

October 2020

# Management Report to Council








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## October dates for your Diary

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 14:00 Irish Water WW/Shop – Carrick-on-Suir
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 14:00 Irish Water WW/Shop – Tipp-Cahir-Cashel MD	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 10:00 CPG Meeting
<u>12</u> 10:30 TCC Pleanary Mtg	<u>13</u> 10:00 Rural Water Monitoring Committee Mtg – Thurles MD  10:00 LCDC Subgroup - Zoom	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Mtg	<u>16</u>
<u>19</u> 10:00 LCDC Mtg – Littleton  10:30 Thurles MD Mtg	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 16:30 Clonmel BD Mtg	<u>22</u> 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg	<u>23</u>
<u>26</u> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel MD Mtg	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

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## Community and Economic Development Directorate (LEO & TOURISM)

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues:</u>			
Policy Changes/Updates	Date Adopted	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Tipperary Transforming: Tourism Product Development Plan 2020-2030	Draft stage	Draft Published	To be agreed and final document published and mechanism agreed for project development

<u>Directorate Priorities</u>		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Business supports being prioritised	30 LEO projects, 645 business continuity grants, 237 trading on line vouchers, €513,640 in T&V Accelerator grants; Restart grants	Marketing towns, supporting tourism destinations and products,
Co-working spaces being development in all major towns	Funding received for Roscrea, Templemore, Tipperary, Carrick-on-Suir	Architects appointed and designs being developed. Seek funding for Nenagh and Phase II Questum Clonmel
Free wifi in 6 towns	Tipperary town launched	Remaining roll out in Q3 2020
NBI commenced survey work in the county	West Tipperary, Thurles and Roscrea underway	Remaining in early 2021

### LECP

Mid year review of the LECP Economic actions was held in July. All actions ongoing. Annual review date set for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Food Centre of Excellence

An application was made in February to the RRDF which was unsuccessful. The application had a short preparation window and while a number of stakeholders were involved, the marking fell short on a number of criteria. The plan for 2021 is to work on the shortcomings of the 2020 plan and have an application ready for resubmission under RRDF/REDF or other in 2021. Consultancy

advice will be deployed as a resource to assist this revision and reapplication.

### County Marketing Campaign

4 of the 6 video promotions from testimonial companies have been completed by Teneo in collaboration with the IDA (funded by TCC). A project team,

The project is led by Elaine Cullinan, Economic Development Officer, and is being established to facilitate and promote Tipperary as an investment location during 2021 and beyond using LinkedIn for business as a vehicle.

## Tipperary Property Portal

Operational and maintained during 2020

### M1 LEO Grants

To July 2020, the local Enterprise Office has committed €647,934 in grant assistance to 30 projects. This committed figure is distributed between the 4 types of grant-assistance as follows;

Priming Grants (6- €435,000); Business Expansion Grants (5-€126,650) Feasibility Grants (4-€59,950) and Technical assistance grants (15- €26,334)

LEO Tipperary also approved an Agile R & D grant of €40,811 towards a food innovation project.

The grants approved will leverage a capital investment of over 2.5 million in Tipperary. The Priming, Business Expansion and Agile grants approved to date have the potential to

### Entrepreneurial and Capability development

Due to Covid 19, all Spring **Train to Gain** training programmes, mentoring and business advice went on line from March 2020. More than 20 training programmes, ranging from Social Media / IT and Financial Management to Start Your Own Business and Customs Procedures took place on line with 543 participants receiving training and 106 businesses receiving mentoring.



### BREXIT– Supports:

For Autumn Training, emphasis will be put on BREXIT supports such as on line customs training, individual mentoring and consultancy interventions. Brexit mentor panel in place and approaching industry on a sectoral and speciality service basis (Finance, IT, Customs training etc.)

### Business Continuity Voucher

The new business continuity voucher gave companies access to contingency planning advice that helped them continue trading through covid 19 crisis and be ready for the recovery/ reopening phase. The voucher was worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs and was used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. The goal was to help business owners make informed decisions about what immediate measures and remedial actions should be taken, to protect staff and sales. The voucher also assisted enterprises to prepare a business case for application to emergency financial interventions that are available through the Banks, the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland or through Microfinance Ireland". Tipperary LEO received 645 applications with an approval value of over 1.5 million.

### Student Enterprise Programme

Students from The Christian Brothers Secondary School in Thurles were awarded top honours by winning the Senior category award at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals in Croke Park in May. The Handy Hose by student entrepreneurs Jack O'Mara and Daniel Ruddy (J&D Engineering) from CBS Thurles, developed a magnetic

holder that fits to the hose allowing it to attach easily to the any metal surface within the milking parlour. The product has also received the backing of Farmer of the Year 2019, David Russell, who has use the product in his milking parlours along with local farmers including Chairperson of the Centenary Cooperative, Jim Russell. J&D Engineering makes the attachment themselves and had sold over 200, before the Covid-19 pandemic and are now continuing to sell the product online. The students were awarded €2,000 prize money along with an additional €1,000 for their school.



### Trading on Line Voucher

The LEO is actively promoting the ICT Trading on Line Voucher Scheme throughout Tipperary. To date 237 businesses availed of vouchers to the value of €551,098.

### Retail Supports Update

#### Update on the following areas of Retail:

- Retail commercial Incentive Scheme
- Retail Town Centre Scheme
- Town and Village Accelerated Funds 2020

### Retail Commercial Incentive Scheme

Full Review of the Commercial Incentive Scheme is underway and a new Scheme is expected to be completed in early 2021.

### Retail Town Centre Scheme

1. Painting and Enhancement Scheme was undertaken in 2020 in all MD's
2. Christmas Retail Programme 2020 will be launched in October 2020 offering funding for activity to promote retail sales
3. Shop Local Tipperary Campaign is gaining traction. Recent collaboration with LEO to highlight need to keep business local when possible.

### Town and Village Accelerated Funds 2020

Funding was awarded to Clonmel, Thurles, Tipperary and Carrick-on-Suir MD's for Town Centre Initiatives to support the Retail Sector. This will include a range of projects including website development, marketing, training and research.

Table 1 List of Accelerated Funds 2020	
Tranche 1 Ballyporeen	€44,000
Tranche 1 Carrick On Suir	€28,500
Tranche 1 Thurles	€27,800
Tranche 1 Tipperary	€27,500
Tranche 2 Fethard	€25,000
Tranche 2 BCP's	€50,000
Tranche 2 Littleton	€28,740
Tranche 2 Nenagh	€40,000
Tranche 2 Terryglass	€27,500
Tranche 3 Ballingarry	€27,800
Tranche 3 Borrisokane	€40,000
Tranche 3 Knockavilla	€28,000
Tranche 3 Inch Field	€44,500
Tranche 3 Roscrea	€29,856
Tranche 3 Clonmel	€44,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>€513,640</b>

### Dorman Accounts funding for leisure and sport projects

€207,000 of dormant accounts funding has been provided by Sports Ireland to the



Tipperary Sports Partnership for 5 projects including a new sports hub in Tipperary town, and virtual reality innovation project on the Suir.

### Digital Strategy Update

#### Update on the following areas of the Digital Strategy:

- Broadband Connection Points
- Enterprise Centres, Digital Hubs, Shared work spaces
- Increase the availability of online services to businesses, organisations and citizens

#### Broadband Connection Point (s)

A total of ten (10) Broadband Connection Point (s) will be “Live” in County Tipperary before the end of 2020, which means that these locations will be connected to high-speed broadband (HSB) before the rollout reaches the surrounding area and named as follows;

1. AGLISH Community Hall, AGLISH, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, E53E132
2. CURREENEY Community Hall, CURREENEY, Kilcommon, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41XC62
3. DROM Community Hall, DROM, Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41X285
4. KILLEA GAA Club, KILLEA Community Centre, Killea, Templemore, Co. Tipperary, E41t6y0
5. KILLEEN National School, Killeen, Riverstown, Birr, Co. Tipperary, R42AK00\*
6. KILLOSULLY Community Centre, KILLOSULLY, Newport, Co. Tipperary, V94FK20
7. KILLURNEY Community Centre, KILLURNEY, Ballypatrick, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91H7W4

8. MOYGLASS Community Hall, Moyglass, Fethard, Co. Tipperary, E91WK25
9. POULACAPPLE National School, Poulacapple, Callan, Co. Tipperary, R95V324\*
10. ROSSMORE Community Hall, Rossmore, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, E25D429

\*Note: HSB to BCP for Primary School use only.

The Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) are publicly accessible buildings, such as community centres and sports clubs. The owners and managers of these sites have volunteered their premises for community broadband use.

It is envisaged that BCPs will give local people opportunities to avail of a number of online public services, such as processing CAP forms and applying for passports, but also to work remotely, to study, to keep in touch with family and friends and to trade online. To date, the NBI has completed radio link installations to four (4) Broadband Connect Point (s) in the County with a number of further installations planned for August, 2020. The necessary electrical works / cabinet and tree care plans to facilitate for a radio link installation to each BCP has already been completed by Tipperary County Council.

On Friday, 26 June 2020 the DRCD announced that Vodafone Ireland has been awarded the contract to provide retail broadband services to the nationwide network of Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) and these services will be “Live” in County Tipperary before the end of 2020.

The purchase of equipment to include computer X 2, printer, projector and screen under the LEADER programme is underway.

An number of BCPs have been included in an application for funding under the Town &



Village Accelerated Projects for the upgrade of the hall to improve conditions so it can accommodate people in a digital hub environment.

Once the BCP's are connected work will commence to deliver programmes and other opportunities in partnership with STDC/NTDC/ETB and others.

**Potential additional Broadband Connection Point (s)**

At the recent request of the Department of Rural and Community Development – the Council identified an additional 10 (ten) potential Broadband Connect Point (s) and these have since been provisionally Approved\* by the DRCD.

These additional BCPs will be connected in the early part of next year.

**Enterprise Centres, Digital Hubs, Shared work spaces**

Ongoing development across the county to create or support availability of Enterprise Centres, Digital Hubs and shared work spaces. There are 9 existing projects as laid out below:

To wn	Project Description	Project Update
Cahir	To renovate existing library, courthouse and former council offices into Business centre	Funding for design and planning secured. Designs nearly completed and Going to Part 8 in Sept 2020
Carrick	Repurpose floor 3 of Carrick MD offices for shared work space	Funding secured, lease to be signed with COSTEDC, and fit out to commence in Q3 2020.

