



Management Report to Council








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March dates for your Diary

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	<u>1</u> 10:00 CDP Review Workshop	<u>2</u> 10:00 – 11:30 Councillors Presentations 10:00 Young Social Innovators 10:30 Samaritans 11:00 Trade Union Connect	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 14:30 – 17:00 Public Consultation of Draft Regional Water Resource Plan for Councillors
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 10:00 CPG Mtg 10:00 Community, Culture & Library Services SPC
<u>14</u> 11:00 TCC Plenary Mtg	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Mtg	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>21</u> 10:30am Thurles MD Mtg	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 10am Nenagh MD Mtg 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg	<u>25</u>
<u>28</u> 11am Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Mtg	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Women's Caucus Workshop, Horse & Jockey	

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**Community and Economic Development Directorate
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)**

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u>			
Policy Changes/Updates	Date Adopted	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
LECP	The Guidelines for the Development of the LCDC were published by the Department of Rural and Community Development in December 2021. The Guidelines recommend a Framework documents with annual/biannual actions plans. An Advisory committee has been put in place to oversee the development of the LECP which must be in place by 2023		
Migrant Strategy	Process Underway	To be completed by Q1 2022	
Directorate Priorities			
Major Current Issues	Progress to date		Next Stage
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	The 2020 Accelerated Measure Scheme has been finalised with a Drawdown of €51,873.83. The finished projects are below		
	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Approved Grant Funding
	Accelerated Tranche 1 Ballyporeen	€44,000	€39,600
	Accelerated Tranche 1 Carrick On Suir	€28,500	€25,000
	Accelerated Tranche 1 Thurles	€27,800	€25,000
	Accelerated Tranche 1 Tipperary	€27,500	€24,750
	Accelerated Tranche 2 Fethard	€25,000	€22,500
	Accelerated Tranche 2 BCP's	€50,000	€40,000
	Accelerated Tranche 2 Littleton	€28,740	€25,000
	Accelerated Tranche 2 Nenagh	€40,000	€25,000
	Accelerated Tranche 2 Terryglass	€27,500	€24,784
	Accelerated Tranche 3 Ballingarry (South Tipp)	€27,800.00	€25,000.00
	Accelerated Tranche 3 Borrisokane	€40,000.00	€36,000.00
	Accelerated Tranche 3 Inch Field	€44,500.00	€40,000.00
	Accelerated Tranche 3 large town Clonmel	€44,444.00	€40,000.00
		€392,634	
	The 2019 Town and Village Renewal Project to be completed by July 2022.		
	2019 - 5 Projects Approved		



	<p>Project completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cashel Public Realm Lowergate Square (MD Led) <p>Projects in progress – due to be completed in 2022</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lorrha Community Hall (community led) Newcastle Community Hall (Works well under way) Clogheen Improvements to Community Building and Chapel Lane. (Is progressing reasonably well) Nenagh Ball Alley Lane (MD Led progressing well) <p>2020 – 7 projects approved</p> <p>Projects completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birdhill Village Enhancements <p>Projects in progress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boherlahan Village Enhancements Kilbarron Village Enhancements Kilsheelan enhancement to the Blueway and app development. Marlfield viewing platform, parking spaces, disabled access fishing point. Loughmore undergrounding of cables etc laying on fibre optic for a broadband Hub. Templemore Town Park Enhancements. <p>2021 – 3 Projects approved (announced on Friday 25th February)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ballyporeen - Remote working Hub and multipurpose space: This proposal is for the restoration and refurbishment of the Old Schoolhouse in Ballyporeen as a multipurpose facility for community/regional groups (Commercial, Social, and Recreational), local business, start-ups and working spaces - €198,000 Carrick on Suir - Proposal to develop lands abutting Co-Op in Carrick Beg on southern bank of River Suir to provide a public amenity park which will extend existing parkland east of Dillon Bridge - €90,000 Tipperary Town - The public open space known locally as the ‘The Hills’, is located approx. 400m north-west of Main Street, Tipperary Town. This proposal to create a superior recreational amenity with the provision of improved access, increased paths, a play area that is accessible, picnic benches, biodiversity planting and reflective areas - €500,000
<p>CLÁR Measure 2 (Playgrounds/Multi-Use Games Areas)</p>	<p>2021 - Clonakenny Community Garden successful</p>
<p>Clár 2022</p>	<p>2022 Clár Scheme launched on the 24/02/2022.</p> <p>Measure 1 – Developing Community Facilities</p> <p>The 2022 programme will allow for applications to be submitted to the LA from schools, community groups and Local Development Companies under this Measures. Community Groups can include local sporting organisations where the infrastructure being supported through the application is for the benefit of the community generally (not just the sporting organisation) and is made freely available to all members of the community without any additional restrictions or requirements being imposed. The Scheme is now open (application form and scheme are on Council’s website) and expressions of interest are being accepted until 12 noon on 30th March 2022. All expressions of interest will be assessed by the Council and up to 15 proposals may be selected by the Council for submission to the Department for its consideration. As per guidelines a maximum of 5 can involve renovation works</p>



	<p>on community buildings. In addition, a % of submissions will made on behalf of Tipperary County Council to provide roads projects in Clár areas.</p> <p>Measure 2 – Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport These applications are made directly to the Department of Rural and Community Development via e-mail to CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie by Friday 8th April 2022 and the scheme details and application forms may be viewed on the https://www.gov.ie/en/news/8ee2d-clar-programme-2022/ Measure 3 - Our Islands</p> <p>This scheme is not applicable to Clár areas in County Tipperary.</p> <p>These applications are made directly to the Department of Rural and Community Development via e-mail to CLAR@DRCD.gov.ie by Friday 6th May 2022 and the scheme details and application forms may be viewed on https://www.gov.ie/en/news/8ee2d-clar-programme-2022/</p>	
<p>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme</p>	<p>2018</p> <p>One Measure 2 project outstanding - River Ara Walkway in Tipperary Town – due to be completed by July 2022 – delay due to An Bord Pleanala application.</p> <p>2019 Projects complete</p> <p>2020</p> <p>2 Measure 2 applications approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beara Breifne Way Lorrha to Portumna 2. Suir Blueway Cahir Infrastructure Enhancement. <p>2021</p> <p>2 Measure 2 Projects approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carrick Widening of River Suir Blueway 2. Ardfinnan walkway and bridge <p>1 Measure 3 Project approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thurles River Suir Pathway <p>7 Measure 1 Projects approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballinderry River Walk 2. Bay Lough car park the vee 3. Gurtagarry Walk 4. Munster Vales Outdoor Adventure Digital Marketing Campaign 5. Age Friendly 6. Tipperary ‘Take A Hike’ Suite of Marketing Assets 7. Lough Derg Blueway Hiking Trail Counters <p>2022 Scheme launched on the 18/02/2022. Tipperary County Council can apply for; 7 Measure 1 funding increased from €20,000 to €30,000 closing date the 19th of April and proposed closing date for EOI the 29th of March</p>	<p>Complete 2018 Measure 2 River Ara walkway.</p> <p>Progress 2020 measures.</p> <p>Progress 2021 measures</p> <p>Apply for 2022 grants</p>



	<p>3 Measure 2 and 1 Measure 3 closing date 25th of May and proposed closing date for the EOI ther 4th of May.</p> <p>2 Measure 4 New Project Development. This is an increase of 1 closing date the 19th of April and proposed closing date for EOI the 29th of March.</p>	
Rural Development Programme (Leader)	<p>The Department of Rural and Community Development announced a transitional Leader fund that will run from the 31st of March 2021 until the 31st December 2022. The funding level for Projects within Tipperary for this timeframe is €2,238,831. The objective of this interim fund is to support projects and to prepare for the 2023-2029 Leader Programme.</p>	

Local Community Development Committee



The LCDC continues to meet and has oversight of the LEADER, SICAP and Healthy Communities Programme. In addition to LEADER grants (that are approved monthly by the LCDC)- the committee also approves the Community Activation Funds and the Healthy Ireland Projects. In February 2021, the committee invited a presentation from the Children and Young Persons Committee.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)



The annual SICAP Plan for North and South Tipperary were agreed through the LCDC. The total budget spend for SICAP South Tipperary in 2022 (including the underspend from 2021) is €823,245.59 while for North Tipperary the budget including the carryover is €643,566. Twenty three Development staff (not including administrators) are employed through the programme, making the programme the key support for communities across Co Tipperary. In 2022, it is envisaged that car mechanics course will be developed in Roscrea and South Tipperary Development are recruiting a migrant support worker.

Local Economic and Community Plan

The Advisory group for the development of the LECP 2023-2029 has met. The newly formed group is made up of the LCDC Chief Officers as well as the chair of the LCDC, Economic SPC as well as members with key expertise from the ETB, TUS and with Environmental and Governance backgrounds.

Community Call

This service was established in 2020 at the start of the covid pandemic to assist at risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical supports and advice. Supported 9-5 through CRM and outside hours through Emergency on Call number. There were 61 calls logged on the CRM. As health restrictions relax the number of calls has reduced. Below is a breakdown of the calls in 2021

Month	Number of Calls
Jan	24
Feb	9
Mar	7
Apr	4
May	5
June	1
July	7
Aug	2
Sept	1
Oct	0
Nov	1
Dec	0

Community Enhancement Programme.

CEP 2021 was launched in May. Tipperary was allocated €149,690. €50,000 was ring fenced for specific actions €99,690 was provided as a general grant. We got 116 applications. Final drawdown for this scheme was 31-12-21

On the 26th of November 2021 the Community Activities Fund was launched. Tipperary received €299,381. €100,000 of this will be ring fenced for



specific actions. The remaining €199,381 will be available to community groups. Over 204 groups where approved for the grants up to €1050. The drawdown deadline for this is 31/01/2023

Social Enterprise Capital Grant

Social Enterprise Grant Fund was launched on the 6th of September 2021 Tipperary was awarded €36,696.52. The LCDC approved 15 applicants. Of these 15 groups 9 where approved by the department. The drawdown deadline for this is June 2022

Joint Policing Committee

4 meetings were held in 2021. At each Chief Superintendent Derek Smart gave a presentation on the Tipperary Division Crime and Safety Statistics.

The JPC are currently working on Property Marking and Community based CCTV.

Three Property Marking Training events where held in 2021 in Nenagh, Drangan and Cappawhite. Over 25 groups have now been trained.

The following Community based CCTV schemes require Garda Authorisation.

- Burgess, Birdhill and Cooleens
- Littleton
- Fethard
- Borrisokane

The JPC have funded Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for each of these schemes and is currently drafting the Joint Data controller agreement to be signed by Tipperary County Council and An Garda Siochana. It is expected to have the documents signed off and sent to the An Garda Siochana by the end of Q1 2022.

Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance continue to progress Actions aligned to Age Friendly

Strategy. Tipperary Age Friendly have been successful with ORIS funding for the provision of cycling without age in Tipperary, we are progressing updating and reprint of the Information Guide and Directory of Services and will deliver training to Business in the County to support becoming Age Friendly in the coming months.

Roscrea Age Friendly Town

To compliment the Dementia Awareness campaign DDS Architects undertook a walkability audit in Roscrea in 2021, we have held some online focus group meetings and intend to host a Mobile Pop UP shop and promote public engagement to showcase the outcomes in early 2022. Roscrea Age Friendly Alliance continue to meet online and we will formally launch Roscrea as an Age Friendly Town in early 2022.

Tipperary Understand Together

The Tipperary Understand Together Dementia awareness project continues in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and the National Understand Together Campaign. Within this we are developing further links and partnerships with Tipperary Library Service, the Memory Technology Rooms and the Dementia Advisors all towards supporting those on the journey of Living with Dementia in Tipperary.

