teachers and Michèle Maher Road Safety Officer, Tipperary County Council, Mary Murphy, Roads Section, and Peter Moynan of Moynan Cycles, Nenagh.

The poster competition will be rolled out to other Municipal Districts in 2020.

SWAT – SEVERE WEATHER ACTION TEAM



Tipperary County Council has in place a Severe Weather Action Team (SWAT), which comprises the Director of Services, Senior Engineers Roads, Administrative Officer Roads, each District Engineer, Machinery Yard Engineer, Duty Engineers (winter maintenance) and SEO Corporate Services. During severe weather events, the SWAT team meets regularly to assess the situation and decide what action is necessary, providing regular updates to the Council's website and social media channels.

PUBLIC LIGHTING



Led Public Lighting Upgrade, Nenagh

A Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in May 2018. All public lighting queries are dealt with on a daily basis by the Roads Section, Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. Airtricity are notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate and where budget permits.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,288 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.



A number of upgrades have been completed throughout Tipperary with existing high energy use lighting being replaced by energy efficient LED lights, this work programme continued during 2019 - approximately 739 lights were fully upgraded during 2019.

Over the coming years, it is likely that there will be a significant conversion to LED lighting.

The Council has and will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects.

For the benefit of Councillors, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Phone: Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre - 1850 372 772**
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0761 06 5000**

<u>R505 Public Lighting Led Upgrade - Main Street, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary</u>	
Before Led Lighting Upgrade	After Led Lighting Upgrade
	



INTERREG NORTH WEST EUROPE SMART SPACE PROJECT

Project Details: The Project entails the replacement of 600 standard Street Lights with LED Street Lights which will have motion detectors to monitor movement in the area and dim down when a Street or Car Park is quiet.

The Pilot Areas: In Tipperary 600 street lights will be upgraded in this Pilot Project. The villages of Drangan and Clonoulty along with approximately 50% of the street lights in Thurles Town have been prioritised for upgrading. 40% of the associated cost is being funded by Tipperary County Council with the remaining 60% being funded through Interreg North West Europe (EU). The Project in Tipperary is at design stage and must be completed by the end of July 2021.

ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large scale Street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 33% more energy efficient by 2020. The Project will also significantly help LA's reach their new 2030 target of 50%.

Approx. 280,000 lights are to be retrofitted in this project, 14,000 of these will be in County Tipperary.

Local Authorities participating in the Project:

There are 24 Local Authorities participating in the Project as follows:

Eastern Region:

Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wicklow, Kildare, Offaly, Westmeath, Meath, Longford and Louth.

North West Region:

Donegal, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Longford, Monaghan, Cavan, Roscommon, Galway City and Galway County

Southern Region:

Cork County, Kerry, Limerick City and County, Waterford City and County, and Clare.

ROADS CAPITAL OFFICE – N24 CAHIR TO LIMERICK JUNCTION



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ARUP



€5m Contract Signed to advance planning and design of the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Road Improvement Scheme – December 2019

Brief Description

Tipperary County Council is pleased to announce that Arup and Partners Ireland Ltd., t/a Arup has been awarded the consultancy contract as Technical Advisors to carry out Planning and Design Phases 1-4 of the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Road Improvement Scheme which was identified in the National Development Plan 2018-2027.

The Project

The phases comprise Planning and Design, Concept and Feasibility, Options Selection, Design and Environmental Evaluation and Statutory Processes. The consultancy contract is worth over €5m and will provide the design for this 30km scheme. Funding for the Scheme will be provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The Timeline and Process

Planning and Design Phases 1-4 consists of selecting a route and preparing the Environmental and Planning information for submission to An Bord Pleanála. The process is expected to take approximately 4½ years.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

New Policy/Strategic Issues			
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage
County Development Plan	Background Research on-going	Background Research	Formal commencement May, 2020. Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in April, 2020
Cahir Local Area Plan 2020-2026	Under preparation	Pre-draft public consultation on Strategic Issues concluded Dec 2019. Report on public consultation presented to Tipp-Cahir-Cashel MD	Proposed LAP under preparation for presentation to the Plenary Council in April 2020
Development Contribution Scheme	Adopted	Draft advertised with submissions invited from 28 th September to 11 th November 2019	Development Contribution Scheme 2020 was made by the Elected Members at Dec 2019 Monthly Meeting and is effective from 1 st Jan 2020