Carrick Phase II	Phase II grow to 50 Seats in new location in Carrick	Seeking Funding for Feasibility Study for phase II through Town and Villages Funds 2020
Clonmel	Phase 2 of Questum, Ballingarrane, Clonmel	Consultants to be procured to prepare Feasibility Report and Planning stage in Q3 2020 –Q1 2021 – funding not yet secured
Nenagh	Enterprise centre	Future Analytics and O Leary architects appointed to prepare feasibility report and building design. Funding to construct not yet received
Roscrea	REACH: Conversion of 11,450 sq ft former Tesco site to Business hub	€2.6 RRDF funding secured, Quinn architects appointed by NTLC and lease agreed with Tiernan properties
Templemore	Repurposing of former town hall to cultural enterprise centre	RRDF bid for €2.6m upgrade of building for cultural and enterprise centre. Architects being appointed.
Tipperary	Repurposing of the Tipperary Technology Park to Tipperary Innovation Engine for co-work spaces	€627,000 REDF funding secured to repurpose building. Reassignment of Lease to be signed 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Tender for Architects close date of 18/9/20.
Cloughjordan	Training space, Fab Lab, Workshop and manufacturing unit. Co-working space	Existing facility, located as part of Cloughjordan Eco village



### Increase the availability of online services to businesses, organisations and citizens

- Continued to enhance and make more services available on our web site – The web site [www.tipperarycoco.ie](http://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 2019.
- Developed a new grants portal and made available on our web site which brings together details on all the grants administered by Tipperary County Council. Click on [www.tipperarycoco.ie/grants](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/grants)
- Commenced piloting a new National EPlanning system, which will facilitate the submission of planning applications online.
- Developed a pilot virtual tour of the Greenway on the River Suir. Combining a map of access points with 360 degree images along the route, visitors get an opportunity to experience the river and its features before visiting. See [www.tipperary.com/suirblueway](http://www.tipperary.com/suirblueway).
- Developed and published an online Property Portal of all Commercial properties available in Tipperary. This was a joined up dataset of all available commercial property and land combined with Local Authority advertised portfolio. Searchable by listing or by map. <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/content/property>
- Developed and published a Pre-Planning Requests Online. This request form allows the public to upload information and location data to the website for pre planning application meetings. On submission of these forms the information is sent to the relevant departments for processing and scheduling at meetings with the public. <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/eform/submit/pre-planning-request-form>

- Created a New Hidden history website, which involved the creation and launch of Tipperary museum website to showcase the new exhibition space and redevelopment of Tipperary County Museum. <http://www.hiddenhistory.ie>
- The Tipperary tourism website was redesigned and launched in 2019. <http://www.tipperary.com>
- Facilitated our Councillors with I-Pads and email. All Council meeting documentation and reports are circulated electronically.
- Established dedicated Covid19 hub <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/covid19>
- Developed an Online business service database to advertise Covid-related delivery services across the county; <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/covid19companysearchmap>
- Facilitated second phase of Covid-19 government campaign- #inthistogethertipp resources for Tipperary area of hub and [tipperarycoco.ie](http://tipperarycoco.ie)
- Relaunched Clonmel.ie to promote businesses emerging after Covid restrictions

### Craft Sector

Computer Training was identified for the Craft Sector through the Regional Skills Mid West Explore Programme. Once the training is completed the development of a Virtual Craft Network will commence.

### Casual Trading ByLaws

A full review was carried out on all Casual Trading ByLaws in County Tipperary. All MD's contributed to the review in order to prepare a draft paper for consultation with the Public. These will be put to the public over the coming months by each MD.



### Business Development update

County wide assessment of available land banks and progress assessment of public (TCC and other public bodies such as EI and the IDA) underway in Q3, 2020.

Ballingarrane own water supply project due for completion at the end of October. Architectural features to entrance due for completion by the end of 2020. Concept models for an Advance Technology Building project and / or Qestum phase 2 under development.

### Broadband Services

#### **National Broadband Plan Intervention Area (IA)**

National Broadband Ireland (NBI) was recently awarded the Contract to deploy high speed broadband (HSB) in the National Broadband Plan - Intervention Area over the next 5-7 years.

NBI are a Wholesale Open Access Company only dedicated to the rollout of a Fibre to the premises - which will deliver high speed broadband, initially providing services at 500Mbps to the majority of our rural homes and businesses.

National Broadband Ireland (NBI) has commenced their Road Surveys & associated Network design Plans in the following locations in the County:-

1. Tipperary - Cahir - Cashel Municipal District covering 6,000 premises
2. Clonmel Borough District
3. Thurles MD – Roscrea and Urlingford area(s)
4. Carrick-on-Suir MD

and locations Surveyed this Year will be deployed with HSB Next Year.

Every individual premises in the NBP- Intervention Area will be surveyed to ensure that a detailed delivery plan is prepared. This will involve the analysis of the fibre route, design of required infrastructure and also a detailed assessment of the delivery Method to connect each individual premises.

This process takes time and they are very conscious of the Urgent Need for high-speed broadband services to be delivered within the NBP Intervention Area ASAP.

#### **NBP Build – Core Network Areas**

There are 20 NBP Deployment Area (s) planned throughout the County and these will connect to 3 Core Network Areas (with each serving approximately 15,000 premises) and are located in the towns of Roscrea, Tipperary and Clonmel. Service Providers will get access to the new NBI Network at these locations.

National Broadband Plan IA Investment in County Tipperary is €118 million and it plans to connect approximately 30, 000 Premises to HSB.

#### **Commercial Broadband Development – Fixed HSB in URBAN areas**

SIRO - who are building Ireland's first 100% FTTH Network, are offering 1000 Mbps (1 Gigabit) services, and they continue to deploy high speed broadband in the towns of :-  
Nenagh (3,700 premises),  
Clonmel (8,693 premises) and  
Roscrea (2,800 premises).



Further investment by SIRO is planned to be announced later this year.

EIR - In June 2019 eir commenced the build of their New IFN - FTTH Investment to upgrade their legacy copper Network in towns across the County. The towns of Nenagh and Cahir have since been completed - with works commenced in the towns of Ballina, Roscrea, Templemore and Tipperary Town.

Name of Town	Date of Commencement	Date of Completion
Ballina	2020	2020
Cahir	2019	2019
Carrick-on-Suir	TBC	
Cashel	TBC	
Clonmel	done	
Nenagh	2019	2019
Roscrea	2020	
Templemore	2020	
Thurles	October 2020 - to Liberty Square area only	2021
Tipperary	September 2020	2020

The footprint of the eir IFN Project - will cover all Urban areas in the County with greater than 1,000 Urban premises (10 towns in the County)

Whereas, eNet had commenced the deployment of an open access fibre broadband Network in the town of Templemore. This project was recently suspended (project lambay suspension) given the Covid-19 restrictions.

### Commercial Broadband Development – Fixed HSB in RURAL areas

Open Eir has completed the deployment of its high speed broadband to 16,000 rural premises in County Tipperary under its T300 RFTTH Project per Commitment Agreement in 2017 with the DCCAE and new customer connections to this Network are currently progressing.

### Commercial Broadband Development – Mobile Phone and Mobile Broadband Wireless Services

The Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) including Vodafone, Three, Eir and Imagine continue to build and upgrade networks in County Tipperary and this has led to improvements in enhanced call and text services, 4G, 4G (plus) and 3G services. (Future technologies/ 5G have not yet being deployed in the County)

The 2019-20 Radio Plan of Three Ireland seeks to improve the quality of broadband and mobile voice services in a number of locations across County Tipperary.

Vodafone Ireland has identified over 30 locations in the County that require network improvements and plans are at an advanced stage to progress these.

Cellnex Telecom - who are a shared telecommunications Infrastructure provider are now actively progressing circa 15 locations for new telecommunication infrastructure (Cells) in County Tipperary. In the Portroe area / North Tipperary alone they are looking at solutions for the Terryglass, Carrigahorig, the N65 Portumna road, Puckane, Dromineer, Nenagh North and Silvermines as



Phase 1 of their plan. They expect to have Phase 1 progressed in 2020 with Phase 2 beginning in early 2021.

### **Commercial Broadband Development – 4G+ Fixed Wireless LTE Broadband Network**

Imagine Broadband - has been building an Fixed Wireless LTE Broadband Network in the County - since 2017

They have a total of 43,500 premises in the County which are now covered for broadband connectivity, which includes for 18,200 premises within the rural areas of the County.

In May, 2020 a new section of Imagine's Network was completed in the Nenagh Md covering 2,600 premises, this includes for 1,100 premises in the NBP IA.

In July, 2020 a new section of Imagine's Network was completed in the Borrisoleigh area covering 2,300 premises, this includes for 1,000 premises in the NBP IA area having little to no broadband speed.

Also, in July, 2020 a new section of Imagine's Network was completed in the town of Carrick-On-Suir and Environs covering 3,800 premises, this includes for over 2,000 premises in the NBP IA.

### **Local Authority build of Underground Shared Telecommunications Infrastructure**

The Telecommunications Industry (including SIRO, Eir, eNet, Virgin Media and NBI) has agreed to participate in the build of pilot Shared underground Telecommunications Infrastructure with Tipperary County Council

in order to develop for Future technologies and Smart Place telecommunications Infrastructure as part of the Liberty Square Refurbishment Project, Thurles.

This plans to;

- a) develop and build a generic under-ground passive solution to Shared underground Telecommunications Infrastructure with Industry – The principle of active infrastructure sharing (will be subject to a code of practice) will also be developed.
- b) develop a future solution (infrastructure that is scalable, a long term investment that's fit for purpose)

### **Department of Rural and Community Development supported Research Project on Future Technologies**

Tipperary County Council and Galway County Council as funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development has commenced a National Research Project in order to complete the design of a generic solution for Shared telecommunications Infrastructure to a standard that can be used to educate and assist all stakeholders, in evaluating the advantages and future opportunities, in the development of the legal concept of Shared underground Electronic Communications Infrastructure and associated Physical Infrastructure.



### WiFi4EU Initiative

Tipperary County Council concluded the selection process, for the provision of supplies for the design, supply and installation of a fully supported Wi-Fi network across 60 public access points, at designated locations (the towns of Nenagh, Roscrea, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir) in County Tipperary, under the European Commission WiFi4EU Programme.

The next stage of the process is for Magnet Networks to plan the phased delivery with local businesses (subject to covid-19 restrictions) and thereafter complete the Network deployment in County Tipperary.

Current Project Status –

Tipperary town	14 Wifi Public access points and are 'Live' and this Network was launched on the 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
Thurles	6 Wifi Public access points to be installed
Carrick-on-Suir	6 Wifi Public access points to be installed
Clonmel	7 Wifi Public access points to be installed
Nenagh	15 Wifi Public access points to be installed
Roscrea	15 Wifi Public access points to be installed

## TOURISM

### Tipperary Destination Recovery Taskforce

A Tipperary Destination Recovery Taskforce has been established to co-ordinate recovery at a destination level. The role of the taskforce is to agree actions with and between the stakeholders, identify and capitalise on opportunities as they arise over the next 12-18 months and to align destination marketing efforts with Irelands Ancient East and Irelands Hidden Heartlands and the Discover Ireland Marketing Campaign.