Healthy Homes Tipperary

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme aims to support older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible, and reduce the number and rate of transfer to long-term residential care. The project is a partnership between Age Friendly Ireland, a shared service centre

operating the national age friendly programme, and Sláintecare, the government ten-year programme for reform of the health care sector. The Healthy Homes Coordinator for Tipperary is Tracey Thompson. For more information on Healthy Homes see <https://agefriendlyhomes.ie/>

Sláintecare Healty Communiites Clonmel Healthy Communities

Tipperary County Council have completed a recruitment process for a Local Development Officer for the Clonmel Healthy Communities. A Local Implementation Team will be established to support the rollout of Healthy Communities. A social prescriber has been recruited for Clonmel and will be hosted by Clonmel Community Resource Centre and Barnardos will lead on Parenting Programme in the Clonmel area.

Migrant Integration

The Migrant Integration strategy is at an advanced stage of Development. The workplan is supported through Tipperary ETB, Tipperary PPN, Tipperary Sports Partnership, Tusla, and Gardai, the HSE and the Local Development Companies (NTDC and STDC) A Multi-agency Integration Committee is in place as is a Migrant Forum. Upcoming actions include Africa Day to take place on May 25th- an application has been made to Irish Aid to Fund this.



Children from Borrisokane with GAA equipment which they got as part of a project with Tipperary County Council, North Tipperary Development Company and the GAA.

Comhairle Na Nóg



Tipperary Comhairle na nÓg is a youth council aiming to promote mental health in our county for young people. Tipperary youth council, Comhairle na nÓg, gives younger age groups a voice in their community. Mental health issues have become much more prevalent in recent years and it is the aim of Comhairle to help raise awareness and promote events and strategies for our younger community. Raising awareness in relation to mental health is extremely important to Comhairle as it has come directly from the youth themselves. Tipperary Comhairle na nÓg works directly with the young people of Tipperary and endeavours to brainstorm and come up with ideas to keep them active, recognize how important their voices are and



help to promote their ideas to assure them that they are being heard.

The main activity from Comhairle since the last report was the AGM which was held virtually in October 2021. The online attendance was very successful with 99 people attending the 2021 AGM.

The first meeting following AGM 2021 took place in December in LIT campus Thurles, which was a great start to the new Comhairle term. There were many new members, following the AGM, who got the chance to mingle and get to know each other through icebreakers and friendly banter. As well as making new friends a lot of work was done, such as the election of the Secretary, P.R.O. and officers and also the division of the workplan for the year ahead under the themes chosen at the AGM. In 2022 the overall theme is YOUTH HEALTH. Former Comhairle members who are now voluntary leaders spoke about their experiences and the opportunities Comhairle has provided them with for study, work and beyond. There was also a visit from Cllr. Declan Burgess from Cashel who is a serving member of Tipperary County Council but who also served on Tipperary Comhairle as a teenager. This day gave the young people great hope for 2022 with so many enthusiastic new members and the connections that were made on the day. After the difficult few years there is no doubt that all members will work hard within the Comhairle team to rejuvenate Tipperary Comhairle na N'Óg and meet their goals for the coming year.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Following the successful five PPN MD meetings, the PPN Environment pillar groups now meet together at Cabra Wetlands quarterly, working closely with the Tipperary

County Council Environment & Climate Action Section so information and discussion around environmental and sustainable communities' issues are occurring. The PPN will work with Tipperary County Council on various identified projects and future planning consultations.

Currently, collaboration with Tipperary County Council, the local development companies and the Tipperary Volunteer Centre is deepening through working with the SICAP teams around developing migrant groups and older person groups and rolling out training courses.

Healthy Ireland

Tipperary LCDC and Tipperary CYPSC are currently administering a joint application for Round 3 Healthy Ireland funding which has 12 actions over two years with a particular emphasis on Community Mental Health. This round of funding has been extended until March 2022. Funding of €374,100 has been received. Within this there is an opportunity for local, community and voluntary groups to apply for funding up to €5,000 with €30,000 being available to administer in this fund. Application process was held in September 2020 with actions to be now extended to March 2022

In this Together

The 'In This Together' newsletter, which was originally formed as a support network for Covid 19 ceased to exist in December 2020. It has now been replaced by 'Tipperary Together' which is a new newsletter which will issue at the end of each month and will showcase support and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

To submit content please e-mail:
tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie

Pride of Place



ipb pride of place 2021

The Pride of Place Gala Awards will take place on May 16th at the INEC Killarney. Tipperary County Council has four excellent entries in 2021. These were Ballyporeen Community Council, Tipperary Down Syndrome, Ballysloe Community Council, Lorrha SCEAL (Social Enterprise). These were judged during September 2021

Suicide Prevention & Mental Health

South Tipperary Area Network ran a Creating Wellness Series in Clonmel for October to December 2021. Events included the Knit and Natter and Yarn bombing project, a spoken word projects based on the winter solstice – event which took place in Clonacody House in December 20th and the mistletoe café- STAN is a network of mental health providers and is administered through Tipperary County Council



Yarn bombing in Clonmel as part of the 'Creating wellness' Series

A grant of €5000 has been provided to Carmha mental health in Nenagh through the community activation fund to support their ongoing work in relation to dual diagnosis (mental health and addiction)

Children and Young People Services Committee

Tipperary Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) is a county level committee that brings together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to work together for better outcomes for children and young people, aged 0 – 24 years. It provides a forum for identification of key priority issues, for joint strategic planning to address these and for co-ordination of planned actions to ensure that the key needs of children, young people and their families in the areas of health, education and learning, employment, welfare and safety, and of Social Inclusion in community and society are identified and are addressed through inter-agency work. The CYPSC is chaired by Pat Slattery



Director of Services, Community & Enterprise section, Tipperary County Council.

Key actions undertaken by the CYPSC in 2021 include the following:

Tipperary CYPSC took a number of actions to counter the impact of Covid-19 and the related restrictions on the physical and mental wellbeing of families in the community:

As part of the Keep Well campaign,

Tipperary CYPSC received Healthy Ireland funding under the 'Minding Your Mood' strand for allocation to five agencies to increase capacity to provide extra counselling to children and young people.

Tipperary CYPSC also allocated €15,590.00 from its BOBF-CYPSC budget to five agencies to increase capacity to provide Art & Play therapeutic interventions, as well as counselling, for children and young people.

Tipperary CYPSC, in response to the issue of Food Poverty among families, allocated €12,000.00 from its BOBF-CYPSC budget to two hosting agencies, Silver Arch FRC and Barnardos Family Support Project, Clonmel.

These latter agencies then responded to requests from different agencies on behalf of individual families.

Tipperary CYPSC launched three initiatives related to its Children and Young People's Plan in October 2021:

'A Guide to Child and Youth Participation Supports' is a resource for agencies working with CYPSC that wish to promote input by children and young children into how their services are run.

A report on '*Services and Gaps in Service Provision for Children and Young People with Additional Needs*', provides both a profile of this category of service provision in the county, and a review of needs in this area.

The Tipperary CYPSC website provides a social media platform for the CYPSC and also includes an on-line directory of all service provision to children, young people and young adults, aged 0 – 24 years. It can be accessed [here](#).

Where possible, actions funded by CYPSC under Round 3 of the Healthy Ireland Funding programme continued, such as 'Active Tots', on-line provision of Non Violent Resistance (NVR) training, and LGBT* Youth support activities.

Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership is currently implementing its 2022 Operational Plan and successfully secured over €441,000 for sports and physical activities in the County to date in 2022. The focus of the Sports Partnership at present is to support the reopening of sport and physical activity and continue to facilitate activities with some programmes continuing to be delivered online and virtually. As Return to Sport continues, TSP has commenced the roll out of many of its face to face programmes in line with current guidelines.

Tipperary Sports Partnership is currently developing their 2022 Coaching, Development & Return to Sport Funding Scheme which will open in late March early April.

In partnership with LIT a new Special Purpose Award in Club Administration 'Running Sport Clubs' is currently running with 16 participants.

To date in 2022, 2 Safeguarding 1 workshops have been delivered with 24 sports volunteers receiving training, further courses are planned for the coming weeks including a Safeguarding 2 workshop.



Phase 1 of the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with TUS, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Cub has been completed. A canoeing Virtual Reality Experience on the Suir Blueway has been developed and is currently available for download on SideQuestVR for VR headsets. Funding for Phase 2 has been applied for to further develop and enhance the experience and to deliver outreach programmes.

TSP delivered 4 Pre-Swim for a Mile (PSFAM) training programmes in Clonmel Swimming Pool, Thurles Leisure Centre, Sean Kelly Sports Centre Carrick on Suir and Nenagh Leisure Centre in November. In February a Swim for A Mile programme commenced in 3 pools – Sean Kelly in Carrick; Clonmel Swimming Pool and Nenagh Swimming Pool.

A walking programme was held in West Tipperary and was completed in December it took place in different locations including Dundrum, Rossmore, Donohill, Knockavilla, Annacarty, Cappawhite. A Community Walking programme in New Inn will commence on 22nd March and plans are underway to establish a programme in Ballina.

TSP provided support to the 3 Operation Transformation Leaders from Tipperary and hosted a 5k walk in Thurles in January.

A Couch to 3k 6-week Podcast is available to be downloaded on www.tipperarysports.ie.

Currently, TSP is working with FAI in supporting a Kick Fit Soccer Programmes for women & Back to the Pitch along with Walking Football for men.

In Nenagh, TSP is working with Silver Arch to deliver a 'Let's Get Moving Green Exercise' programme.



The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme continues and is currently in 6 Preschool setting, in 2021 488 toddlers took part. Expressions of interest have been sought from Primary Schools for support for the Cycle Right Programme, 826 pupils were supported in 2021 with support from TCC.

€10,000 has been awarded from the Dept. of Transport and expressions of interest have been received from groups across Tipperary for Bikeweek 2022 which will take place in May.



A programme of activity was completed in late 2021 for marginalised groups with YWIT and TSP is currently working with YWIT to support a programme for activity for 2022. TSP is also linking with Bridgwater House to support an activity programme for their residents.

Support was provided to Down Syndrome Tipperary for a physical activity programme for 38 young people. A programme was also supported with MS Ireland 'Active Neuro' in the Autumn 2021 and a 10-week Spring programme is currently been delivered.

Autism in Sport Training was provided for 16 sport volunteers and a Disability Inclusion Workshop was delivered for 15 participants.



As part of the Outdoor Community Sports Hub in Clonmel the Schools Paddles Up programmes, Outreach activities and Summer Camps are been

planned. A paddling programme with Special Olympics is in progress with 12 young people from Scoil Anghasa in Cashel.

A Get Going Get Rowing programme was supported for 52 secondary school students with Clonmel Rowing Club.

TSP are currently working with Colaiste Dun Iascaigh in Cahir to develop a canoeing programme for their school which will form part of their leaving cert. There are 24 students working to achieve Level 3 skills.



The delivery of the Sli Nadur Outdoor Education programme was delivered in 2 Primary Schools.

Buntus Start training was provided in partnership with the Tipperary Childcare Committee in the Abbey Court Hotel in Nenagh for 8 services in North Tipperary.

Sports Leader Programmes were completed in Newport College with 24 participants and St. Marys Nenagh with 29 participants. All groups are now receiving certification from Sports Leader UK.



Mountain Bike Leadership training is being delivered for volunteer leaders to support the establishment of Mountain Biking as part of the Urban Adventure Project.

TSP, TCC and the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre are continuing on the development of the Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town. To date, equipment has been purchased, support for the design of the centre along with the delivery of a variety of programmes such as social tennis, bocce, walking football and activator walking programmes. Further activities are being planned.



In 2021 TSP led the Stage 2 accreditation process for the Suir Blueway Tipperary along with Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism. In November the Suir Blueway became one of the first Blueways in Ireland to be awarded Stage 2 Accreditation and is currently being used as a reference Blueway in the Failte Ireland Toolkit.