National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Tipperary Town Regeneration	Consultants appointed to compile the detailed design of Market Yard. Anticipated that the tender process will commence in Q1 with construction of Market Yard projected for Q2. River Ara Walkway planning application being prepared for submission in February to An Bord Pleanála for consideration. Land transfer being finalised with Department of Education.	Continued implementation of the Project Management Plan
Fethard Town Park	Project was awarded €2.6 million under the Fund. Project Execution Plan prepared.	Implement Project Execution Plan
Templemore Cultural and Enterprise Centre with associated Civic Plaza	Project was awarded €2.1 million under the Fund. Project Execution Plan being prepared.	Tender for Design Team to issue



National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Project.	Construction of new Car Park has commenced.	Car park will be completed in Q1/Q2 2020. Detailed Project Management Plan to be implemented throughout 2020
Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration.	Additional funding has been approved by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in respect of the Regional Sports Hub. Detailed design and tender documents anticipated to be completed by April 2020. Awaiting approval by the Department to appoint a contractor for the Davis Road Car Park project.	Project Management Plan to be implemented

PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

The Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031 was adopted in November, 2019. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), local authorities must now commence the review and preparation of County Development Plan. It is proposed to formally commence this review in May, 2020.

This will be the first County Development Plan prepared for Tipperary and will provide a unique opportunity to create a new vision to shape the sustainable development of the county for the lifetime of the plan and beyond. The County Development Plan will align with the Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and will be underpinned by Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment.

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment.

Cahir Local Area Plan 2020-2026

The Council has commenced the preparation of a new local area plan for Cahir, which will replace the Cahir Local Area Plan 2011-17 (as extended). The new Cahir Local Area Plan 2020-2026 will be prepared in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and will set out the land use strategy for the town to ensure the town can grow, support employment and homes, and can do so sustainably. Pre-draft public consultation took place from the 6th Nov to the 4th Dec, 2019 including a public event at the Cahir House Hotel on the 13th November. A report on the public consultation process was presented to the Elected Members of Tipp-Cashel at a workshop on the 16th December, 2019. It is intended to present the proposed Local Area Plan to the Elected Members for consideration at the plenary meeting of the Council in April 2020.



Development Contribution Scheme

The Draft Scheme was advertised with submissions invited from 28th September to 11th November 2019. The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received was considered and the Development Contribution Scheme 2020 was made by the Elected Members at the December 2019 Monthly Meeting and is effective from 1st January 2020.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered under this Scheme.

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Consultants have been appointed for the Sport Hub and Kickham Barracks public realm works. Kickham Barracks Car Park has gone to tender. The final design for the Plaza is almost complete. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. The construction of the new car park has commenced and will be completed in Q1 2020. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, a 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. Funding of €600,000 has been approved under the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**. Contracts have been awarded for detailed design of the Market Yard project and for the planning phase of the River Ara walkway. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Health Ireland.



Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza.

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency.



Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Funding Calls

The Department of Rural and Community Development has launched a call for applications for funding under the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for Category 2 (project development)** applications. The closing date for applications is 28th February 2020.

The Department of Housing Planning and Local Government has launched a call for funding under the **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for Category 2 (project concept) applications**. The closing date for applications is 31st March, 2020. Projects in Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles will be eligible for consideration under this fund.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2020

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people. Funding is available for successful projects (the minimum amount is €2,500 up to a maximum amount is €15,000 per application) subject to each owner fully matching the funding awarded. Applications were invited up to and including the 31st January, 2020. Following assessment, a schedule of eligible projects will be submitted to the Department for consideration on or before the 14th February, 2020.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2020** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally significant assets; and
- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 185 complaints made from the 1st January to the 31st December 2019. During this period 174 Warning Letters and 22 Enforcement Notices issued.