This new stakeholder group is led by Tipperary Tourism in co-operation with Failte Ireland and supported by Tipperary County Council. Stakeholders from across the industry and across the county are represented, working together to specifically address issues arising from Covid-19. The taskforce is a separate entity to the Board of Tipperary Tourism, which itself will continue to meet quarterly and continue with its own programme of work.

The taskforces primary functions are:

- To provide leadership on the recovery journey.
- To be responsive to industry needs as they arise.
- To determine the capacity in the destination now and the capacity into 2021.
- To make sure businesses are aware of re-opening guidelines and how they are changing.
- To make sure businesses and communities are aware of what supports are available and how to access them.
- To build confidence.
- To feed back into the national recovery task force
- To be dynamic and responsive to changes.



Actions to date include promotion of the Covid 19 Safety Charter, the Spend and Save Initiative and the development of a Taskforce Action Plan.

### **Re-Imagining Tourism in Tipperary**

Over fifty tourism providers from around the county have registered and attended the Re-Imagining Tourism in Tipperary Course to date. Initially established as an 8 week course, meeting twice per week, the delivery of the course has pivoted with the changing requirements of the industry over the last three months. It moved to weekly sessions and paused for August during the busy season. Since recommencing in September the course has focused on the Covid 19 Safety Charter, the Spend and Save initiative and grants and funding supports. The course will move to monthly sessions from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive and the impact on Tipperary Tourism's marketing campaigns in terms of extended reach and cross selling has been significant. The industry has come together very positively during this extremely challenging time and we will continue to support the industry to meet in this forum during the shoulder months.

### **Tipperary Transforming, Draft Tourism Product Development Plan 2020-2030.**

The draft plan is complete and will be brought to the board of Tipperary Tourism for adoption and presented to Tipperary County Council in October. A number of positive meetings have taken place in support of the plan including a meeting with Horse Racing Ireland and Coolmore Stud regarding the development of the Equine Concept and a meeting with Limerick Institute of Technology regarding support for the

development of the Sustainable and Responsible Tourism Plan and the Bushcraft Survival and Activity Concept.

### **Fáilte Ireland Historic Towns Heritage Trail Upgrades Fethard & Cashel**

The upgrade of the Historic Town Trail Signage in Fethard and Cashel will commence at the end of September. Fáilte Ireland will work with the local community and Tipperary County Council to upgrade and rebrand the signage to align with the Ireland's Ancient East proposition and The Butler Trail.

### **Just Transition Funding Application for Littleton Labyrinth.**

Tipperary County Council and Bórd na Mona submitted a funding application to the Just Transition Fund to develop the first phase of Littleton Labyrinth, essentially this project encompasses a peatway from Horse and Jockey to Glengoole encircling Lough Daoire Bhile. Also included in this application is a feasibility and business plan to develop the concept of a *Bushcraft Survival and Activity Centre*. We await the outcome of this application.

### **ORIS Applications Prepared and Submitted**

The following Measure 1 Applications have been prepared by Tourism Section and submitted under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020. Each application is requesting funding of approx €25,000.

- Tipperary Hiking -creation of a digital interactive Tipperary Outdoor Recreational Activities map on the [www.tipperary.com](http://www.tipperary.com) platform.
- Lough Derg Interactive Map.
- Munster Vales Interactive Map.



- Munster Vales Slow Adventure Campaign.

### **Cashel Destination Town**

The Cashel Destination Town Interim Report was completed in August 2019; the final report is expected from Fáilte Ireland shortly. A major outcome of the report is a collaboration between Fáilte Ireland, the OPW and Tipperary County Council who are currently working together to select a suitable site for the development of a new visitor reception / hub for the Rock of Cashel and visitors to Cashel generally. This is a major development that will have many positive effects on the development of Cashel and Tipperary as a visitor destination.

### **Fáilte Ireland Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme 2019**

Funding of €500,000 has been secured for Cashel to deliver actions from the Cashel Destination Town Plan. An official letter of offer has been received and accepted. Works to expend the funding will proceed in line with the identification of the site for the new visitor reception / hub.

### **St. Declans Way**

The St. Declans Way voluntary committee has advised that the new 120km way marked way from Cashel to Ardmore is in the final stages of development. Tipperary County Council is assisting the committee to install the signage along the route during October. Sport Ireland will then audit the trail and make a recommendation regarding its official opening as a long distance way. This is the fruition of long term project supported by Knockmealdown Active, Knockmealdown

Forum, Tipperary and Waterford County Councils and Munster Vales since 2015.

The Tourism Section supported the preparation of **Towns and Villages Renewal** applications for the 2020 scheme.

### **High Kings Loop Cashel:**

Recently named by Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD, this new route is being developed by the staff and elected councillors of the MD in close cooperation with residents and landowners. The route starts in Cashel and goes via Hoare Abbey to Ballinamona Road. When completed, it will provide another tourist and local amenity in the cashel area.

### **Tipperary Tourism**

#### **LEADER Application**

Work has commenced on an application to LEADER by Tipperary Tourism CLG for funding for marketing actions for 2021 to support the industry during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. This application will be completed and submitted in October.

#### **Marketing Actions**

##### **Print:**

- To make Tipperary Tourisms brochures available on line in a simple way for tourism providers and visitors alike a QR Codes poster is currently being developed for distribution countywide.
- A Code of Conduct flyer for Suir Blueway Tipperary was designed and printed. This will be circulated to all businesses operating along the Blueway.

- The very popular Take A Hike brochure was updated, and reprinted.
- The Suir Blueway Tipperary brochure was updated and reprinted and is due for circulation to the relevant businesses.
- There Discover Tipperary Map Brochure was updated.

#### PR:

- Thus far a PR Value of €411,993.60 has been achieved from 8 press releases with coverage in multiple national publications including; **Irish Times, Irish Independent, Sunday World, Irish Star and Woman's Way.**
- Press releases are getting solid traction locally with both radio and print media. Outlets have covered several stories including Suir Blueway Tipperary, Picnics, Photo exhibition and the COVID Safety Charter.
- Social Media Influencer Fiona Naughton (parenting blogger) completed a fam trip and promoted the Lough Derg region.

#### Filming coverage to come:

- The Elaine Show on TV3 filmed a feature on Blackcastle Farm in Two Mile Borris & Bridget Cleary's burial ground and story. This is to be aired before Halloween.
- Rachel Gaffney's "REAL IRELAND" VIDEO SERIES, filming took place at Crossogue Preserves, Crossogue Equestrian, Brookfield Farm and Lough Derg landscapes. Footage will be made available from the shoots to

Tipperary Tourism as well and coverage in the US market.

#### Website:

- New homepage completely redeveloped focusing on the message that *Tipperary is Open* with up to date information on the businesses that are open.
- 115k + visitors to [www.tipperary.com](http://www.tipperary.com) between June & September, peaking in August.
- A new section highlighting the "Spend & Save Initiative" offers is in development.

#### Social Media:

- Average growth in 3 months 10% across the 3 platforms.
- Engagement 3 times the industry standard across the platforms.

#### Covid Safety Charter:

Following an intensive campaign by Tipperary Tourism there are now 76 Tipperary Businesses signed up for the Covid 19 Safety Charter, a growth of 70% in 3 weeks. The message that Tipperary is a safe destination to visit is paramount.



#### Munster Vales

The development of a **strategic plan** for Munster Vales is almost complete; the plan is currently at draft stage and is currently being screened for AA / SEA.

**Public Relations:** Munster Vales hosted four familiarisation trips this year with Irish travel media, ran competitions with two national magazines, released a podcast with travel writer Fionn Davenport, presented to the US market at a Tourism Ireland webinar and showcased Munster Vales to the UK, France and Germany media at the 'Meet Travel Media' online event. This coverage combined resulted in a PR value of €300,000+.

**Training and Development:** Munster Vales delivered a suite of training to tourism businesses in 2020 focusing on Covid 19 Support, Social Media strategies on Instagram and Twitter and how to maximise Public Relations opportunities. Munster Vales offered mentoring and advice and relayed important information from the Local Enterprise Office and Fáilte Ireland with regard to Covid 19 guidelines.

**Marketing:** Munster Vales reported an increase in followership and website traffic in 2020 due to consistent and innovative campaigns. A new digital marketing plan will be implemented in Q4 2020.

**Photography:** A talented photographer has been commissioned to capture new content for the brand to complement social media output.

**Funding:** Currently applying to Leader for funding for 2021 for Covid Support and marketing for rural tourism businesses and communities



### Lough Derg

- A **Destination Recovery Taskforce** was established for Lough Derg in July in collaboration with Irelands Hidden Heartlands to support and assist the industry through the pandemic. The taskforce has focused its efforts on supporting the industry to market the destination leveraging significant media coverage during the summer months. The taskforce will continue to support the industry going forward.
- **Lough Derg Visitor Experience Development Plan** The Lough Derg VEDP & Screening documents went on public display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September and will remain on display until the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. It is envisaged this plan will be adopted in November 2020.
- **Training:** Organised, administered and promoted a course for local business to aid in the reopening of food-related operators.
- **Marketing** . Created a temporary marketing plan for Discover Lough Derg to promote to a domestic-only audience.
- Discover Lough Derg **website** was re-skinned, the up-to-date website promotes the activities that are open, have the COVID 19 Safety Charter, and has current videos and imagery.

- **Social Media** audiences had substantial growth of the last six months. E.g. Instagram grew by five fold.
- A substantial **PR** drive was carried out with great coverage in National & Regional media.
- **Filming** is about to commence on the River Shannon for a feature on Channel 5 (UK T.V.) on the most scenic rivers in the world; the show is due to air in the spring.
- A 7-day shoot took place on Lough Derg sponsored by the ORIS and IHH, to create digital content for the remainder of 2020 and launch in 2021.
- Applied for and received **funding** of



€12,000 for a video creation from Irelands Hidden Heartlands.

- Applied to Ireland's Hidden Heartlands for mentorship for tourism businesses to refine websites and introduce more cross selling of the region.

## RURAL SME'S



The Rural SME's Interreg Europe project enter its final phase. The project supports within Tipperary greater awareness and knowledge of rural SME supports, particularly supported by the Local Enterprise Office. It also supports innovation and intensive collaboration at local level, particularly supported by the South East and Mid West Action Plan for Jobs.



## SUPER

The SUPER Interreg Europe concludes in September 2020. The project objective Ultimate goal is to assist environmentally friendly companies to be more successful and successful companies to be more environmentally friendly through improved policy-making and implementation and better support systems at the local/regional level.