Women in Sport Week will take place from the 7th March – 12th March, TSP will be promoting female participation including the FAI Q&A with Diane Caldwell and Sport Ireland Events. As part of the week TSP will host a Coaching Teenage Girls workshop on the 8th March.

TSP assisted with the provision of inclusive outdoor equipment in Fethard Town Park.

FAI

This report is an update on football initiatives and development between October 2021 and March 2022. Within this period former Development Officer Stephen Quinn has been replaced by new development officer, Declan Barron in late January 2022. Overall, programmes and participation has steadily increased with engagement across the following portfolio of initiatives.

Club Development

The **FAI Club Mark** is an award based on best practice in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. Clubs start their journey at Entry Level and can progress on to become a 1-star club. Each step challenges the club to implement policies and procedures in line with best practice.

The aim of the FAI Club Mark:

- Establish minimum operating criteria for football clubs

- Provide clubs with a road map to good governance, management, and administration
- Support clubs on their journey
- Reward clubs for achieving and maintaining high standards
- Provide recognition to clubs for their commitment and achievements
- Increase club's capacity to operate effectively and grow football in communities throughout Ireland.

Lough Derg FC, Cahir Park, Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's, Holycross, Moneygall, Killavilla and Carrick United have all received the FAI Club Mark.

Lough Derg FC also have achieved the FAI Club One Star Award which is the first in Tipperary.



After consultation with clubs through emails & calls the following clubs have all applied and are currently in the process, Newport Town AFC, Peake Villa, Arra Rovers, Cloughjordan, BT Harps, Birdhill FC, Tipperary Town FC, Galbally United, Killenaule/Moyglass.

Meetings were also arranged with clubs to give some more information around the advantages of the Club Mark and outline the steps in the process and how we as Development Officers can assist.

Throughout the process we are in constant communication with clubs via meetings/calls/emails

The FAI Club Mark application workshop took place with clubs in North Tipperary. The aim of the workshop was to provide clubs with guidance on policies and supporting documents to ensure club governance was in order. A volunteer analysis tool was also developed to support clubs in tracking vetting, safeguarding and coach education requirements for each individual volunteer at the club. Following from the workshop an action plan was put in place with a timeframe to complete documents & safeguarding compliance requirements.

Coaching sessions completed with NTSFL, Nenagh AFC, Newport Town, Birdhill, Silvermines FC, Knigh United, Borrisokane FC, Moneygall, Clonmel Celtic FC, Cahir Park AFC, Tipperary Town FC, Slievenamon Celtic FC with further sessions planned with the remainder of the clubs.

Planning meetings took place with the NTSFL and the FAI Football for All department to develop an ASD section of the NTSFL. The league has identified potential clubs to work with in the development of the ASD section, follow up meetings to be arranged to assist the development of this section. Further meetings were held with the NTSFL and affiliated clubs to create new Football For All clubs.

Women's/Girls Football

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

Meetings have been held with the Tipperary Women's League to discuss entering a Tipperary Women's Team into the 2022 Angela Hurst Competition. Entering this competition has been agreed and the process commences in March 2022.

In addition, an U19 South Tipperary Women's Team will commence in March 2022. It is hoped that this may be developed into all Tipperary team in due course.

The Kickfit programme is a 6–8-week football fitness programme for women over the age of 18 which will give women the opportunity to keep fit by playing football.

The first 6-week Kickfit Programme commenced in August in Birdhill FC alongside in the club's junior girl's academy training, with a total of 22 participants taking part in term 1, several participants have expressed interest in getting involved at Birdhill FC as both administrators and coaches.



The participants ranged from age 26-53years old

Birdhill FC will continue the KICKFIT programme as a club led programme.

Moneygall FC started a new KICKFIT group with 27 participants and will resume on a weekly basis. Moneygall will enter a new team in the Tipperary Ladies Soccer group and continue to run the KICKFIT programme with the remaining members who want to play recreationally. The programme will also continue to be club led.



Disney Playmakers Programme

The Disney Playmakers program employs an innovative storytelling approach incorporating Disney characters alongside football to help girls aged between 5-8 years of age participate in fun regular activity through football.

This programme was implemented in Cahir Park AFC with 16-18 girls participating consistently over an 8-week period.

Back to the Pitch Programme

A second over 35's Back to the Pitch Programme, took place in in Cahir Park AFC over the winter period. This programme targeted recreational players and players that had retired from playing competitive football. The winter programme had 4 teams with over 50 participants taking place over a 5-week period.

Social Inclusion

Weekly Football for All sessions in Clonmel Town FC with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel & Journeyman Program Carrick on Suir.

Ballymackey FC and Killavilla United FC both launched the FFA club programme. The sessions continue on a weekly basis and continue to grow at a steady pace.

Coaching sessions in St Annes Special School Roscrea for a block of 6 weeks. Participants from

the school sessions have been informed about the FFA clubs in Ballymackey and Killavilla United, a number of students have since joined the FFA clubs.

Meetings were held with both clubs' committees and as a follow up a Disability awareness workshop will be held by the FAI in for members from Ballymackey and Killavilla united. A meeting was also held with BT Harps to facilitate a new FFA club programme, the club members will also be trained in with the relevant Disability workshops. Early discussions have begun with Clonmel Town FC to explore the possibility to of establishing an FFA club within their current setup.



Ongoing support will be provided to clubs who currently have FFA Club sections and to those setting up FFA Club sections.

Walking Football:

A six-week programme is currently running at the Tipperary Sports Hub with the Brothers of Charity in the Canon Hayes Centre and a programme is due to commence in Cashel with Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre. In addition, an eight-week programme was completed in Thurles with local Men's Shed groups and Walking Football sessions have also been delivered to

Knockenrawley Resource Centre in Tipperary Town and St Marys in Roscrea.

Intercultural

Sessions in Borrisokane FC were held with members of the Borrisokane Direct Provision centre. Borrisokane FC will facilitate registration of participants of the sessions into the clubs' teams for the season providing sustainable long-term football for the participants in Borrisokane FC. This group also attended the Late-Night leagues sessions in Borrisokane FC.

Late Night Leagues

The Late Night Leagues take place during prime anti-social hours and is based around the concept of using football as a tool for social inclusion and learning. In 2021, meetings were held with Tipperary Youth work service and members from the direct provision centre in Borrisokane. The Late Night Leagues ran in Borrisokane FC with 32 participants taking part over 6 weeks.

FAI School Skills Showcase:

FAI 'School Skills Showcase' is an interactive soccer challenge that was open to all primary schools in Tipperary to take part. The School Skill Showcase challenge is an engaging fun activity for the full class to participate while promoting physical activity, creative thinking and teamwork in a class setting.

Classes were invited to complete one of the three soccer challenges or work together in groups to produce their own unique School Skills Showcase challenge. A session template was sent to all schools with a blank template for students to create their own session

FAI Futsal in the yard



Futsal in the yard is a programme that targets football participation for primary school children within 1st – 4th class. The programme promotes physical activity in the primary school setting, using the game of Futsal to encourage pupils to stay active and to develop their fundamental movement skills.

The schools that took part in the Futsal in the Yard programme were; Ballinahinch N.S. ; Newport Boys N.S.; Clonmore N.S.; Kilkeary N.S ; Dualla N.S. ; Bansha N.S. ; St Joseph’s G.N.S. and Scoile Mhuire Newcastle with 650 participants participating in total.

Coaching sessions are currently ongoing in blocks of 6 weeks in St Marys convent primary school Nenagh for 120 participants each week, and in Colaiste Mhuire co ed, Thurles afterschool with 18 participants each week.

FAI Spar Primary 5’s School Competition

Following feedback from Schools in relation to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, The FAI have taken the decision partners SPAR to approach the SPAR FAI Primary School 5s Programme differently this year. Under this new format, Schools are asked to run their own 5-a-side competitions for pupils, and the FAI will provide guidance on how to do this. Registration is currently open for schools, currently there are 45 schools in Tipperary signed up. Ongoing communication and support with schools who have registered will be provided.

FAI Coach Education

3 x PDP 1 Course competed via blended learning approach (56 Participants)

X2 Football Fitness Intro workshop completed via blended learning approach via Zoom and in person practical’s (70 participants)

(X2) 4–6-year-old Introduction to football workshop online via zoom (60 participants)

PDP 2 Course 29 participants

National D Licence course 24 participants

Active club coach education sessions: Monthly club coach active Sessions held targeting club coaches to promote physical activity while actively training coaches and promoting coach education. Sessions held in Borrisokane FC & Moneygall FC (24 participants)

Jigsaw One Good Coach workshop 18 participants

x5 Safeguarding 1 workshops 140 participants

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Policy Changes & Updates

The Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee met on the 23rd of February. The main item discussed was the Burial Ground Bye laws public consultation submission report. The members agreed to the revisions and for the draft Burial Ground Bye Laws to progress to the Plenary Council for ratification. Presentations were given on the implications for the local authority of the new National Climate Action Plan and the enforcement for non compliance of Household Waste Inspections. The PPN representatives also updated members on the topics raised at the recent PPN Environment pillar meeting, which included hedgerow cutting and biodiversity.



Aerial Photo of Lough Derg

Public Awareness Initiatives

Sustaining our scenic villages is a new Environment and Climate Action initiative to highlight the importance of protecting and appreciating amenities in our local areas. Photographs will be mounted and displayed in the various areas. In tandem with this, Tidy town committees will receive high vis jackets to deter littering and indiscriminate dumping in these areas. The sites identified are as follows:

Nenagh MD

Lough Derg – Ballina, Terryglass, Dromineer & Birdhill

Thurles MD

Devils Bit – Drom & Borrisoleigh,

Keeper Hill - Cappagroe, Ballinahinch,

Clare Glens – Newport.

Clonmel BD

Slievenamon – Kilcash, Killusty,

Cloneen, & Mullinahone

Cashel/Tipperary MD

Glen of Aherlow – Bansha.

Vee – Clogheen

Carrick on Suir MD

Loughdhoirehile Lake Littleton

The Reen, Glengoole - Glengoole,

Ballynonty, Ballysloe.

Derry-naflan Loop -Horse and Jockey



Promotion of Civic Amenity Sites in properties in Clonmel and Tipperary Town.

In 2021 – the civic amenity sites recorded 131,000 visitors using their services. Special billboards



advertising the products accepted by the Civic Amenity Sites were designed and are now located in vacant buildings where there is high footfall to encourage the public to avail of CAS services. These billboards are currently located in premises at 105 Irishtown, Clonmel and in the Main St Tipperary town.

Tipperary Countryside Wild on Flowers Initiative



Free wildflower packs will be distributed at the following Farmers Marts:

- Thurles, 28th March,
- Cahir 30th March,
- Tipperary Town, 1st April,
- Nenagh 5th April.

They will also be distributed to the Tidy Towns, schools, development groups and residents. It is expected that these flowers will bloom in July & August and a competition will be arranged across each MD.

Trees

The planting of trees across our landscapes will contribute significantly to addressing biodiversity and climate change and our communities. Through different schemes such as the **Trees on the Land Initiative**, the section has secured over 5000 trees which will be distributed to Tidy towns, schools and community groups and Group Water Schemes to promote biodiversity. The Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte have also supplied trees, these are all pollinator friendly and include mountain ash, birch and alder.

Household Waste Pre-Tenancy Training



The section is working with the Housing Section to highlight to new households their responsibilities regarding household waste management. Staff carried out pre-tenancy training with 9 tenants by telephone and provided information packs on the civic amenity site services.

Septic Tank Promotion

In association with Tipp FM and Tipp Mid West Radio, a radio awareness campaign is planned for early March to inform homeowners with domestic waste water treatment systems (septic tanks), about their obligations to register the septic tank and to contract the services of a contractor who is registered with National Waste Collection Permit Office.

National Spring Clean 2022



At the launch of the Spring Clean at Thurles, Rona Sinelli, Refresh Thurles, Cathaoirleach of Thurles/Templemore Municipal District, Seamus Hanifin, CEO, Joe MacGrath, Rachael Blackmore and Leas Cathaoirleach Siobhan Ambrose.