Taking in Charge:

There are currently 51 residential housing developments with valid taking-in-charge applications being processed by the Planning Section. In 2019, 25 estates were taken-in-charge, accounting for 1003 residential housing units. Five estates are due to be advertised under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and are expected go before the Members of the Municipal Districts at the February meetings. One new, taking-in-charge application has been submitted to the Local Authority in 2020 and is currently being validated.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Workshops held in Clonmel and Nenagh on 13th & 14th January with senior staff from all sections.	Prepare draft plan for review by steering group.
Building Control	Ongoing implementation of inspections programme.	Completion of programme reaching Dept. guideline targets
Health & Safety	Installation of gym equipment completed	Continue annual wellness programme
Fire Safety	Preparation of Annual Strategic Fire Safety Plan	Implement annual plan.

CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Templemore Fire Station	Works completed.	Arrange official opening
Cashel Fire Station	Part 8 Completed	Prepare Tender documents
New Water Tanker for Nenagh	Vehicle delivered	Complete training and put into service.

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 31st December 2019
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1716
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	98
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	102
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	78
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	73
Number of Commencement Notices Received	465

RSA Road Safety Leading Light Award For Tipperary Fire & Rescue Services Social Media Team

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service's Social Media Team of Asst. Chief Fire Officer Carol Kennedy and Firefighter Stevn O' Donnell were awarded a Road Safety Authority (RSA) Leading Light in road safety for 2019. The award was presented to Carol and Steven by Chairperson of the RSA, Ms Liz O' Donnell, at the RSA's 12th annual 'Leading Lights in Road Safety' Awards in Croke Park on 11th December last.

Drivers' reaction to emergency service vehicles travelling under blue lights varies dramatically from driver to driver, with many unsure of how to react. Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services' created the 'Blue Light Awareness Video' to educate the public on what they should do when they meet an emergency service vehicle driving under lights and sirens on our roads. The video gives clear simple instructions to drivers and to date it has achieved over 27,000 views on the Tipperary platforms with multiples more across other platforms and sites.

A total of 17 awards were presented by the RSA to individuals and organisations in recognition of their commitment and dedication to road safety at the ceremony.

Master of Ceremonies at the event was RTÉ's 'How's your Driving?', 'Now You See Me?' and Ireland AM presenter Simon Delaney.



Photo (L-R): Asst. Chief Fire Officer, Carol Kennedy, Ms Liz O' Donnell, Chairperson RSA, Firefighter Steven O' Donnell

CIVIL DEFENCE



Civil Defence members undertaking Swift Water training

<p>Training</p>	<p>Weekly training classes continue in various locations through the County. Classes are running in Thurles, Nenagh, Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Kilcash, Ballyporeen, Bansha and Ballingarry. A strong emphasis in the last quarter has been placed on Manual Handling and Cardiac First Responder training for members. Many of our members have also completed Food Safety training, Driver Assessment training, Water and Flood awareness training, and Swift Water training.</p>
<p>Call-outs & Community events</p>	<p>First aid and ambulance support were provided at many community events, including local authority supported events including the operation transformation walks. These events were supported in 5 different locations. Many other sporting events have also been supported in recent weeks. Civil Defence also provide First Aid and Ambulance cover the Staff Kids Christmas party. Christmas was a very busy time with the provision of transport for various senior citizen parties. Civil Defence has had two call-outs for missing persons in the last few weeks. One in the Birdhill area in December and recently in Cahir area.</p>
<p>Staffing</p>	<p>Mr. Matt Peters continues as Acting Assistant Civil Defence Officer with responsibility for Health & Safety Co-ordination and related document control until early 2020.</p>



Projects	
Training Centre Thurles (old fire Station)	Phase one refurbishment works are completed and Phase 2 has commenced.
Vehicles & Equipment	A submission was made to the Department of Defence for a new 4x4 vehicle. A submission has also been made to replace the current K9 van with a more modern off road capacity vehicle.
Training Centers	Maintenance work continues on the centres in both Clonmel & Nenagh. Health & Safety Inspections have been carried out by the Director of Services, the Safety Co-coordinator, and the Safety Representative. Civil Defence has achieved stage 1 in the OSHAS audit and is now preparing for the stage 2 audit in February.