This project has been supported by the Green Business Network in Tipperary. In February 2020 Tipperary Local Enterprise Office, 3 Counties Energy Agency supported and delivered a Breakfast Briefing event for the benefits of a Greener Future for your business. The final conference for the SUPER Interreg Europe project will take place online on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

## Catalyst

The Catalyst Ireland Wales project was due to conclude in May 2020 but it has been extended to December 2020 for client and beneficiary engagement. The Catalyst Project focus on micro and SME in the Food and Life Science sectors. Participants have had the opportunity to participate in workshops and innovation residency programme and have also had the opportunity to attend trade fairs and support to develop product and new markets. The final residency commencing in October is for business to become a more sustainable online and offline business in the Covid 19 World commencing week 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

Environment & Climate Action Directorate



Attending a contract signing were Mr Joe MacGrath, CE, Tipperary Co Co, Councillor Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council and Councillor Seamus Morris, Cathaoirleach, Nenagh Municipal District, Mr Pat Keating and Mr Eoghan McCarthy, Priority Construction Ltd.

Tipperary County Council signed contracts with Priority Construction Ltd. and Campion Pumps to the value of €2.3 million for enabling works at Ballaghveny Landfill, Woodville, Ballymackey, Nenagh, to reconfigure its existing surface water, leachate and landfill gas infrastructure.



Ballaghveny Enabling Works Commencement

Policy Changes/Updates

The Strategic Policy Committee held a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. A number of presentations were made by staff outlining the functions carried out by the section in the enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act and Waste Management Act, the progress of the rollout of the Clothes PODS and the removal of unauthorized clothes banks and an update on horse issues. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of October.

## Community Services

### Bio Diversity

The residents of Moyne Road, Thurles recently launched an initiative in support of biodiversity in their community by building a bug hotel. The structure comprises of small wooden pallets and is home to a variety of insects and pollinators. The section will support other communities interested in such initiatives going forward.



Councillor Jim Ryan and Anne Marie Clifford at the launch

### Green Schools

44 Green Flags were awarded in 2020.

### Household Bin Services.

Staff gave a presentation to the residents of the new council housing scheme in Glenconnor, Clonmel about their obligation to have a household waste collection service and their pet ownership responsibilities.

### Local Authority Prevention Network Funding Programme

As part of the programme to promote waste prevention at local level, the section was approved for funding to develop a repairs directory of all businesses in Tipperary that carry out repairs, alterations and upcycling. The directory will be free of charge and circulated through our offices, libraries and civic amenity sites.

### Dogs

The number of dog licences issued to date is 2,513. The number of dogs taken in at the Dog Control Units was 225. 40 of these were reclaimed, 28 were rehomed, 153 sent to rescue centres and 4 put to sleep. The dog warden team assisted the Gardai and animal rescue services in carrying out seven checkpoints as a deterrent to recent dog thefts in the county.

### Horses

The number of horse queries processed was 68 which resulted in 59 horses seized since the start of the year.

### Abattoirs

Activities carried out by Veterinary Inspectors:

Ante Mortem/Post Mortems	7,028
Inspections	53
Sampling	23
Abattoir visits	473

Slaughtering Breakdown by Species is as follows:

Bovine	1,302
Ovine	4,822
Porcine	54
Caprine	6
Deer	844

**Infrastructure**

**Civic Amenity Sites Visitor Numbers**

The number of customers who have availed of the services of the civic amenity sites to-date is 95,812.

**Revival of Old Burial Grounds**

In recent months, Neddans Church and Graveyard in Ardfinnan and Old Powerstown Graveyard underwent a transformation, due to the dedication of hard working local community members. The section supports such committees through funding and advice on their formation.

	
Neddans before	After
	
Old Powerstown before	After



### Derelict Sites

The section continues to engage with property owners to render their sites no longer derelict, ideally with works completed without the need to be entered on the Derelict Site Register. Section 8 notices have issued to 15 owners to date in 2020.

Works have been successfully completed on one site, with works currently being undertaken on a number of other properties across the county.

### Landfills

Current	Next Stage
<b>Donohill</b>	
The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.	Ongoing operation.
<b>Tipperary Town</b>	
Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys are ongoing in preparation of application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.	Surveys and remediation design ongoing, then make application to ABP.
<b>Historic Closed Landfills</b>	
Preparation of Tier 2 Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at four historic closed landfill sites at Brittas Road, Monanearle, Dundrum and Knocklofty are ongoing.	Complete Tier 2 ERA and move to preparation of Tier 3 ERA and where appropriate NIS.
<b>Ballaghveny</b>	
The intensive groundwater monitoring programme commenced in September 2019 and is continuing.	Regular water / groundwater sampling.
The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.	Ongoing operation
Contracts for the Ballaghveny landfill enabling works were formally signed on 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2020.	Ongoing works.
Consultant appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are to be completed in preparation of application to the Environmental Protection Agency for Certificate of Authorisation.	Surveys and remediation design are ongoing, and then to make an application to the EPA.

### Waste Management and Enforcement



### Farm Film Plastic Collection Days

The annual Farm Film Plastic Collection Service recommenced on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, following Covid-19 and was completed on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Gortnahoo, Clonmel, Roscrea, Rosegreen, Laffansbridge, Cahir, Ballingarry (South), Golden, Gouldscross, Donohill, Aherlow, Drombane, Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Templemore, Ardcroney, Nenagh and Newport were all serviced with collection dates.

### Textile Recycling

The new textile banks are now place in 76 locations throughout the county. The roll out to the remaining locations will start once the minor civil works and the removal of the remaining illegal clothes banks are completed. Unauthorised / Bogus Textile collectors were contacted to either regularize the sites through acquiring a Certificate of Registration or to arrange for their removal.

### Environmental Checkpoints with Roads Policing

2 checkpoints were undertaken, 12 vehicles regulated by waste legislation were stopped, no Environmental Offences were detected. From March 2020, all Env/Waste checkpoints were deferred by An Garda Siochana.

### Illegal Dumping

#### Pending Prosecutions

A prosecution for unauthorised waste activity in the Thurles Municipal District under Section 32, and 39 of the Waste Management Act is underway. The case is due before the courts in November.

A prosecution for breaches of conditions of a waste collection permit in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District is pending.

#### Prosecutions for non compliance with Waste Management Act

A prosecution for non compliance with a direction under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act was successful in the Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District.

A prosecution for unauthorised waste activity in Carrick on Suir Municipal District under Section 32 and 39 of the Waste Management Act was taken, with a successful outcome in Carrick District Court. A Notice was served under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act and the owner remediated the area in question.

#### Prosecution under Litter Pollution Act for non-payment of a Litter Fine

On foot of evidence found in bags of rubbish dumped on the roadside in the Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District, a litter fine was issued to the identified offender. That person failed to pay the fine or respond to subsequent warning letters. Legal proceedings were initiated, which resulted in a successful prosecution.

Number of Litter Fines	
Total fines issued	<b>136</b>
Fines Paid	86
Fines Outstanding	19
Fines Cancelled	28
Legal Proceedings	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>

### Enforcement Actions



	Legislation	Enforcement Action	Details	Status
1	Waste Management Act	Section 55 Notice	Served in May for an unauthorised waste activity in Thurles MD.  The notice stipulated conditions to be implemented in order to remediate the site.	Active.  Report received from Environmental consultant. Recommend prosecution.
2	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served for an unauthorised waste activity	Complied with.  Operator has applied for collection permit.
3	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a householder to clean the property and obtain a refuse service in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD.	Prosecution successful in Court
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	Complied with.
5	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a business for allowing accumulation of waste.	Complied with.
6	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a householder to clean the property and obtain a refuse service.	Active  Follow up 15/10/2020
7	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a business owner in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD to clean the property.	Active  Follow up 06/10/2020
8	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a householder in Carrick on Suir MD to clean up the property.	Complied with.
9	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a householder in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD to clean the property,	Active  Follow up 15/10/2020
10	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on a Waste Facility Permit Holder in Carrick on Suir MD to remove waste from site.	Active  Follow up 15/10/2020
12	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on land owner to remove waste from site.	Complied with
13	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on waste collection permit holder to provide documentation for disposal of septic tank waste in Clonmel BD.	Complied with
14	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on land owner in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD to remove waste white goods from site.	Active.

15	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on derelict property owner in Thurles MD to remove waste from site.	Complied with.
15	Waste Management Act	Section 14 Direction	A direction served on Derelict property owner in Thurles MD to remove waste white goods from site.	Complied with.
16	Waste Management Act	Section 55 Notice	A notice served on land owner in Nenagh MD to cease waste activity and appoint Environmental consultant.	Active. Prosecution to be recommended.
17	Waste Management Act	Section 55 Notice	A notice served on land owner in Carrick on Suir MD to cease waste activity and clean site.	Active. Clean up commenced – to be monitored.
18	Waste Management Act	Section 55 Notice	A notice served on a business in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD to cease waste activity and appoint Environmental consultant.	Active. Prosecution to be recommended.
19	Waste Management Act	Section 55 Notice	A notice served on a business in Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel MD to cease waste activity and appoint Environmental consultant.	Active.

### Anti Dumping Initiative 2020 update:

#### **Kennedy Park Clean-up**

A rear laneway abounding the green area contained deposits of waste. The green area was cleaned, and fenced to protect farmland adjacent to the estate. Households received letters under the Waste Management Byelaws requesting provision of proof of domestic waste services. Any households failing to provide proof are liable for penalties under a Fixed Payment Notice.





### **Big Belly Smart Bin Project**

The rental of 12 Smart Bins has been secured on a trial basis. 12 locations were identified in Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District – 8 in Carrick town and environs, 2 in Fethard area and 2 in the Mullinahone area.

The technology which is built into all the bins sends a notification when the bin is full. This will contribute to increasing the efficiency of the waste collection service and reduced operational costs.

### **Surveillance Support Project**

A drone to support detection of unauthorised waste activities has been purchased and training to authorise pilots is currently on-going.



CCTV Signage was purchased and drone surveillance has been on-going, which has assisted in issuing Litter Fines, Waste Notices and pursuing unauthorised waste activities

**Example of Direction under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.**

Following receipt of a complaint regarding burning in the Thurles MD, an investigation was undertaken and the property – a business and farm was found to be holding significant deposits of waste and evidence of burning. A direction under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act was served, requiring the person to clean the site and provide docketts that the material was removed by an authorized waste collector to an authorized waste facility. The person complied within the timeframe and remediated the site.