Cashel Tidy Towns

Participants wishing to take part in the National Spring Clean 2022 must register with An Taisce, by logging onto Website; <https://nationalspringclean.org>. The website also has information and guidance for groups arranging cleanups.

The section will be distributing litter pickers, bags and gloves from the Nenagh & Clonmel Civic Offices. For further information please contact the Environment & Climate section.

Community Services

Burial Ground Maintenance Grants 2022

Advertisements were published in the Nenagh Guardian, the Nationalist and the Tipperary Star inviting applications from Burial Ground Committees in Tipperary for the 2022 Maintenance Grants Scheme. The Section also posted burial ground maintenance grant forms to 261 applicants who received grants in 2021. The closing date for completed application forms is 25th March and grants will be awarded based on the number of applications received and funding available.

Tidy Towns Grants 2022

Tidy Towns/ Community Groups are being invited to apply for funding under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme for projects or works which will enhance the appearance of their local areas, village and towns. Along with advertising the scheme, the Section posted 125 grant forms to Tidy Towns who previously received grants. Completed applications should be sent to the Municipal District for their area by the closing date for application of 25th March. All projects should be completed by the 16th September 2022.

Veterinary Services

Horses

3 horse queries were reported, which resulted in 0 horse pickups to date.

Dogs

A total of 30 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to date. Of this number, 21 dogs were re-homed and 6 dogs were reclaimed. The number of dogs licenses purchased to date is 1,221. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs and is supported by two dog shelters in Clonmel and Knockalton.

Abattoirs

Bovine	Ovine	Porcine	Caprine	Turkeys	Deer	Abattoir Visits
204	569	11	5	1146	198	124

Solar powered, compacting litter bins

The installation of the 32 procured solar, compacting litter bins has commenced with bins installed in Thurles in January. The remainder will be installed at the following locations in the coming weeks.

<p>Thurles Municipal District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supermac's Thurles town • 2 in Templemore Town Park • Roscrea Park • Gortnahoe • Two Mile Borris • Littleton 	<p>Nenagh Municipal District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 in Dromineer • Terryglass Harbour (by the playground gate) • Terryglass village (opposite pubs) • Garrykennedy Amenity Area • 2 in Ballina
<p>Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 on the main street in Tipperary Town • Newcastle Car Park 	<p>Clonmel Borough Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis Road, outside the Army Barracks • Entrance into Burke Park, near the Loreta School • Abbey Street, outside the Friary • West side of Cashel Road, • Mulcahy Car Park • Blueway in Kilsheelan
<p>Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Main St • Sean Kelly Square near West Gate • Kickham Street

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites



New skips in Nenagh CAS

The five civic amenity sites accepted 17,000 tonnes of waste and included 8,000 tonnes of household waste which equates to 47% of the total, food waste accounted for 17%, dry recyclables 10%, timber 4% textiles 3%, DIY Waste 3%, WEE 3%, Woodchip 2% waste metal 2%, Newsprint & cardboard 2%, garden waste 2% and 5% other.

Customers

Waller's-Lot	4118
Carrigeen Clonmel	4565
Nenagh	4152
Roscrea	4023
Donohill	2476

A total of 19,334 customers used the services in the January/February

Derelict Sites

The derelict site register was updated recently and lists 43 properties.

Derelict Site Levies for 2022 were issued to the relevant owners. The section engaged with 104 owners in relation to remediating their properties. Two Section 8(7) Notices and one Section 8(4) were issued.

Municipal District / Borough Council	Number of properties engaged with during 2022 <i>(pre Section Notice being issued)</i>
Tipp/Cashel/Cahir	39
Nenagh	14
Clonmel	20
Carrick-on-Suir	12
Thurles	19
Totals	104

Burial Grounds

Historic Burial Grounds:

- Two Applications for Department Funding were submitted under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Grant for the carrying out of structural works on Historic Burial Ground Structures. These Applications were unsuccessful.
- There are currently 2 No. live applications for funding under the Community Monuments Fund for Capital Funding for structural works and Conservation Assessment.

Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

Burial Ground	Progress update
Ballina (Boher)	Works commencing on the Land Acquisition from TCC & Vendor Solicitors.
Fethard	Part 8 Drawings were completed. Land Acquisition negotiations currently in process prior to Part 8 Application being lodged.
Cahir	Cahir Parish reviewed their proposed development and have indicated that a preference for the Co Co to develop the Burial Ground. New Draft Plans were completed.
Cloughprior	The National Monuments Section was consulted on the development of the Burial Ground Extension. The Geophysical Survey was submitted to National Monuments Section for comment. Alternative Sites under consideration in tandem with a Hydro-geological Land Suitability study. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish.
Carrick on Suir	Landowners have agreed to the excavation of Trial Holes to assess suitability and commence negotiations.
Shanrahan	Ancillary works to be reviewed in consultation with the adjoining landowner as Burial Ground developed on lower site.
Kilmore	The Boundary Wall details were agreed with the landowner. Boundary wall to commence construction in the coming months.
Tipperary Town	The section provided funding to Tipperary MD towards civil works to upgrade the entrance and provide for additional parking spaces.
Thurles (St Patricks)	Thurles MD is undertaking surfacing of the access road and widening of existing road and corners in the lower section Burial Ground.
Borrisoleigh	Works completed on the perimeter boundaries of Burial Ground.
Clonmel St. Patricks	Upgrade of the entrance to St Patrick's Burial Ground and public Car Park to be carried out Clonmel MD.
Nenagh Lisbunny	Nenagh MD to commence with the installation of a surface water drainage network. The demolition and rebuilding of the Historic Masonry wall was completed.

Waste Management and Enforcement

Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	5	2 for illegal clothes banks, 1 dumping of waste which is closed, 1 farm plastic, domestic waste dumped -case ongoing
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Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

363 tonnes of glass and 11 tonnes of cans were collected to date. For 2021, there was a total of 3858.6 tonnes of glass and 143.6 tonnes of cans were collected (a reduction of 2% on the previous year). 74.36 tonnes of textiles were collected up to the end of February. For 2021, a total of 446.72 tonnes of textiles were collected.

Waste Facility Permits:

2 permit reviews received – 2 under consideration.
9 annual returns are currently being assessed.

Circular Economy Initiative

The section is working with the area offices in regularising C&D waste activities in the depots and in supporting applications for Certificate of Authorisation to the EPA for compliance with Article 27 of the European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations.

Household Waste Inspections

The Section continues to carry out household waste inspections by post. However with the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions, it is anticipated that there will be a return to door to door inspections shortly. Since the beginning of the year, 22 first letters were issued to households requesting evidence of their service provider be produced, of which 53% complied.

Litter Fines

	Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	Thurles	Nenagh	Clonmel	Carrick-on-Suir	Total
Fines Issued	5	1	11	3	0	20
Cancelled	1	0	0	0	0	1
Paid	0	0	4	0	0	4
Outstanding	4	1	7	3	0	15



Legal Proceedings:

- 5 court cases were listed for January, of which 4 were deferred to later in 2022.
- 1 case Litter Fine Prosecution – successful (€250 fine plus €750 awarded for investigative costs) with 8 months to pay fine and costs.

Climate & Energy

The Public Sector Energy Efficiency performance report for 2021 reported that Tipperary Co Co attained a 45.5% energy efficiency rating for 2020. An Electric Vehicle Charging policy document was prepared to standardise the rollout of local authority owned EV infrastructure. The Energy & Climate Action Cross Sectional committee met in March and were given an overview of the national climate action plan. A new Community Climate Action fund was launched to develop low carbon communities, €800,000 has been allocated to Tipperary.

Environment Protection

Water Pollution /Agriculture

- Approx. 140 samples were taken as part of WFD sampling programme
- 1 Section 4 Discharge Licence Application was completed and 6 monitoring samples were taken and analysed.
- 5 Farm inspections were carried out
- 1 Section 12 Notice under the WPA 1977 - 2007 was served (Agri Related) and 1 recommendation for Legal Action arising from non-compliance.
- 3 Cross reports to DAFM (2 related to Slurry spreading in closed periods)
- 6 Nutrient Management Plans submitted for assessment and approved.

Planning Referrals

- 22 Planning referrals have been assessed and reported on to date.

Air & Noise Pollution

- 1 noise survey was assessed as part of a Planning application and reported on.



Rural Water Programme

The Rural Water programme transferred to Environment and Climate Action in January 2022.

The implementation of the programme is a statutory requirement under the Drinking Water Regulations. Tipperary County Council is currently the drinking water regulator for private water supplies in the county, responsible for enforcing the Drinking Water Regulations for Group water schemes (GWS) and Small Private supplies (SPS) servicing businesses.

- 56 samples have been taken and analysed from Small Private supplies
- 35 samples have been taken from Group Water Supplies

Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for AMS 12/01/2022, closing date 30/06/2022;
- 3 applications have been received

Current Capital Projects:

- Ardcroney GWS: New Source development; Amalgamation project ceased;
- Castleiney GWS: Consulting Engineer tendering Universal Metering project;
- Castleiney GWS (Laha): Emergency funding sought from DHLG&H for water quality issues;
- Castlough GWS – UV System and Chlorine Dosing installed;
- Cunnahurt GWS: New source to be commissioned;
- Drombane GWS: Engineering Report on Taking in Charge submitted to IW, further works required;
- Elm Hill GWS: final documents for TiC with IW, responses to IW from TCC in place;
- Garrynamona GWS: Procurement exercise for Universal Metering under way;
- Gurteenakilla Plunket St GWS: Chlorine Dosing Time Tank to be installed;
- Kilbarron GWS: Comprehensive Report paired back to €50K forwarded to DHLG&H;
- Rahealy Clobanna GWS: completing Source Protection;
- The Pike Ballingarry GWS: Pre-Connection Application submitted to IW.

Private Well Grants: 14 Applicants 28/02/2022; 7 Grants Awarded.

Septic Tank Grants: no new applications or payments

Lead Piping Grants: no new applications or payments



Landfills

MD	Update
Cashel/Tipperary Donohill	The landfill is in compliance with its waste licence conditions
Nenagh Ballaghveny & Rathcabbin	The intensive groundwater monitoring programme commenced in 2019 and was completed in September. The monitoring of the landfill which is in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. Ballaghveny landfill accepted 9,345.64 tonnes of waste to date, including 5,289 tonnes from the Rathcabbin site
	Historic Landfills
Tipperary Cashel Cahir	Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys are ongoing in preparation of the application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.
Tipperary Cashel Cahir	Tier 2 & Tier 3 Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at two historic closed landfill sites at Dundrum and Knocklofty were completed. The preparation of applications for Certificate of Authorisation to the EPA is ongoing.
Thurles	Tier 2 & Tier 3 Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at two historic closed landfill sites at Brittas road and Monanearla were completed. The preparation of applications for Certificate of Authorisation to the EPA is ongoing.
Carrick-On-Suir	Consultant appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are to be completed in preparation of NIS for submission to the EPA and ABP.

Open/Closed Complaints

Complaint Category	Tipperary /Cahir Cashel		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Carrick-On-Suir	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	0
Animal	3	27	1	6	2	14	1	14	2	6
Infrastructure	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	0
Litter	4	52	1	17	3	29	14	41	3	14
Noise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Waste	0	0	0	4	2	12	2	1	1	2
Water	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Total	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
	13	83	5	29	9	58	20	60	11	22
	Tipperary /Cahir Cashel		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Carrick-On-Suir	
Total	96		34		67		80		33	

WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

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.