Library Service



- A Christmas Pyjama party and story time with Sarah Tully was held in Cashel Library on 19th December.
- A creative writing workshop with Library staff member, Maura Barrett commenced in Cashel Library in January.
- Michael F Kennedy read from his book *990: A True Story* in Cashel Library on 21st January. Michael F Kennedy is a man with an extraordinary story, one that saw him go from enduring his young life in an industrial school from the age of 2 to the theatres and opera houses of Europe.



- An art exhibition by the artist Mary Keane, was hosted in Nenagh Library in December.

- A Christmas Pyjama party and story time was held in Nenagh Library on 3rd December.



- The initiative Family Time at your Library ran in Nenagh Library throughout December. The Family Time at your Library initiative is part of the national Right to Read programme and is supported by Libraries Ireland. These events aim to support a family-focused approach to reading with children, to increase awareness of the benefits of reading and promote reading as a fun, recreational activity for children.
- The historian Joseph Lennon delivered the December Tipperary People and Place lecture in the Source Library, Thurles on 7th December. This lecture presented Joseph Lennon's extensive research on Limerick's castles and owners from 1199-1703 and included the Butler Lordship in Tipperary.
- Dr. Des Marnane delivered the January Tipperary People and Place lecture in the Source Library, Thurles on 21st January. Dr Marnane with the help of Cathal O'Donoghue looked at 1919 through a selection of contemporary documents. Des Marnane's most

recent publications are *The 3rd Brigade: a history of the Volunteers/IRA in South Tipperary* and *County Tipperary 1917-1921 – a history in 80 documents*.



- The Source Library, Thurles hosted a Christmas Coffee Morning with the choir of Ballytarsna NS and Scoil Aonghusa's Lámh Choir. Over 67 children attended and 50 adults attended the event.
- The Source Library hosted *Make a Christmas Centrepiece*, an adult flower arranging event on 11th December.
- An art exhibition of paintings by Anne Brennan was hosted by Clonmel Library in December.
- Clonmel Library and Tipperary Museum of Hidden History jointly ran a family Christmas workshop in the Library on 7th December.
- A painting exhibition entitled *"In Exile"* by John McNamara was

hosted by the Source Library, Thurles during the month of January.



- The author Anne Griffin visited Clonmel Library and spoke at the annual book club Christmas party on 4th December. Anne recently won the title of 'Newcomer of the Year' in the Irish Book Awards 2019 following the success of her debut novel *'When All is Said'*.



- An exhibition of book-folding by Regina King was hosted in Templemore Library in December.

- An exhibition of watercolour paintings by local artist Noel Morrissey, was hosted in Templemore Library in December.



- A Christmas party for library clubs and groups was held in Carrick-on-Suir Library on 4th December.



- Peggy Cassidy, on the right, has since passed away. She was in her 93rd year and a long time member of the knitting group in Carrick-on-Suir Library. She really enjoyed her night out at the club party and remarked that the food and company were lovely.



- As part of the Family Time at Your Library initiative, a family day of Storytime, Film and Arts & Crafts Session (making Christmas cards) was held in Carrick-on-Suir Library on 11th December.
- An art exhibition by the Roscrea Art Group was hosted in Roscrea Library in December.
- Artddiction: An exhibition of Art Work using Guinness by the artist Mike Gale was hosted in Roscrea Library in January.
- A class of Leaving Certificate applied students from Cappawhite Youthreach visited Tipperary Town Library on 12th December.



- A coffee morning with Christmas Carol's was held in Tipperary Town Library on 17th December.
- A coffee morning with Christmas Carol's was held in Killenaule Library on 18th December.

Arts Service



switch- Contemporary Video Art Exhibition- Nenagh, November 2019.

- Now in its 11th year, the **switch contemporary art exhibition** is an artist-led project which places contemporary video art in the public streetscape. Switch 2019 took place from 3rd -10th November last. Since 2008 the switch art project has shown 89 video works on the streets of Nenagh from Irish and International artists.