Area prior to cleanup



Area post cleanup

**Waste/Env Regulated Inspections**

<b><u>Env Insp Category</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Inspections</u></b>
Batteries Regulations	5
Commercial Food Waste Regulations	8
Hazardous Waste	1
Packaging Regulations	17
Plastic Bag Levy Regulations	4
Tyres Regulations	2
Waste Electrical Equipment Regulations	4

**Waste Authorisations**

Certificates of Registration reviewed - 4 received since May, 1 granted, 2 pending decision, 1 invalid: 2 surrenders accepted, and 1 refused pending civil works.

Waste Facility Permits - 1 technical amendment received and a decision is pending. 1 review granted.

**Annual Environmental Returns 2019**

	Authorised	Submitted a return	Validated	In Progress Refused/ Nil return/	Outstanding
<b>Waste Facilities</b>	39	30	27	3	9
<b>Private Collectors</b>	68	59	52	8	8

Tipperary County Council’s own 2019 AER to NWCPO was complete and submitted.

**Household Waste Inspections**

213 inspections undertaken by way of correspondence, 143 households were compliant, and 29 were non-compliant, to whom warning letters were issued. For the remainder of the year three more areas, where there is persistent dumping will be investigated, 200 householders will be contacted with regard to their household waste disposal arrangements.

**Climate & Energy Update**

**Energy Performance**

The 2019 public sector energy performance results, recently published ranked Tipperary Co Co with the 4<sup>th</sup> highest result across all local authorities, in achieving a 39% energy efficiency performance; this is a 4% improvement on the previous year result and is attributed to LED light replacements and PV panel installations. **Community Virtual Power Plant**



The installation of roof level solar panels at the Thurles Municipal District offices, the Roscrea and Thurles Leisure Centres, and ground based panels at the Ballaghveny Landfill has commenced and will be completed by the end of October. The electricity generated by these solar panels will meet the requirements of the buildings, with the excess going to the national grid. This project will reduce energy costs and may generate a small income.



### **Energy Management Information System**

The section is tendering for an energy management information system to track hourly energy consumption in the 15 highest energy consumption buildings, with the aim of improving energy efficiency and encouraging behaviour change to energy consumption. TEA will monitor the usage and track the level of each site through a dashboard and recommend appropriate actions. This measure will contribute to our public buildings achieving the B energy rating standard by 2030.

### **Energy Audits**

The Energy Efficiency Regulations and SI 426 requires all public buildings in excess of 500 m<sup>3</sup> in size to carry out energy audits. 4 energy audits are underway at the museum and fire stations. A Renewable Heating Re-Commissioning study, part funded through the SEAI, will examine the existing renewable heating systems in the leisure centres, libraries and fire stations in the context of replacements, maintenance and to identify sources of funding.

### **Buildings**

TEA completed a review of the energy rating of all local authority housing stock in preparation for the housing retrofit programme. An application was submitted to the EU City Facility Fund, to carry out surveys of 50/60 units. Six houses will be deep retrofitted by the end of October.

### **Lighting**

An estimate 2,000 street lights were upgraded to LED lighting, which is a significant contributor to energy reduction levels. As part of the Smart Space Initiative a further 600 street lights will be upgraded in Thurles, Drangan and Clonoulty.

### **EV Charging**

The tender for the provision of two 22 kWh charging units in Nenagh and Thurles will issue shortly.

### **Climate Action**

A progress update of the Climate Adaptation strategy indicates 31 of the 53 actions listed are progressing. A more detailed report will issue at the end of the year. The Climate Area Regional Office will deliver an online training programme on climate change to local authority staff and the elected members in the coming months.

## **Environment Protection**

### **Air Pollution**

The section will be implementing the monitoring plan for solid fuel regulations and will be reminding householders that there is a ban on the burning of smoky coal in the Clonmel area with the onset of the colder weather.

With real time air quality information available for air monitoring, the public can see the impacts that burning smoky coal is having on the air quality. A public awareness campaign is planned in this area to coincide with the start of the fuel burning season (October), with the aim of encouraging the public to be conscious of the fuel they buy and check that it complies with regulations. Bags are clearly marked with an approved mark.

Two traffic emissions studies were undertaken in Tipperary Town and Thurles, to establish compliance with Air Pollution limits. The Tipperary Town project will be extended to take account of the COVID lockdown affect on results. A full assessment relies on having at least 6 months data set available, as limits are set as



frequency of annual exceedences. This should be completed and reported on by January 2021 and will be carried out in consultation with the EPA.

### Air Pollution Act – Licensing – Enforcement

On-site inspections for the purpose of Air Pollution Enforcement were deferred in March, but engagement continued with operators and resumed where compliance with HSE guidelines were possible.

Sector	No. Inspections to 31/08/2020
Dry Cleaners & Pharmaceutical Sector ( small scale use)	4
Vehicle Refinishers	11
Solid Fuel regulation Fuel Suppliers within Ban Area	4
Petroleum Vapour Regulations	12

To assist in identifying unregistered and illegal Deco Paints operators, this section will be conducting a survey using established car dealers to aid in the process.

### Noise

Noise Complaints continued to be investigated adhering to The Noise Protocol and HSE COVID 19 guidelines. 38 noise complaints were responded to.

### Water Pollution /Agriculture

Planned Inspections were restricted in March and resumed in June. All inspections and pollution incidents were investigated as per HSE guidelines. Activities undertaken in this area to date include:

- Approx 600 river samples were taken as part of the WFD sampling program across the county, in line with EPA targets.
- 65 Farm inspections have taken place to date.
- 3 river catchment inspection as part of our WFD programme are nearing completion in the Fishmoyne, Ballintotty and Ollatrim rivers.
- The team continue to engage with LAWPRO and have assisted in identifying areas for action for the 3rd cycle of the WFD. The following rivers have been identified as a priority

River ( part of)	Category for Area for Action Selection
FIDAGHTA	Restoration
ANNER	Restoration
BALLINTOTTY	Restoration
OLLATRIM	Restoration
SUIR	Restoration
MULTEEN	Protection
KING'S	Protection
ARA	Research
MULTEEN	Research



To support all the categories of action listed, the environment protection team will plan and perform targeted inspections in the area of water quality with enforcement activities undertaken if necessary.

- 7 S12 Notices and 1 Warning letter have been issued to prevent water pollution.
- S4 Licensed facilities: 55 inspections have been completed in those facilities which remained operational.
- 23 Nutrient Management Plans have submitted and assessed. 42 NMP related inspections have taken place

### Septic Tank Inspections

Septic Tank inspections were re-scheduled for September due to COVID, with 42 planned at a minimum. The Department has expanded the grant scheme to include areas identified as priority to improve or protect water status under The Water Framework Directive.

### Planning Referrals

70 Planning applications were reviewed to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

### Projects

The section is co-ordinating the application to the Woodland Creation on Public lands scheme as announced by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. The aim of the programme is to promote the growth of native trees on public lands. The selection of suitable lands is currently being identified, with a view to tendering for a Forester & Ecological advisor to meet the requirements of the scheme.

An information pack for Section 4 licensed facilities ( discharge to waters) was completed to provide guidance to operators on procedures and maintenance processes that should have in place to operate their waste systems correctly .

### Open/Closed Complaints 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Complaint Description	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel		Thurles		Nenagh		Clonmel		Carrick-on-Suir	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
<b>Air</b>	12	48	5	18	4	11	5	31	0	10
<b>Burial Grounds</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Derelict Sites</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Dog Control</b>	7	98	2	109	4	81	7	56	2	34
<b>Litter</b>	18	269	19	170	13	216	23	177	11	112
<b>Noise</b>	6	1	7	5	5	2	2	3	3	3
<b>Veterinary</b>	1	17	1	6	2	5	0	8	0	2
<b>Waste Enforcement</b>	4	11	4	10	4	10	3	4	3	6
<b>Water</b>	6	14	5	10	6	18	2	8	2	3
<b>Complaints Open</b>	56		44		38		43		21	
<b>Complaints Closed</b>		458		328		344		288		170
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>514</b>		<b>372</b>		<b>382</b>		<b>331</b>		<b>191</b>



## WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### COUNCIL MEETING 12 October 2020

#### IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2024:

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 determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled *Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024)*.

This Decision Paper was issued 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, the then 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, entitled *Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 to 2024 Updated Investment Plan for CRU Review*, submitted by Irish Water in November 2019 to the CRU for review.

In April 2020 Irish Water submitted a further capital funding request to the CRU, which was reviewed in its entirety by the CRU. Having considered this request, the CRU, on 04 August 2020, published its Decision Paper entitled *Update to Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3.5) - Irish Water's Updated Capital Investment Plan*. This Decision Paper took into account evidence related to commitment dates for projects that Irish Water plans to deliver in the period and information provided by a review of Irish Water's capital planning processes by Scottish Water International.

The Update sets out the total revenue that Irish Water can receive, through government subvention and from customers, to cover its efficiently covered costs during the period 2020-2024. This Decision Paper should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned Decision Paper published on 05 December 2019.

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, [www.cru.ie](http://www.cru.ie).

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 October 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)	Completed.

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 is 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/Q4 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 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) 2020 works: Ballinard Bridge, Fethard (0.163km); Abbey Road/Marlfield Road, Clonmel (1.68km), Davis Road, Clonmel (0.48km); and Templetuohy (0.51km).  
Construction ongoing at Abbey Road, Clonmel.
- 2) Back yard services replacement in Thurles ongoing: 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 and The Crescent, Stradavoher.  
Works close to completion.
- 3) 1km of new watermains ongoing from Tully's Cross to Birdhill
- 4) First Fix programme has re-commenced.

## **(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) Works at Linguan water treatment plant, Carrick-on-Suir (mechanical and electrical) and at Tullohea, Grangemockler (process proving); and
- (ii) Works to start at Crottys Lake, Carrick-on-Suir; Stooke, Rossmore; and at Rossadrehid, Bansha.

## **(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.

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 Q4 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.

## **SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES PROGRAMME:**

Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3) Investment Plan 2020-2024 includes the Small Towns and Villages Programme (STVGP). This programme is primarily intended to provide capacity in wastewater treatment plants to cater for growth in smaller settlements which would not otherwise be provided for in the current Investment Plan. The STVGP is limited to supporting growth in settlements already served by Irish Water infrastructure.

On 27 July 2020 Irish Water notified Tipperary County Council that 7 settlements in County Tipperary had been identified for inclusion in the STVGP. These are: Cloughjordan, Golden, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Lisvarrinane, Newcastle and Silvermines.

Tipperary County Council has submitted supporting information in relation to these settlements and a workshop for Planning and Water Services staff is scheduled to take place with Irish Water in Q4 2020 to discuss the above settlements, possible solutions and cost estimates.



Final decisions on which projects progress will be made by Irish Water. At that stage, Tipperary County Council will be notified of the successful project(s) which will then be progressed as per Irish Water's capital investment delivery processes. It is anticipated that Tipperary County Council will be notified of successful projects on a staggered basis from Q1 2021 as project details are agreed.