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:

B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design	Contract Name	Current Scheme Status
Clonmel WRZ WP1 – Remedial Action List (RAL) and Boil Water Notice (BWN) Project	<p>– Upgrading and expansion of existing Monroe Wellfields; and</p> <p>- Construct Pipelines from Monroe to Clonmel and on the Mountain Road, Clonmel.</p> <p>This will increase water supply into Clonmel and allow for the removal of the Boil Water Notice on Mountain Road and the rationalisation of Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant.</p>	<p>Nicholas O’Dwyer Consultants appointed to the project.</p> <p>Preliminary surveys ongoing at Monroe Wellfields.</p>
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutis Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water to appoint Consultants to commence design phase for construction stage works.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water to appoint Consultants to commence design phase for construction stage works.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Irish Water appointed EPS Contractor/Consultant. Planning application documents and EIS estimated to be submitted in Q2 2022. Estimated contract award in Q4 2023.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants completed Draft Drainage Area Plan and model for Irish Water. Irish Water to review.

Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Contract tendered on 17 December 2021, return of tenders extended from 07 February 2022 to 07 March 2022. Estimated contract award in Q3 2022.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Contract tendered on 17 December 2021, return of tenders extended from 07 February 2022 to 07 March 2022. Estimated contract award in Q3 2022.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 06 September 2021. Estimated to start construction works in 2025.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Planning Application estimated to be submitted in Q3 2022. Estimated contract award in Q1 2023.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 20 May 2021. Estimated contract award in Q4 2022.

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 Sharex 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.
- Non-domestic meter surveys

Watermain Rehabilitation Works:

1) Watermain rehabilitation:

2022 Works:

Kilfeacle to Thomastown (6.6km), completed;

Ballinastick South (1.86km), design;

Carrick-on-Suir Urban Realm Project (1.686km), design;

Bolton Street and William Street, Clonmel (1.568km), design;

Father Mathew Street, Tipperary (0.3km), design;
Kilcommon (1.12km), design;
Puckane (1.363km) design;
Rathmoy to Ragg (1.913km), design; and
Glencrue, Portroe (0.78km), design.

2) Back Yard Services replacement in Carrick-on-Suir :

Irish Water has approved the commencement of design works to remove back yard services in Carrick-on-Suir in the following areas:
Marian Avenue, Pearse Square, O'Mahony Avenue, Saint Molleran's, Connolly Park, O'Hickey Place, Maple Court, Kennedy Terrace, Saint Nicholas Park, Árd Mhuire and Seán Treacy Park.

The aim is to progress construction of 3.4km of new watermains and the removal of almost 500no. back yard services. This will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected.

The removal of all the back yard services will add to the quality and sustainability of the water supply and reduce leakage.

3) Back Yard Services replacement in Cashel:

Irish Water has approved the commencement of design works to remove back yard services in Cashel in the following areas:
Árd Mhuire, Upper Friar Street, Cathal Brugha Street, McCann Street, Lacey Square and Abbey Side.

The aim is to progress construction of 0.6km of new watermains and the removal of almost 130no. back yard services. This will require engagement and agreement with all the properties affected.

The removal of all the back yard services will add to the quality and sustainability of the water supply and reduce leakage.

4) First Fix programme is ongoing. By email, dated 22 April 2021, Irish Water notified the elected members of changes to the programme, including a widening of eligibility criteria.

5) Non-domestic meter survey ongoing in Clonmel.

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 ongoing at Coalbrook, Cordangan, Stooke, Rossadrehid, Lorrha, Cloughjordan and Newport WTP; and
- (ii) design ongoing at Hollyford, Dualla, Riverstown, Coolbawn (Nenagh), O’Gorman’s Well (Newport) and Borrisokane.

(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 EPS to assess a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to assess the provision of new inlet works, storm tank, sludge treatment (or combination of these) to improve plant operation. The sites identified are Newtown, Puckane, Portroe, Dromineer and Borrisokane. The provision of any identified works may require a prior grant of permission from Tipperary County Council as planning authority.

Construction works commenced in Borrisokane WWTP in December 2021.

Construction works commenced in Puckane WWTP in February 2022.

Construction works commenced in Newtown WWTP in February 2022.

(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, 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 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 substantially complete.

(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.

(6) Wastewater Pumping Station Programme:

Consultants appointed by Irish Waters are currently assessing a number of wastewater pumping stations to improve pumping station operations. The consultants have produced draft concept design reports for pumping stations at Borrisokane Park; Riverstown, Birr; Murroe Road, Newport; Riverside, Ballina; and Killenure, Knockavilla. These will be reviewed at Irish Water workshops.

(7) Source Rationalisation Programme:

The aim of this Irish Water programme is to rationalise small water schemes into bigger schemes. The schemes currently being assessed for rationalisation under the programme are Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey, Littleton, Upperchurch and Glengar. Irish Water have appointed a Contractor. Site investigations to commence shortly as part of design phase.

- Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey and Littleton will be assessed for connection to the Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme;

- Upperchurch will be assessed for connection to the Kilcommon Water Supply Scheme; and
- Glengar will be assessed for connection to the Ironmills Water Supply Scheme, which is part of the Dundrum Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Tipperary County Council will promote other suitable water schemes which meet the criteria.

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.

IRISH WATER NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES PLAN:

The Irish Water National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Ireland's first 25-year strategic plan enabling us to move towards safe, secure, reliable and sustainable water supplies for all of Irish Water's customers and communities, whilst safeguarding public health and the environment.

Irish Water published its Draft Framework Plan, the first phase of its National Water Resources Plan, for public consultation.

The NWRP aims to safeguard public health, facilitate growth and meet the challenges of climate change over the next 25 years.

For the first time, the NWRP will provide a country-wide analysis to identify the water we have, the water we use, the water we need and any potential risk to water quality. It sets out the methods and options to meet these shortfalls in a resilient and environmentally sustainable way and is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and a Natura Impact Statement, which looks at how the Plan considers its impact on the environment.

The NWRP will:

- calculate the demand for water from homes, businesses and industry now and into the future;
- assess the amount of water available in existing supplies;
- assess the impact of weather events such as drought on our water supplies; and
- identify areas where there is not enough water supply to meet demand, or where there is a risk to water quality.

A 10-week public consultation sought feedback on the Irish Water NWRP Draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports and was completed on 12 March 2021. Following the receipt of 84 submissions, including one from Tipperary County Council, Irish Water, on 26 May 2021, finalised and adopted the Framework Plan.

Irish Water has now commenced the Phase 2 development of four Regional Water Resources Plans which will set out the options to address identified needs across all of Irish Water's supplies. Irish Water will be again seeking the public's views as each of the Regional Plans will be subject to public consultation. In this respect, further engagement with Tipperary County Council will take place.

Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 which provided an opportunity for engagement by senior management from Irish Water with the elected members on the Regional Water Resources Plans as they impact on County Tipperary.

Irish Water also availed of the opportunity afforded by this workshop to present an update to the elected members on its Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region and on its Capital Projects for County Tipperary.

The Draft Regional Water Resources Plan for the Eastern and Midlands Region, which covers only a portion of the former Tipperary North, has been published with a public consultation on same extending from 14 December 2021 to 14 March 2022. A hard copy of the documents associated with same is available for public inspection at the Planning Section, Civic Offices, Nenagh.

For more information please visit www.water.ie/nwrp.

Irish Water has also invited the elected members to a webinar on 04 March 2022 to present the Draft RWRP Eastern and Midlands Region, and associated environmental reports, and to answer any questions which the elected members might have about Irish Water's plans to provide long term sustainable water supplies in that part of County Tipperary covered by the Draft Plan.

IRISH WATER 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 took place with Irish Water on 11 November 2020 to discuss the above settlements, possible solutions and cost estimates.

On 30 September 2021, Irish Water advised that funding is to be provided to provide additional wastewater treatment capacity at Kilsheelan and Lisvarrinane as part of the STVGP.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:

On 16 June 2021 Irish Water issued a note on the introduction of the new non-domestic tariff framework for Irish Water's business customers, which is to go live on 01 October 2021, with Irish Water issuing letters to customers to outline what changes they can expect to see from October. The decision to confirm the new date for implementation was taken by the regulator, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU). The changes were due to go live on 01 May 2020 originally but were deferred to 01 May 2021 and

again to 01 October 2021 due to the considerable uncertainty for businesses under the essential Government public health guidelines due to COVID-19.

Irish Water noted that “The new framework will standardise charges across the country while recovering the cost of providing water and wastewater services to non-domestic customers. The vast majority of customers will see either a decrease or an increase of less than €250 per annum, in their annual bills. For the minority of customers who will face larger increases in their annual bill, Irish Water will put in place a number of important support measures. Connections that see an increase of €250 or more will be gradually transitioned to the new tariffs over three years. For connections that will face an increase of €750 or more, we will automatically apply a 10% cap to their annual bill increase in any one year. Throughout this process, both Irish Water and the CRU have examined international best practice and consulted with representative groups and individual businesses across the country. This approach has greatly helped in developing charges that are clear, simple and fair to all.”

Irish Water is encouraging businesses to visit www.water.ie where they can assess the impact of the new charges on their future bills using our online calculator tool available on www.water.ie.

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/>.

COUNCIL WORKSHOPS 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.

A series of workshops, conducted on a District basis, took place 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.

A similar series of workshops, conducted by Zoom on a District basis, took place in the period 15 April 2021 to 29 April 2021. A further series of workshops, via Zoom, occurred, on a District basis, on 06 October 2021.

It is planned to hold the next series of workshops in April 2022.

As noted above, Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 to brief them on the Regional Water Resources Plans, as well as provide an update on its Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region and on its Capital Projects for County Tipperary.

WATER SECTOR TRANSFORMATION:

On 23 February 2021 Deputy Darragh O’Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation entitled *Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility*. The Policy Paper, Frequently Raised Topics, and accompanying press release, are available on www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications

appear on the homepage under the Publications heading with the press release appearing under the Press releases heading.

The Policy Paper:

- sets out the Government's vision for the future of water services;
- addresses the provision of water services as set out in the Programme for Government, entitled *Our Shared Future*, published on 15 June 2020;
- considers the water sector transformation process; and
- concludes by requiring the key stakeholders to engage to agree a framework to move towards an integrated public water services utility.

Detailed discussions between the parties are in progress at this time.



Borrisokane WWTP Upgrade Works

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All figures relate to the period 01 January 2022 – 31 January 2022

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	Draft documentation in preparation for internal review	TBD
Choice Based Letting	Final testing stage	Commencement March 2022
Review of Housing Adaptation Grants	Remaining private & LA P2 and P3 grants identified and additional funding secured	Applications to P1, P2 and P3 are now open.
Housing For All	Housing Delivery Action Plans presented at the January Plenary meeting and submitted to the Department for consideration	Department feedback on submission received
Disability Strategy	Draft strategy considered by HDSG.	Strategy for noting at March Plenary Council meeting.
Own Front Door	Draft Policy considered by SPC	To be considered by Plenary Council

Housing Delivery

The current status of the projects is as follows:

2022 – 2026 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
William Street, Nenagh	7	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 preparation
Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Submission
Ashbury, Roscrea	7	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Glencarrick, Roscrea	46	Stage 1 Approved,	Stage 2 Submission
Camphill Communities, Carrick on Suir	7	Stage 2 Approved	On hold with Camphill
Church Street, Templemore	4	Part 8 Approved	Preparation of tender documents
Grove Street, Roscrea	7	Part 8 to be re-advertised	Part 8 Report to members for consideration
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 2 approved	Part 8 advertisement
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 approved	Preparation of Part 8
Boherclough Street, Cashel	9	Stage 4 submitted	Stage 4 Approval
Woodview Close, Nenagh	10	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor Appointment
Ardcrony	4	Contractor Appointed	Completion 2022
Moyne	9	Contractor Appointed	Completion 2023
Mill Road, Thurles	28	Contractor on Site	Scheme Completion Q2 2022



Cluid Ballycraig Road, Nenagh	5	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Portroe	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel	2	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
Ballyclerihan	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Bansha	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Donohill	8	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Two Mile Borris	23	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Cormack Drive, Nenagh	12	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Abbey Street, Cahir	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Ardfinnan	3	Part V	Delivery 2022
Focus AHB, Nenagh	16	CALF Approved	Delivery 2022
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey, Works ongoing	Delivery 2022/2023
Mullinahone	10	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
SPADE Deerpark Road, Cashel	2	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel	9	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Tuatha, Kickham Street, Carrick on Suir	13	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022/2023
Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles	19	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	29	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Borrisokane	15	Substantially Complete	
Mulcair View, Newport	11	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Templetuoahy	10	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Hazel Close, Carrick-on-Suir	14	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered
Ballycommon	2	Part V Delivered	Delivered
Mitchel St. Thurles.	1	Units Completed	Delivered

Cois na hAbhainn, Mullinahone	3	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered
Knockanrawley, Tipperary.	28	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Cloughjordan	2	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Glentara, Roscrea	2	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered

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

New RAS properties	0
New LTL properties	1
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	40

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up in 2022	13
Total active HAP tenancies	1826
Average weekly HAP set up	3

Energy Efficiency

Midlands Retrofit Programme

Significant progress has been made on all 3 phases of the Midlands Retrofit Programme.