Tipperary Artists with The Primary Imprint Exhibition at Carrick on Suir

Library. L-R: Katy Goodhue, Suzannah O'Reilly, Aoife Barret, Margueritte Kent.

- Primary Imprint** is a pilot arts in education initiative which is taking place in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District in January and February 2020 as an introductory arts in education programme. The Print for Schools Exhibition from Tipperary Arts Office's collection is on display in Carrick-on-Suir Library until the middle of February 2020 as part of the project. The exhibition consists of 26 contemporary prints by well known Irish print artists. To coincide with the exhibition Tipperary printmakers Aoife Barrett, Margueritte Kent and Suzannah O'Reilly are working with pupils and their teachers from nine local primary schools. Each class will visit the exhibition with one of the three printmakers which will be followed up with a school visit from the artist printmaker where the pupils in each participating class will partake in a print making workshop learning the techniques associated with printmaking. 577 students are currently participating in the project.
- Artist support schemes** support artist's professional development across the artforms and encourage artists and creative practitioners to live and work in Tipperary which is central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. A range of support schemes provided direct grant support to 23 artists in 2019 in Visual Arts, Film, Literature and Music. In addition 3 young music bursaries were awarded in 2019. Professional development events, in addition to supporting artists development, also provide important networking opportunities for artists in Tipperary. This was an



area of arts office support identified by artists as of value in recent arts strategy consultations.

- A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county were advertised in January for 2020 as follows:
- **Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme** – intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts in the county.
- **Tipperary Artists Awards** – intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences.
- **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme** - two bursary awards to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists.
- **Local Drama Scheme** - Up to two development awards annually to assist groups in developing skills within the group/enhancing production values/availing of further training/availing of professional input or for other development needs/special projects.
- **Young Music Bursary** -designed to assist young musicians (between ages 9 and 20) in the Tipperary administrative area to fulfil their music potential.
- **Blas International Summer school bursary**- two bursaries to attend the 2020 summer school at the University of Limerick. The value of the bursary covers 1 week's tuition (includes lectures,

workshops, assessment and attendance at all concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists. Applicants to this scheme must be 16+ yrs.

- The closing date for all grant schemes is 26th February 2020.
- The Arts Office co-ordinates the **Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme** on behalf of Tipperary County Council which supports events throughout the county. The closing date for 2020 was 11th December last and over 100 applications were received. The assessments and approvals processes are currently underway across the county.
- The aim of the **Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme** is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be planned between the artist and the school. Projects across a range of artistic disciplines ranging from theatre to visual arts and music to storytelling took place in Tipperary schools during 2019 engaging 1028 pupils in a creative arts programme. The 2020 scheme has recently been assessed by an independent selection panel and 10 artists residences have been approved for 2020.

Heritage Service



- Las Muchas' a dance project with older women facilitated by Tipperary Dance Residency and received funding through our Creative Ireland programme was shortlisted for a National Age Friendly Award in Croke Park in November.



- Tipperary County Council was awarded an 'Excellence in Local Government Award' in the Commemorations and Centenary Category from Chambers Ireland in a ceremony in Dublin in November for its work with the community in Soloheadbeg on the commemoration of the Soloheadbeg Ambush in January last year. We were delighted to be joined on the night by Mr Oliver Coffey, Chairman of Solohead Parish Centenary Committee.

- The Heritage Officer was invited to address the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht with the Commemorations Unit and Members of the Expert Advisory Committee on Commemoration on the subject of the Commemorations programme 2020-2023 on 11th December. A presentation was made on the success of community led commemoration at Solohead cross and how it could be used as an example of best practice in events going forward.
- Applications were submitted to the Heritage Council for funding under County Heritage Plan for 2020.
- Grant schemes for the public : Creative Ireland Community Grant Scheme, Creative Ireland Open Call and Decade of Centenaries Community Grant Scheme are all open until mid February for applications.

Museum Service



- The Museum has embarked on a tourism campaign to promote and encourage visitors to Tipperary Museum of Hidden History. A new brochure will be launched in February 2020.