#### **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. No decision has been made on a revised date for the implementation of the new charges.

#### **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.

The most recent workshops have been conducted on a District basis during the period from 28 September 2020 to 06 October 2020, with remote connection by representatives from Irish Water and the facility for remote connection by the elected members also.

#### **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.

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 06 July 2020 and will be further reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting which is scheduled for 13 October 2020.

#### **Annual Maintenance Subsidy for Group Water Schemes:**

Annual Maintenance Subsidy (AMS) payments, in 2020 up to 28 September 2020, amounted to €555,225 distributed over 62 group water schemes. This is the first year Tipperary County Council has had an application for Advance Annual Maintenance Subsidy, payment of which (€4,365) is included in the total payments. An Advance AMS can be paid where a group water scheme is experiencing financial issues. It is calculated at 70% of the previous year's AMS.

The Rural Water Team continues to work with all group water schemes and with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes to ensure that schemes' reliance on this Advance AMS is minimised.

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 had set a closing date of 20 October 2020 for receipt of recoupment claims from Tipperary County Council. However, this date has been brought forward to 01 October 2020. 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:



### **Revised Private Well Grant:**

A revised Private Well Grant Scheme is now in place and operating from 05 June 2020.

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. Twelve applications have been withdrawn and these are, of course, applicants who are drilling new sources.

### **Well Grants:**

Payments amounted to €74,404 at 28 September 2020 with grants paid to 35 applicants.

These payments consist of:

Former Scheme: €64,814: 67% at the maximum grant of €2,031.58; and

Revised Scheme: €9,590: 50% at the maximum grant of €5,000 (for a new source).

Since the introduction of the revised scheme on 05 June 2020, 68 applications have been received, with 44% of them seeking assistance under the new source heading. Sixty four approvals have issued.

### **Septic Tank Grants (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems):**

No applications have been received in 2020 up to 28 September 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 in 2020 up to 28 September 2020.

### Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme



Water Treatment Plant Reservoirs



Water Treatment Plant Building



Laying of New Watermain at Abbey Road, Thurles

## HOUSING DIRECTORATE



### **New Policy/Strategic Issues**

<b>Policy Changes/Updates</b>	<b>Current Position/Progress made</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Policy &amp; Practice - Review of Void Management</b>	Voids report brought to July Council Meeting; Loan sought & approved of 4.1m	Review on voids progress to go before the SPC at year end
<b>Review of Housing Allocation Procedures &amp; Potential of Choice Based Letting</b>	Draft Allocation Scheme brought to September SPC.	Amended Draft Allocation Scheme to be presented to the November SPC
<b>Review of Housing Adaptation Grants</b>	New Procedures for Grant Assessment & Allocation as approved at March meeting currently being implemented	Progress on new scheme to be reviewed in early 2021
<b>New Procedures On Tenancy Enforcement</b>	Paper prepared for Sept SPC – postponed to November SPC for consideration	Consider at November SPC meeting

### **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 2018-2020 to date 561 units of accommodation have been provided in Tipperary or 89% of the target with 15 months of the timeline remaining.

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

- Construction works approved on Local Authority sites at 10 locations providing 132 dwellings



- A further 90 dwellings on site through Local Authority Turnkeys, Part V & AHB's
- 4 schemes at Tender Assessment Stage providing 40 units
- 23 Local Authority units out to tender
- 47 units at Part 8 Planning Stage
- 118 units in the early stages of the 4 Stage Approval Process

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

New RAS properties, incl Voluntary units	50
New LTL properties, incl AHB units	50
Rent Reviews carried out 2020	184

### Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP Tenancies set up in 2020	306
Total Active HAP Tenancies	1825

### 2020 Construction Programme

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir	30	Decision Required on Third River Crossing	Stage 1 submission to Dept
Church Street, Templemore	2	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Boherclough Street, Cashel	12	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Comeragh Drive, Clonmel	2	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Castle Crescent, Nenagh	8	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Glencarrick, Roscrea	30	Re-engagement with design team	Stage 2 submission
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 Approved	Preparation of Part 8
Camphill Communities, Carrick on Suir	7	Stage 2 Approved	Submission of Planning Application
Ardcrony	4	Part 8 to be advertised in Oct	Part 8 Decision
Moyne	9	Part 8 to be advertised in Oct	Part 8 Decision
Ballyclerihan	14	Part 8 Advertised	Part 8 Decision
Bansha	14	Part 8 Advertised	Part 8 Decision
Donohill	8	Part 8 Advertised	Part 8 Decision
Two Mile Borris	23	Advertised for Tender	Stage 4 Submission



Mullinahone	10	Tenders being assessed	Stage 4 Submission
121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel	2	Tenders being assessed	Stage 4 Submission
Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles	19	Tenders being assessed	Stage 4 Submission
Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel	9	Tenders being assessed	Stage 4 Submission
Portroe	14	Contractor being Appointed	Contractor on Site
Cormac Drive, Nenagh	12	Contractor Appointed	Works ongoing
Mulcair View, Newport	11	Contractor Appointed	Contractor on Site
Cloughjordan	2	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2020
Mitchel Street, Thurles	1	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2020
Drummin Village, Nenagh Focus	13	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2020
Drummin Village, Nenagh Nenagh Approved Housing	8	Contractor on Site	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
Gortnahoe	5	Completed	Delivery 2020
Glenconnor, Clonmel	26	Completed	Delivery 2020
Turnkey project at Strylea, Fethard	3	Turnkey	Delivery 2020
Rosanna Close, Tipperary Town	18	Turnkey	Delivery 2020
Co Operative Housing Ireland, Ashgrove, Thurles	17	Turnkey, 10 units completed	Delivery 2020
Mill River, Carrick on Suir Tuatha AHB	22	Completed	Delivery 2020
Longfield, Boherlahan	3	Part V, Completed	Delivery 2020
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey	Delivery 2021/2022
Turnkey project at Abbey View, Fethard	21	Completed	
Turnkey at An Grianan, Killenaule	14	Completed	
Turnkey at An Ardan, Borrisokane	13	Completed	
An Duiche, Tipperary Town, Respond	43	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) has 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. The resettlement process has begun with families settled in Clonmel, Nenagh and Tipperary Town and will continue to roll out over the next 2 months.

## Energy Efficiency

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has allocated €1.1 million to Tipperary County Council for the retrofitting of 60 local authority-owned houses in the county. After the works, the Building Energy Ratings (BER) of homes will typically be B2. They will be expected to be substantially cheaper to heat than similar homes heated by oil or gas.

The works are part of the Midlands Retrofit Programme and funded by the Carbon Tax. Works will typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), as committed to under the Programme for Government. This will help Ireland's efforts to combat climate change. About 40% of Ireland's energy-related carbon emissions are from buildings. The identified dwellings will be surveyed in the coming weeks with works prepared for tender in 2020 and commencement on site in early 2021.



## Housing Grants

The Council received a total allocation of €3,246,170 in 2020 for Private Housing Adaptation Grants of which €649,234 is to be provided from Tipperary County Council's own revenue resources. The Council would expect to be in a position to seek further funds from the Department once the draw-down of the funding is satisfactory by November 2020

The Council received a total allocation of €534,812.83 for Local Authority DPG's in September 2020 of which €53,481 is to be provided from Tipperary County Council's own revenue resources.

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. These guidelines were presented at the March Council meeting in Clonmel notifying all Elected Members of changes in the application form. Housing Grants section continue to only process and validate P1 applications for the remainder of 2020 with a review at year end.

Housing Grants have almost completed processing the back log of P2 & P3 applications received in 2017 and are currently reviewing 2018 P2 & P3 applications pending funding from the Dept.

The table below outlines the details in relation to Grants at 31/08/2020.

Grants 2020	BUDGET (2020 Budget)	Total Amount Approved	Number of Applications Approved	% of Budget
HOUSE ADAPTION GRANT PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY (HGD)	€2,396,170	€2,459,998	196	103%
MOBILITY AIDS GRANT (MAG)	€110,000	€123,225.09	32	112%
HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE (HOP)	€700,000	€747,604.18	129	107%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€3,206,170</b>	<b>3,330,827.27</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>104%</b>
Local Authority DPG Grants	€534,812.83	€534,812.83	27	100%

Please note, an Occupational Therapist Budget is not included in the above figures but is covered by the 2020 allocation.



## Voids

Number Completed from 01/01/2020 to 31/08/2020	108
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## Voids

Following on from the July Council meeting the Council subsequently applied to the Housing Finance Agency for a loan amount of €4.166 m to fund outstanding voids as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The application has been approved in recent weeks and unlike previous years this will now facilitate the continued roll out of voids to the districts as they become vacant for the remainder of the year. Funding of €1.9m was also recently received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for voids in 2020 which was a considerable increase on previous year's allocations. Work is ongoing to six major voids , 2 in Carrick on Suir, 2 in Clonmel, 1 in Borrissleigh and 1 in Nenagh These houses are being brought up to a BER of B2 and the works will be completed in 2020. There is additional works currently ongoing to 122 vacant units across the districts including works to acquisition properties - all of which will be available for allocation over the next number of months.

## Vacant Houses - Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% vacant houses -v- overall housing stock
Carrick	372	33	0.60%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	889	58	1.10%
Clonmel	664	32	0.60%
Nenagh	798	51	1.00%
Templemore/Thurles	953	61	1.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3676</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>4.50%</b>

## Offers of Tenancy in 2020

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nominations to AHBs
Carrick	46	34	3	9	33
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	76	47	5	24	10
Clonmel	63	50	5	8	2
Nenagh	65	51	4	10	2
Templemore Thurles	72	54	5	13	13
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>



## Homelessness

The Homeless service continues to work closely with those presenting as homeless. The service has been strengthened by the appointment of two Homeless Prevention Officers, one in Nenagh and one in Clonmel. Their focus has been very much on the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle. In addition the HAP Placefinder Service has helped those in emergency services source accommodation in the private rented sector. Presently, we have the lowest number of clients in emergency accommodation in the past 12 months with 10 single clients and two families availing of same. Each client is discussed at the multi disciplined Homeless Action Team where a care and case management approach is adopted to put in place an exit strategy for each client from emergency accommodation. A sub allocation team has been established to identify the most suitable housing option for those in emergency accommodation whether it is HAP, Housing First or council housing.

The Housing First model introduced in the south of the county is currently working well - we have 9 of our most complex cases in secure accommodation with wrap around services ensuring that they maintain their tenancy & stay off the streets. The Council is currently seeking to extend this service to the north of the county and has an application submitted for same.