All 16 units in Gortnahoe are substantially complete with heat pump, new insulated windows and doors and insulation works. Snagging is ongoing.

Phase 2 at Priory Place & Woodville Crescent, Templemore, (20 Units) are at windows and doors installation stage. The majority of Heat pumps have been installed and are in operation.

Phase 3 24 Units across Thurles, Templetoohy, Rathcabbin has moved to insulation works. The majority of heat pumps and windows and doors together with external wall insulation works are now complete. Post BER's surveys have commenced also for Phase 1 by Superhomes/TEA.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

Significant progress has also been made in Phases 1 & 2 of The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP).

Phase 1 consists of 32 houses located in Littleton, Templemore, Moyne & Templetuohy.

Phase 2 consists of 28 houses located in Two Mile Borris, Gortnahoe, Roscrea & Borrisoleigh.

Approx. 35 houses have now been retrofitted substantially and remaining 25 are in progress. Works have begun in Derry-naflan Avenue, Littleton this week. (18 Units)

Post works BER Surveys are to commence in coming weeks by Superhomes/TEA on completed units.

(Works 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. Main aim of the retrofits is to reach a BER of B2.)

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022

Housing units for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 are being identified across all 5 districts. We are awaiting confirmation from the Department on the numbers allocated to Tipperary County Council for the current year.

Housing Grants

The Council has received confirmation that we can proceed with allocating 65% of last year's funds for works to be carried out in 2022. This is in expectation that this year's allocation, yet to be confirmed, will at least match that received in 2021. This was €3,417,076 for private housing adaptation grants and €1,533,332 for local authority grants.

The scheme has now opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2022 for both private and local authority grants.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€TBD	€n/a	28
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€TBD	€n/a	9
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€TBD	€n/a	35
TOTAL	€TBD	€n/a	72
Local Authority DPG Grants	€TBD	€n/a	



Voids

The number completed from 01/01/2022 to 31/1/2022 is 8.

Vacant Houses¹

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ²
Carrick	353	21	0.4%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	832	31	0.6%
Clonmel	690	9	0.2%
Nenagh	726	14	0.3%
Templemore/Thurles	876	40	0.8%
Total	3,477	115	2.3%

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	14	12	1	1	0
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	2	2	0	0	0
Clonmel	1	1	0	0	2
Nenagh	0	0	0	0	1
Templemore Thurles	15	12	1	2	1
TOTALS	32	27	2	3	4

¹ Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 114 housing applications received of which:

- 51 were found to be invalid
- 63 were found to be valid

Number of Housing Assessments carried out

Month	Number of Assessments
January	57
Total	57

Community Support

The Council's five Community Liaison Officers have an integral role to play in the active and positive management of both the council's housing stock and its' tenants. They work closely with resident groups and other agencies (An Garda Síochána, the HSE, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, Túsla; Local Community and Family Resource Centres etc) to facilitate, support and implement plans for their respective areas in order to improve the quality of life for all.

A key function also involves liaising with and dealing with tenants in respect of tenancy breaches. Where such engagement and supports cease to be effective and the tenant refuses to engage in a positive manner to address the issues at hand, the council has been active in progressing these cases through the courts. In 2021, 18 cases were before the courts, dealing with a variety of tenancy breaches including non-payment of rent, anti-social behaviour issues and illegal occupancy.

Homelessness

In line with government policy, the focus of homeless services in 2022 will be on the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle.

The total number of homeless presentations in January 2022 was 47 with family breakdown as follows; 31 single presentations, 3 couples, 3 couples with children and 10 singles with children.

The use of private rented accommodation with the assistance of HAP is the primary option for those presenting as homeless. The 2 Homeless Prevention Officers, working in tandem with the HAP Placefinder Service operate to secure such accommodation.

Prevention work was carried out by the HAP place finder on 15 of these presentations. They facilitated 2 families and 1 single person in securing private rental HAP accommodation. There was also 1 single person who successfully exited emergency accommodation as a result of sourcing HAP accommodation.

There are currently 29 adults and 10 families (13 children in total) in emergency accommodation. The Homeless Team are working with the relevant services such as substance misuse and mental health to put in place exit plans for those in emergency accommodation.

The 12 Housing First units continue to accommodate the most complex of homeless cases with wrap around supports. An additional 18 units have been approved in principle by the Department (6 units in the south and 12 in the north).

A draft policy was considered by the SPC in relation to the introduction of an Own Front Door Service (OFD) whereby B&B emergency accommodation for on-going repeat users will be replaced by short term managed emergency accommodation. The occupiers of this emergency accommodation will be key worked either by AHB service providers in the area or our own Homeless Team or a combination of both with the aim of providing a successful exit from this emergency accommodation to more secure type accommodation.

The Council continues to support services to those clients with significant mental health challenges in sustaining their tenancies through both the START Programme in the south of the county (6 Clients) and the North Tipperary Intensive Supports programme (23 clients) in the north of the county. These tenants are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy.

The two TSS staff currently provide support for 40 LA tenants (including some Traveller Families) who need help in sustaining their tenancy.

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 secure home. It is envisaged that through the initiatives above and the provision of additional one-bedroom units under our construction programme that these issues can be addressed.

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. There is continued engagement with landlords to bring more properties back into use through the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes. Buy and Renew will also assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

The level of support with the Repair and Lease Scheme, a companion strategy of the Buy and Renew scheme, has increased to €60,000.

Local Authority Home Loans

The Local Authority Home Loan Scheme has replaced the Rebuilding Ireland Home Scheme from 4th January, 2022.

The Local Authority Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds. An applicant can apply to borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €250,000 in Tipperary.

The new Local Authority Home Loan Application Form and related documents are available from: <https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie>



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications

Number of Applications Received	0
Number of Valid Applications Received	0
Number of Loan Applications Approved	1
Number of Loans Issued	4
Total Value of Loans Issued	€279,710

Local Authority Home Loans

Number of Applications Received	3
Number of Valid Applications Received	2
Number of Loan Applications Approved	0
Number of Loans Issued	0
Total Value of Loans Issued	0

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The housing (sale of local authority houses) regulations 2021 gave effect to the following changes to the 2016 Tenant Purchase Scheme from 1st February 2022.

- Income -the minimum income required for the applicant to be eligible to apply under the scheme has been revised downwards from €15,000 to €12,500.
- Time -the period of time tenants will be required to be in receipt of social housing support to be considered under the scheme has changed from 1 to 10 years

Tenant Purchase Scheme Allocations January 2022

Formal applications to purchase received	11
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	1
Sales completed	4
Total proceeds of sales received	€260,700

Disability Strategy

The Housing team, in conjunction with the Housing Services Disability Group (HSDG) have formulated a strategy to improve the availability of housing and supports for persons with a disability in the county. The HSDG meets regularly during the year and in 2021, 118 applicants approved under the disability category were allocated a dwelling suitable to their needs.



CORPORATE SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee Work Prog	Completed
SPC Scheme	Completed
Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Completed
Social Media Policy & Protocol	Completed
Communication Strategy Implementation	In Progress
Service Delivery Plan 2022	At Draft Stage
Annual Report 2021	At Draft Stage
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

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[Audit Committee](#)

A meeting of the Audit Committee took place on the 1st February remotely via zoom. The following items were discussed:

1. Internal Audit Annual Report 2021
2. Internal Audit Plan 2022
3. Internal Audit outstanding Recommendations update
4. Audit Committee Work Programme 2021 and 2022
5. Procurement Compliance- Internal Audit Report
6. Statutory reports to council, Committee
7. Southern Audit Committee Chair Forum Update
8. TCC Management Letters Update
9. Staff Training Recommendation Progress Update
10. Management Reports to Council, December, January 2022

A meeting of the Audit Committee took place on the 22nd February remotely via zoom. The following items were discussed:

1. Minutes from Audit Committee meeting of 1st February 2022
2. Matters arising
Statutory Reports to Council
3. Audit Committee Self Evaluation Report 2021
4. S.121 Audit Committee Report
5. Audit Committee Charter
6. Annual Report to Council 2021
7. TCC Audit Committee Work Programme 2022
8. Southern Chair meeting from 9th February update
9. Management Letter 2019 & 2020 Update



Annual Report 2021

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

Work has commenced on the collation and drafting of the Annual Report for 2021 and a draft of the report will be submitted to the Council at its April meeting.

Service Delivery Plan 2022:

The service delivery plan for 2022 is currently being drafted and will be submitted for the consideration of the Council at the April meeting. This plan will be consistent with the budgetary provisions estimated to be necessary for the Council to carry out its functions during 2021. The adoption of the plan is a reserved function of the Council

Performance Indicators 2021:

For 2021, there are 41 local authority performance indicators as set out below. The deadline for submitting the data to the LG Returns system is Friday 29th April 2022.

NOAC has reviewed a number of indicators and made some changes to the set of indicators requested in respect of 2021 activity. Due to the impact of Covid-19 it is predicted that the performance in several areas will have been impacted by a range of issues such as (but not limited to):

- Government restrictions in local authority offices and in planning and private rental inspections;
- Sick leave in local authorities;
- The re-distribution of staff to deal with Covid-19 related activities;
- Closed Libraries;
- Collection of commercial rates, rents and mortgages;



Changes to Performance Indicators:

The following indicators have been amended since the 2020 Performance Indicator Report:

- **H1F: Number of local authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HLGH approved scheme** - In previous years, H1F collected the following data: No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HLGH approved scheme. NOAC are adding a target date for clarity (31/12/2021). The revised indicator will now be: No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2021.
- **H5: Rental Inspections** – Previously only the first inspection was counted. For example, in cases where a property was inspected, and failed, then was brought up to standard and re-inspected. This was recorded as one, not two inspections. For 2021, this indicator will now collect and show the number of inspections including re-inspections.
- **M1H: Revenue expenditure per capita in 2021 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure** - M1H records the expenditure per capita when out of county and shared service expenditure is omitted for the service providers of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) (Limerick), MyPay (Laois), Dublin Regional Homelessness Expenditure and Dublin Fire Services (Dublin City).



- **M3: Public Liability Claims** - The text has been amended from “Per capita total cost of settled claims for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020.” To “Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2021.” From 2021 forward, only data from a single year will be collected under this heading.
- **M4: Overheads** – Any additional overheads that need to be added can be included and a comment should be added explaining this.

Register of Electors:

Live Register - The Live Register of Electors 2022/2023 was published on 1st February 2022 and came in to force 15th February 2022. Tipperary County Council has 129,255 Local Government Electors.

LEA - Local Government Electors

Cahir LEA	11,679
Carrick on Suir LEA	16,058
Cashel-Tipp LEA	22,333
Clonmel LEA	18,464
Nenagh LEA	17,489
Newport LEA	13,192
Roscrea-Templemore LEA	14,143
Thurles LEA	15,897
Total:	129,25

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims
Period 01/01/2022 to 21/02/2022

Pothole -	17
Public Liability -	5
Total Claims –	22

Coroner Service

Statistics for period 1st Jan to 28th Feb, 2022

No. of deaths reported:	77
No. of Post mortems/Inquests:	15
No. of Undertaker Removals:	20



Communications/Customer Service

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

Media releases issued during January/February include: -

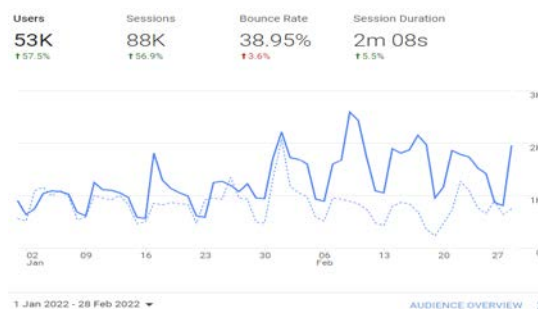
- Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force Strategy and Action Plan
- County Tipperary rivers are under threat from pollution – public meetings Local Authority Water Programme

Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social media channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council. From January to March the following was posted.



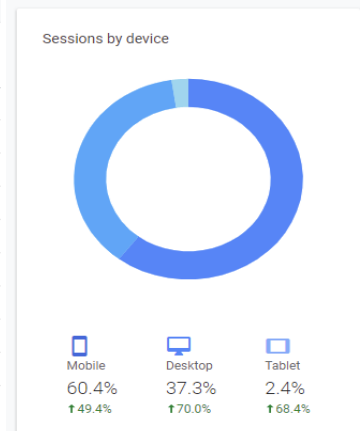
Website audience overview January/February



What pages do your users visit?

Page	Page Views
/	21,506
/planning/record-base...enquiry-system-eplan	11,555
/planning/category-search-planning-records	10,838
/planning	9,088
/your-council/all-current-vacancies	5,257
/swimming-pools/clonmel-pool	3,559
/pay-for-it	3,508
/swimming-pools/nenagh-leisure-centre-0	3,431
/planning/planning-lists	2,563
/housing	2,527

What are your top devices?





FACEBOOK



January/February

Jan 1, 2022 – Feb 28, 2022

494.6K

People reached

▲ 6.88% from previous 59 days

1.4K

Net followers

▲ 114% from previous 59 days

People reached

Jan 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2022

494,576 People reached

462,760 Previous period

Top pages/videos viewed

Page	Video
Discover Lough Derg Tour Guide	Lough Derg – where water and fire... Discover Lough Derg
Tipperary Tourism Travel Company	As we welcome in 2022, Tipperary... Tipperary Tourism
Munster Vales Tourist Information Center	Doneraile Wildlife Park & Doneraill... Munster Vales
Tipperary Museum of Hidden History History Museum	Tipperary County Council Virtual... Tipperary County Council
Tipperary County Council Government organization	Tipperary Museum of Hidden... Tipperary Museum of Hidden History
Tipperary Sports Partnership Community	Hozier -Rock of Cashel - Tell it to... Tipperary Tourism
Tipperary - The Place, The Time Local business	A Taste of Lough Derg Munster Vales
A Taste of Lough Derg Landmark & Historical Place	

TWITTER



January

JAN 2022 SUMMARY

Tweets

39

Tweet impressions

20.7K

Profile visits

3,394

Mentions

282

New followers

50

Top mention earned 759 engagements

Tipperary Studies
@TipperaryStudies Jan 18

Our #Tipperary senior hurling final programmes collection starts in 1949 and now has 2021 added as well. Take a look here
#TipperaryGAA #Hurling
@TipperLib @TipperaryCoCo
@sportingtipp @TipperaryGAA
@MidTipp pic.twitter.com/6mAAWV23

Top Tweet earned 2,604 impressions

An online book of condolence is available for people to leave their condolence message for Ashling Murphy and her family. tipperarycocco.ie/forms/book-con...
The book will close on Friday, January 21. pic.twitter.com/6Z2x0V2l9c



February

FEB 2022 SUMMARY

Tweets

32

Tweet impressions

12.9K

Profile visits

5,282

Mentions

332

New followers

48

Top mention earned 861 engagements

Leo Varadkar
@LeoVaradkar Feb 15

A big thank you to the @TipperaryCoCo staff for all their work during the #Covid19 pandemic. Lovely to be out meeting people again here in Nenagh as we launch the #RegionalEnterprise plan for the Mid West pic.twitter.com/6bkWDYoDe3







Top Tweet earned 1,530 impressions

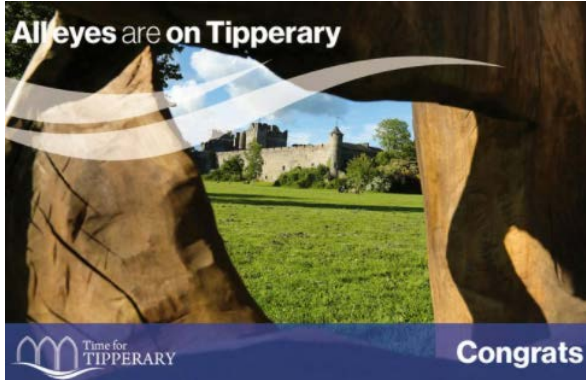
Storm Eunice update - Press Release (1) 17 February 2022: A status Orange storm warning has issued for Tipperary bringing severe and damaging winds for a t dlvr.it/SK8spV

Achievements January - February 2022

January	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Tourism promotion</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Library Service</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Arts office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arts Grants</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Festivals and Events Scheme</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Sports Partnership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Park Walks</p>

	<p>Clonmel BD</p> <p>Deep cleaning of footpaths Drainage works Kilcashe and Ballypatrick</p>
	<p>Planning</p> <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund 2022</p>
	<p>Thurles MD</p> <p>Proposed works at Parnell Street Car Park Thurles</p>
	<p>Local Enterprise Office</p> <p>Local enterprise week 2022</p>

February	
 <p>Date: Monday 7th February Time: 6:30pm - 9pm Cost: €15 Register Online: www.tipperarysports.ie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Sports Partnership Autism in Sport</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Thurles MD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resurfacing work at St Michael's cemetery Bouladuff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Smart bins in Littleton, Liberty Square Thurles, Two Mile Borris, Gortnahoe, Templemore and Roscrea</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Tourism</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The graves of the Leinster Men and Toutinna circular loop trail – close to Ballina</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Sports Partnership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supporting provision of Inclusive Outdoor Equipment at Fethard Town Park</p>



Cahir Castle

Winner of Europe's favourite
filming location award 2021



Leo Varadkar thanking Tipperary
County Council staff for all their
work during Covid19 pandemic



The use of Hydrotreated Vegetable
Oil (HVO) in fleet vehicles
including vans, tipper trucks and
sweepers



Clonmel Borough Council
Street cleaning continues around the town



Thurles MD
Resurfacing and relining completed in Liberty Square (Ulster Bank) car park



Tipperary Libraries
Selection of books available on National Day of Reading



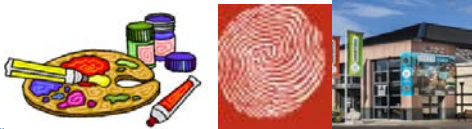
Communications Focus

Summary of some items
PLANNED for promotion
March-June 2022

**Arts/Events/Festivals/Heritage
/Museum**

St. Patrick's Day Festivals

Bealtine Festival



Community and Enterprise

National Volunteers week



Environment and Climate Action

**Spring clean
Dog littering initiative
Leave no trace**



LEO Tipperary

Student Enterprise Awards



Fire and Rescue Services

Gorse Fire Awareness



Tourism

Explore Heritage Towns in Tipperary





Libraries

Something for everyone



Spring into storytime

Summer Stars

Roads




BikeWeek

National Bike Week 14th – 22nd May 2022

Customer Service Activity

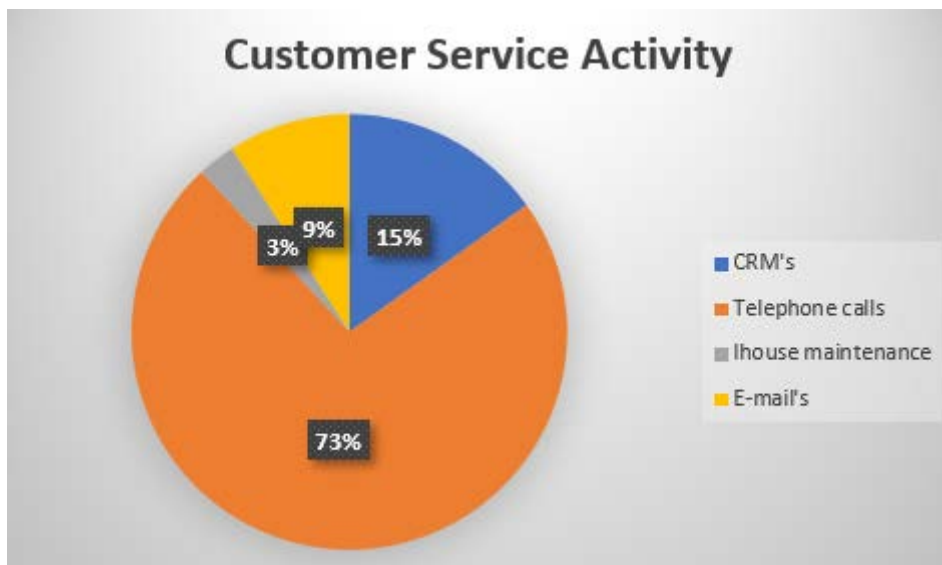
Period 1 January – 28 February 2022

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

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

Customer Service activity – CSD staff

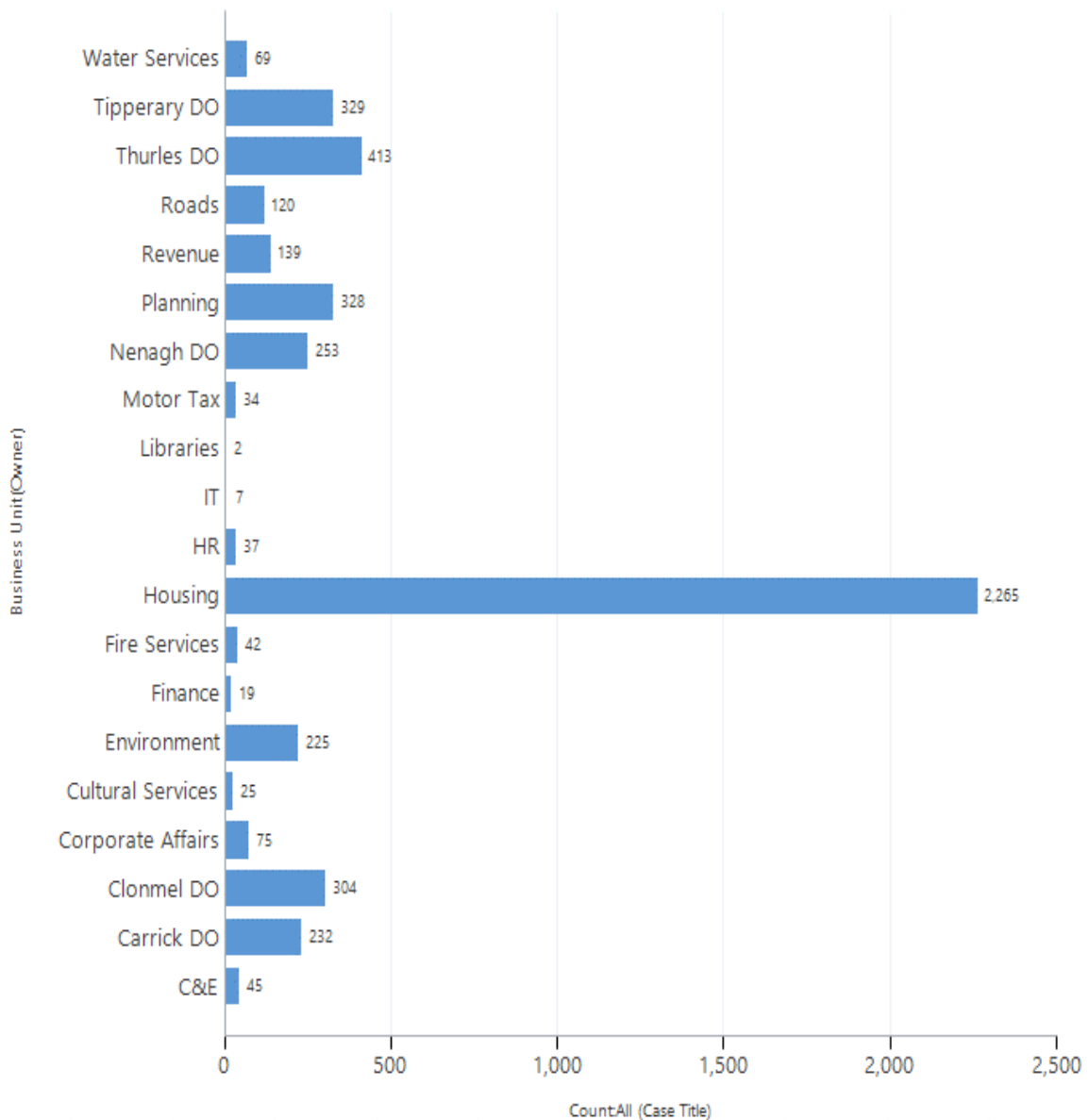
CRM's	4,963
Telephone calls	23,968
Ihouse maintenance	929
E-mail's	2,970
Total	32,830





CRM – Customer Relations Management System – breakdown per Section

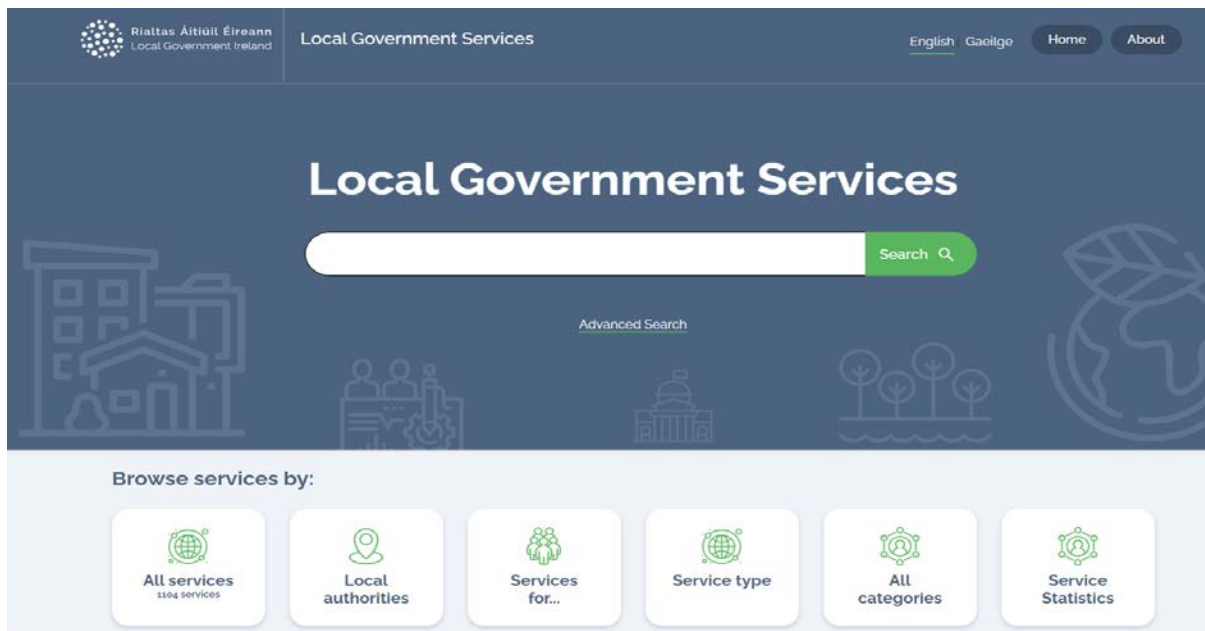
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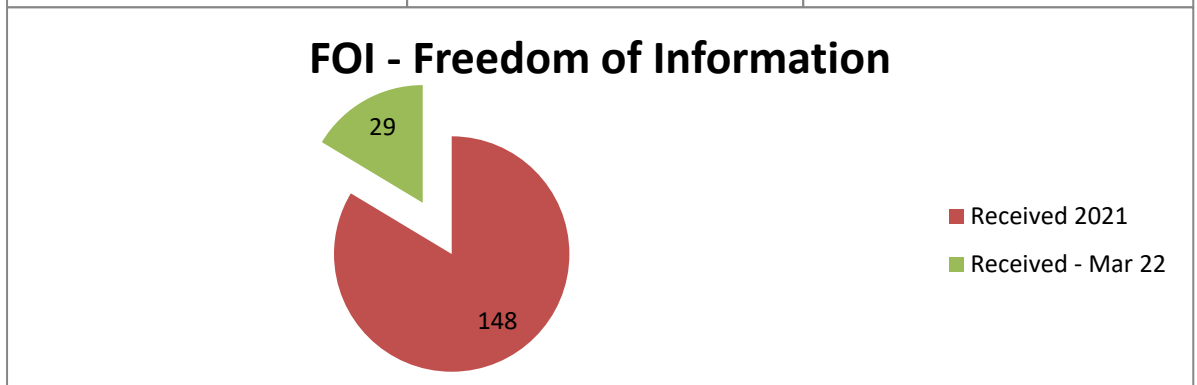
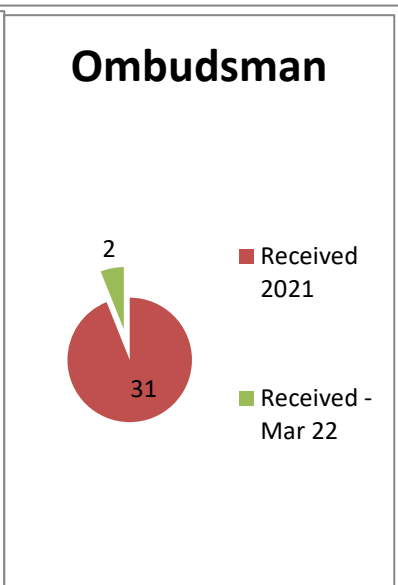
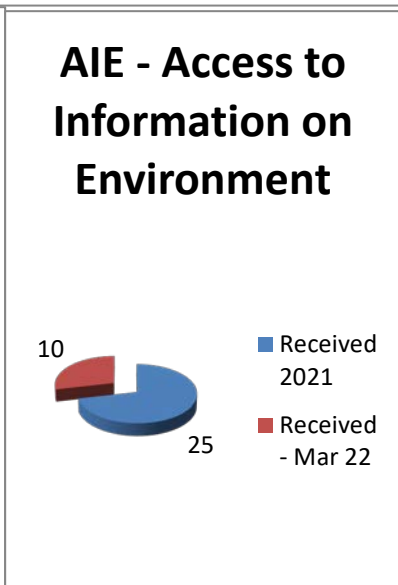
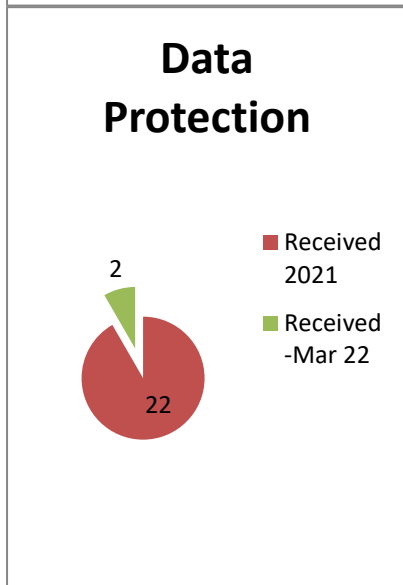
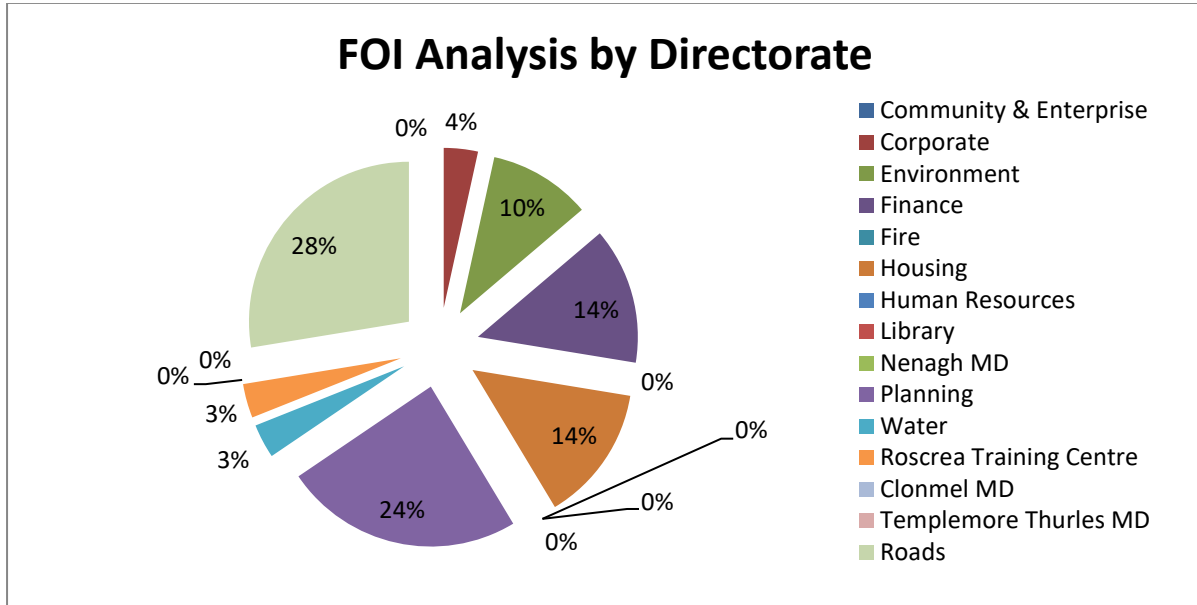
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES CATALOGUE



The Local Government Services Catalogue is where information on local government services, from housing to heritage and from parks to planning and more, there are over 1000 services listed. Simply go to the website, type in what you're looking for and select your local authority to access the service.



Information Management





Property Management

Central Property Unit has 165 active Transaction outstanding as of 28 th February 2022, i.e. conveyance in relation to letting, disposal or acquisition of land or building.		
Year	Transactions opened	Transactions Resolved
2020	131	144
2021	170	231
2022	30	27

Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council as of 28 th February, 2022 (Disposals by transfer or letting where term is over one year)			
Year	Approved	Outstanding	Resolved
2020	24	5	19
2021	30	7	23
2022	4	0	4

Schedule of Property Transactions o/s

Glenconnor, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
No. 2 Redmond Sqaure, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary
Kncokmorris, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
Callan Street, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary
The Mall, Templemore, Co. Tipperary
Dromineer, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Dromineer, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Stereame, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Libunny Business Park, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel
Old Motor Tax Offices, Banba Square, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Loughtagalla, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
Cahir Tourist Office, Castle Street, Co. Tipperary
Clonakenny Playground, Clonakenny, Co. Tipperary
Garrynatinee, Ballina, Co. Tipperary
Castlewaller, Newport, Co. Tipperary