- A special night was held on 19th December for those in our community who champion the museum. A great evening was had

highlighting what the museum achieves and paying tribute to those who donate and loan artefacts to strengthen the museum's collection and services. Cllr Michael Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council launched the event.



- The Museum is currently hosting an Art Exhibition by Clonmel born artist, John Keating. This run has been extended due to demand and will run until 22nd Feb 2020.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st December 2019

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	37,557,525	31,738,006	118%	(5,819,519)	37,715,903	32,353,560	117%	(5,362,343)	158,377
B	Road Transport & Safety	51,217,376	49,771,833	103%	(1,445,543)	34,799,573	33,312,949	104%	(1,486,624)	(16,417,803)
C	Water Services	14,033,416	14,286,961	98%	253,545	13,477,074	13,870,914	97%	393,840	(556,342)
D	Development Management	12,770,922	11,920,651	107%	(850,271)	5,210,340	4,105,739	127%	(1,104,601)	(7,560,582)
E	Environmental Services	27,379,883	26,119,360	105%	(1,260,523)	10,605,803	9,900,467	107%	(705,336)	(16,774,080)
F	Recreation & Amenity	13,071,046	12,954,180	101%	(116,866)	2,774,429	2,805,810	99%	31,381	(10,296,617)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,504,648	1,389,634	108%	(115,014)	1,056,004	835,759	126%	(220,245)	(448,644)
H	Miscellaneous Services	13,971,285	13,610,767	103%	(360,518)	7,849,836	6,904,593	114%	(945,243)	(6,121,449)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	25,951,602	25,951,602	100%	0	25,951,602
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	32,076,385	31,749,999	101%	(326,386)	32,076,385
	Totals	171,506,101	161,791,392	106%	(9,714,709)	171,516,949	161,791,392	106%	(9,725,557)	10,848



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st December 2019

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	27,477,423	26,731,309
B Road Transport & Safety	13,680,230	14,350,754
C Water Services	4,355,078	5,293,145
D Development Management	5,568,848	5,564,621
E Environmental Services	4,004,067	2,374,270
F Recreation & Amenity	2,165,831	2,098,301
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-	-
H Miscellaneous Services	2,297,499	2,646,779
Total	59,548,976	59,059,179

Collection Rates are to the end of November as final year-end figures are not yet available

Collection Rates	YTD 201911	YTD 201811	YTD 201812
Rates	68%	65%	82%*
Rents	97%	92%	93%
Housing Loans	89%	86%	85%

* Year-end collection rate is as per AFS, and takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of November figures



UPDATE ON RATES REVALUATION PROGRAMME

- The final Annual Rate on Valuation (ARV) for 2020 has been determined at 0.1919, a reduction of 8.62% on the indicative ARV of 0.21.
- 2020 Rate Demands are expected to issue in March. The Demands will be based on the Valuations determined by the Revaluation Programme.
- Where a property has been appealed to the Valuation Tribunal, a Rate Demand will issue based on the Valuation Certificate issued in September 2019, and rates will be payable in full on that figure. If the Valuation is reduced, or increased, following the determination of the Appeal, the revised valuation will be applicable from 01/01/2020, and rates recalculated accordingly. Any overpayments made will be refunded.
- Any ratepayer, who is dissatisfied with the Valuation of his/her property, and who has not already made an Appeal, may apply to the Valuation Office for a Revision of Valuation. Fees may apply and the Revised Valuation will only apply after the determination of the Revision and will not be back-dated.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

Details of the 2019 Early Payment Scheme issued to all relevant ratepayers with their rate demand in early March 2019. 961 (20%) customers availed of the scheme, with €123,700 saved by ratepayers. The Scheme will be reviewed for 2020, and details issued to customers with their Rate Demands.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Web Site

Our web site www.tipperarycoco.ie received over 1.1 million page views in 2019. It received approx 30,000 page views on Local Elections results day on Sun 26th May.



Business Systems

Facilitated the IT requirements for the General Elections re Electoral Register software and polling cards.



Technical Support

Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members, for business, web, geographical, desktop and network systems