The START programme, a 2 year pilot initiative in the south of the County, supports persons at risk of becoming homeless due to significant mental health challenges. To date we have accommodated 5 such clients. Again they are provided with wrap around

mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy. A similar support service was provided by a North Tipperary Intensive Support programme in the North of the county and the Council is currently engaged with this programme to ascertain how it could be mainstreamed.

The Tenancy Sustainment Service which has a county wide remit (with the recent appointment of a TSS to the Nenagh office) provides support for 40 LA tenants who need help in sustaining their tenancy ensuring that they remain in their accommodation that is suitable to their needs.

The Council will continue to work with other mainstream service providers to maximise the supports that can be provided to the most vulnerable of our clients and provide them with every opportunity to have access to a safe home. Given the success of the HAP Placefinder in the south of the county, the Council is also seeking approval from the Department to appoint a second HAP Placefinder for the north of the county (in addition to introducing the Housing First model in the north of the county).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31/08/2020

Number of Applications Received	51
Number of Valid Applications Received	20
Number of Loan Applications Approved	6
Number of Loans Issued	10
Total Value of Loans Issued	€944,400

## Tenant Purchase Scheme Allocations

01/01/2020 to 31/10/2020

Formal applications to purchase received	34
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	10
Sales completed	6
Total proceeds of sales received	€307,040

## 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	Ongoing / In Progress
Social Media Policy & Protocol	At Draft Stage
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

### Directorate Priorities / Updates

#### Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on 15th July by Video Conference. The following items were discussed:

1. Update/Briefing from the Chief Executive – Joe MacGrath
2. Update from Health and Safety- Karl Cashen, DoS
3. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2019/2020
4. Revised Internal Audit Plan 2020 – Noirin O'Dwyer
5. Management Reports to the Council - March 2020 and June 2020
6. Update on Outstanding Audit Recommendations - Noirin O'Dwyer

### Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims -  
Period to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020:  
Pothole - 57  
Public Liability - 56  
**Total Claims – 113**

#### • Register of Electors:




1	Closing date for receipt of data from Revenue Collectors	Mid Oct
2	Draft Register has to be published on this date.	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
3	Closing date for receipt of any claims for corrections to the Draft Register and receipt of Postal & Special Vote applications.	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov
4	List of Claims has to be published by this date.	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov
5	Claims courts to be held for any corrections submitted	Mid Dec
6	Live Register has to be published on this date.	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb
7	Live Register comes into force.	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb



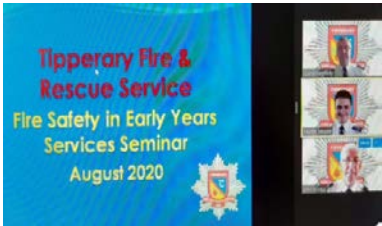


Communications Strategy

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.

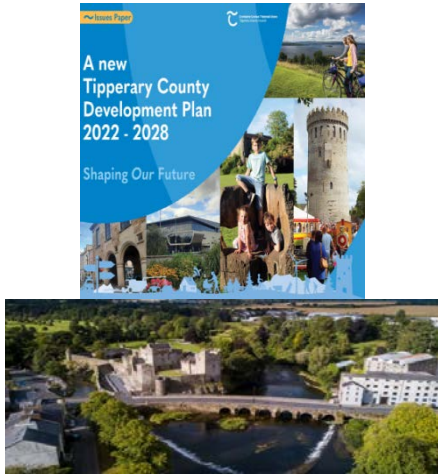
Some of the activities promoted since the last report include the following:-

**Achievements July-September 2020**

<b>July</b>	
	Swimming pools and leisure centres reopening
	A line of cones won't stop a speeding car but you can!
	Newport to get a new town park
	Liberty Square Enhancement works
	Ballina Town Enhancement, Tourism and Mobility Plan gets underway

August	
 <p><b>Restart Grant Plus</b> More businesses are now eligible to apply You can now apply for a minimum grant of €4,000 up to a maximum grant of €25,000</p>	<p>Restart Grant Plus</p>
 <p><b>WIN WEDNESDAY</b> IN AUGUST &amp; SEPTEMBER IN CLONMEL <b>€150 WORTH OF VOUCHERS</b> TO BE WON EACH WEEK <b>WIN IN TWO EASY STEPS</b> 1 SHOP SPEND €5 OR MORE IN STORE IN ANY CLONMEL BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY 2 EMAIL A COPY OF YOUR RECEIPT THAT DAY TO <a href="mailto:WEDNESDAY@TIPPERARYCCOJE.IE">WEDNESDAY@TIPPERARYCCOJE.IE</a></p>	<p>Clonmel Borough District WIN WEDNESDAY COMPETITION</p>
 <p><b>Tipperary Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> Fire Safety in Early Years Services Seminar August 2020</p>	<p>Fire safety in early years</p>
 <p><b>VIEW THE PLANS AND PARTICULARS OF THE RE-IMAGINED TOWN</b> <b>Clonmel Public Realm</b> <a href="https://www.tipperary.ie/news/clonmel-publicrealm">https://www.tipperary.ie/news/clonmel-publicrealm</a></p>	<p>Clonmel Public Realm</p>
	<p>Proposed Part 8 housing developments</p>

September



County Development Plan  
And  
Draft Cahir Local Area Plan



World Mental Health Day



Works at Hoare Abbey and Clonoulty Village



Contract signing Suir Island Infrastructure Links Project



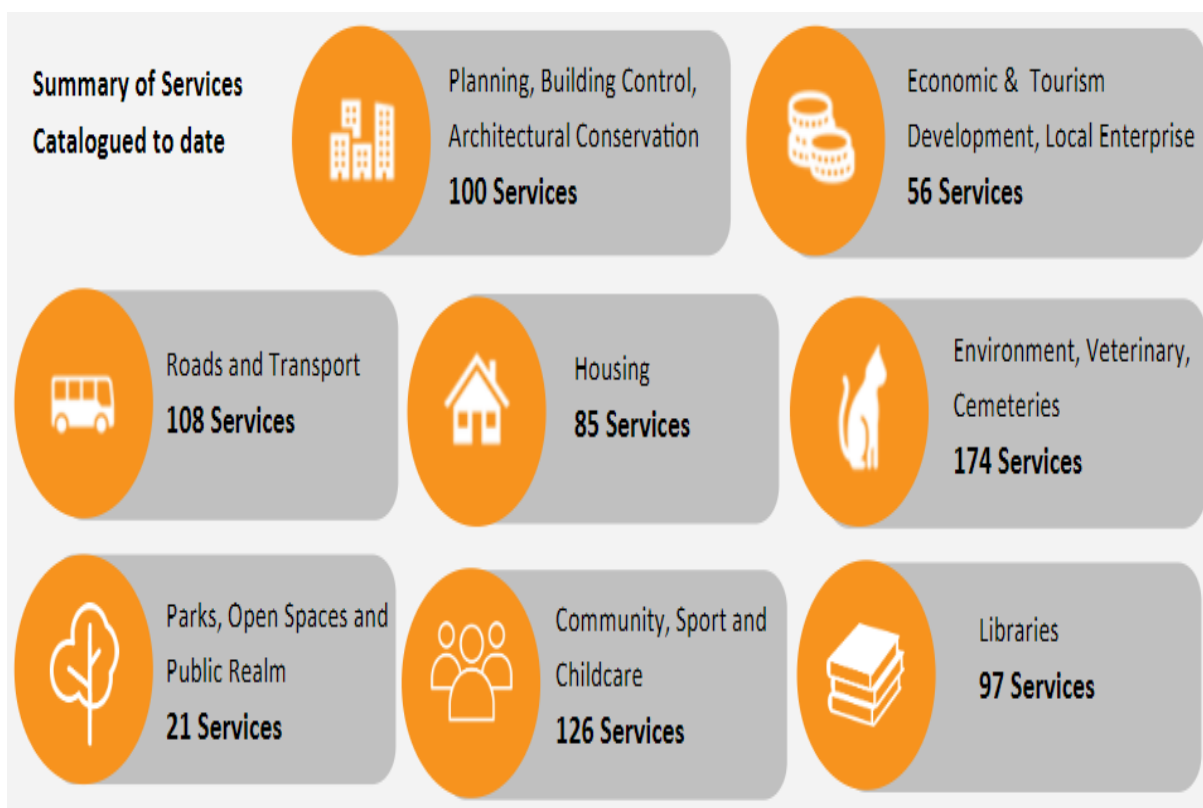
Contract signing works at Emmet Place/Mitchel St Nenagh as part of the implementation of Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

Communications focus	Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion October - December 2020
<p>Arts/Events/Festivals/Heritage/Museum</p> 	<p>Virtual Halloween festivals</p>
<p>Environment and Climate Action</p> 	<p>Reuse Month</p>
<p>Fire and Rescue</p> 	<p>National Fire Safety Week Halloween – Bonfires and Fireworks</p>
	<p>Road Safety Week Winter Maintenance</p>
	<p>Social inclusion week</p>
<p>Tourism</p> 	<p>Staycation – October bank holiday weekend</p>
<p>Libraries Something for everyone</p> 	<p>Children’s Book Festival</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 **767** public-facing services across **Housing, Environment, Planning, Roads and Transportation, Economic Development, Tourism Development and Local Enterprise, Parks and Open Spaces, Library Services and Community Services.**

You can find draft catalogues on the LGMA website at [www.lgma.ie/en/servicecatalogue](http://www.lgma.ie/en/servicecatalogue)



The next cataloguing steps

Cataloguing has commenced in respect to arts, culture and heritage, and corporate services

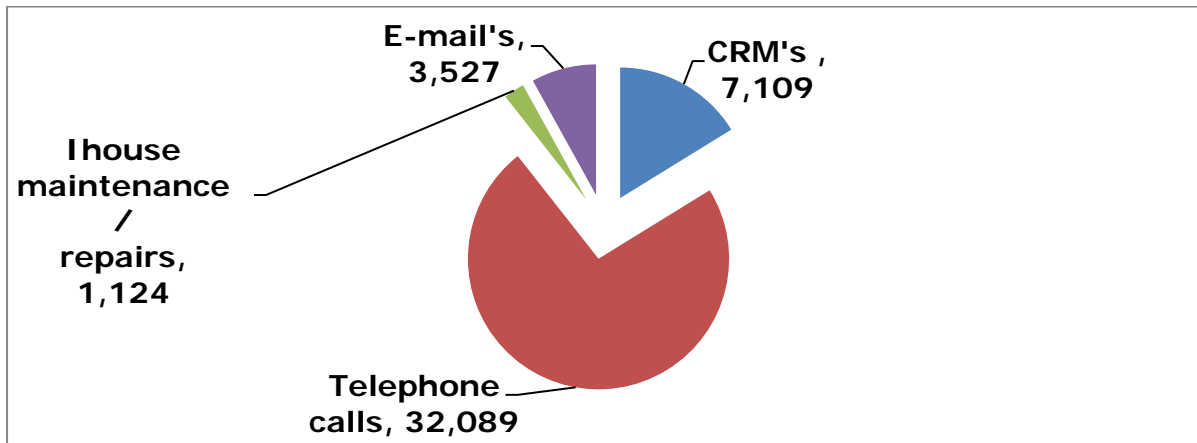
Customer Service Activity

Period 1 July -30 September 2020

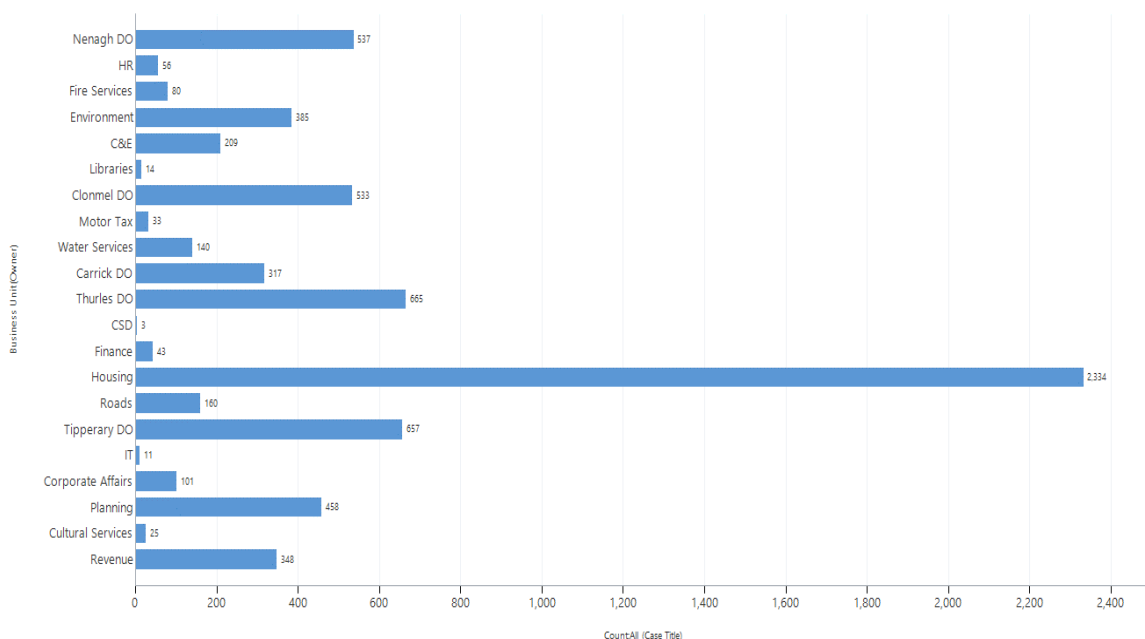
CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries:-

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

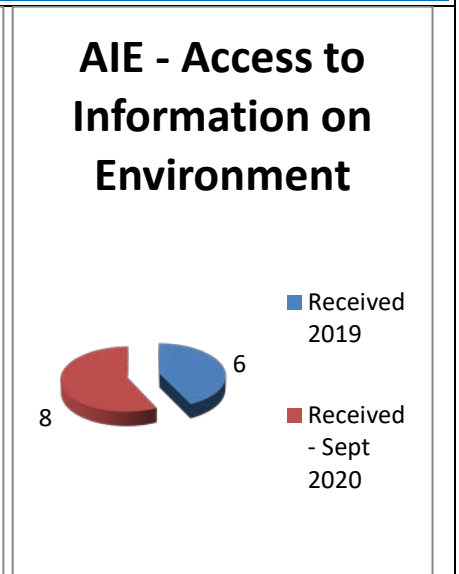
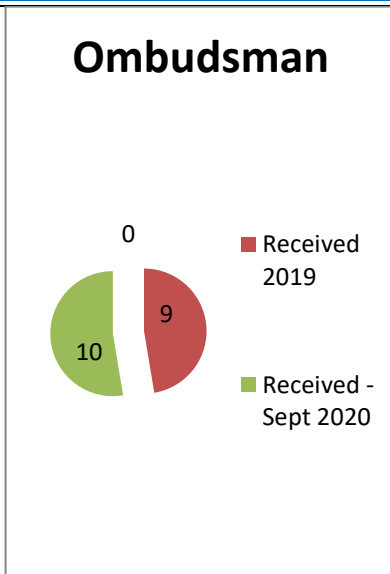
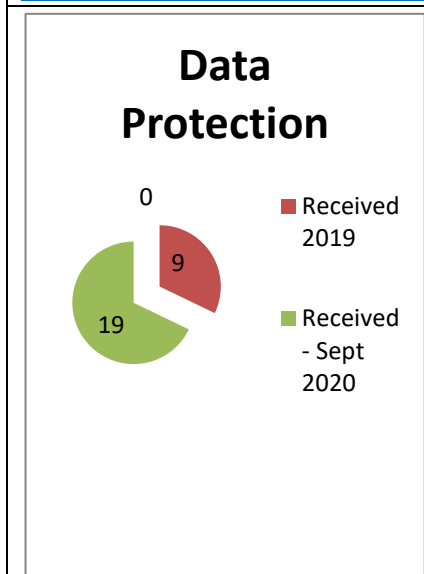
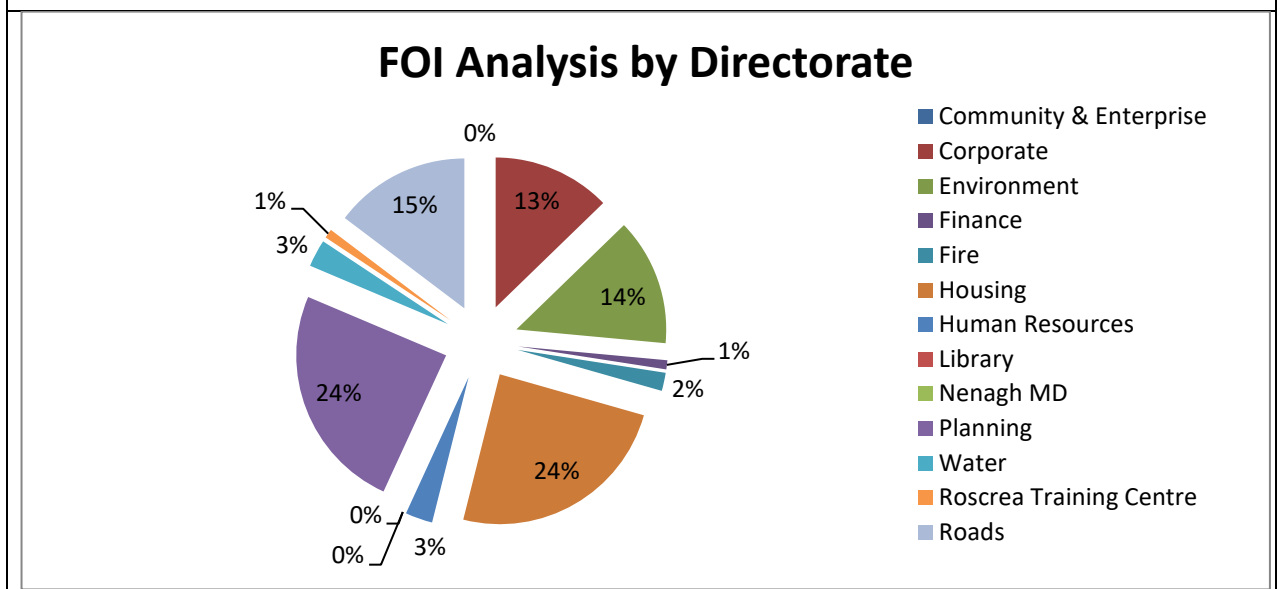
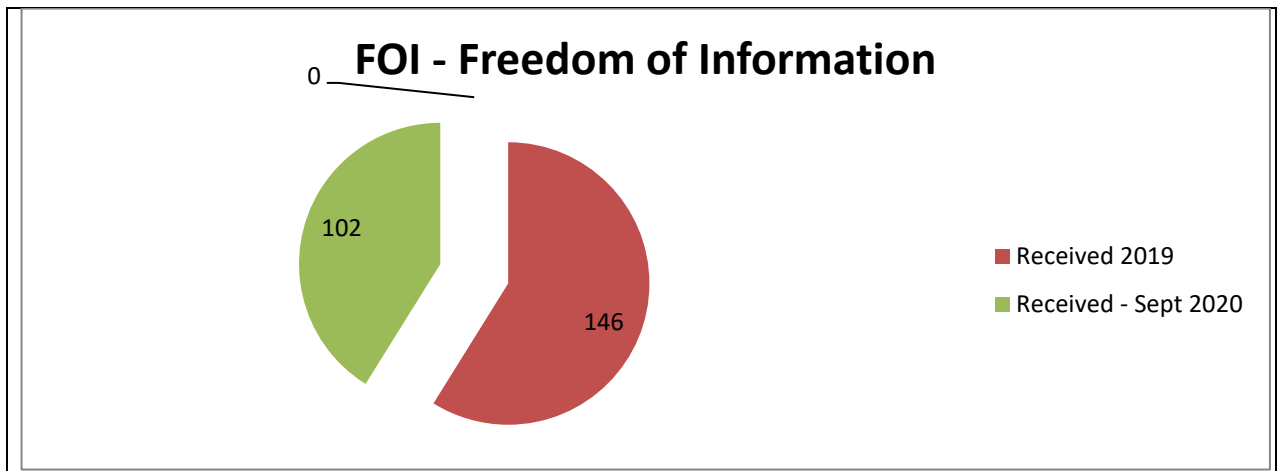
**Customer Service Statistics**



CRM – Customer Relations Management System – breakdown per Section



Information Management



### Property Management

Land Disposal - Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council and managed by CPU - Period to: 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020			
Year	Approved	F/I Requests	Resolved
2018	27	3	24
2019	33	3	30
2020	20	16	4

### Schedule of Property Transactions o/s

Main Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary (Old City Hall)	Tipperary Hill, Musgasty, Tipperary Town
Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary	Melview, Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Powerstown Demesne	Castlejohn, Grangemoekler, Co. Tipperary
New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary	Old Cashel Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel
Stereame, Nenagh North, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	Ballingarrane, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Roscrea Old Courthouse, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	Ballyrichard, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary
Glenconnor, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	Clonagoose, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary
Ballyclerihan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	Knockgarve, Aghnameadle Ormund Upper, Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	Erasmus Smith House, Church Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
Brickendown, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	Knockmorris, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
Carrick on Suir Town Hall, New Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary	
No. 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary	