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# Management Report to Council








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## October dates for your Diary

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>3</u> <u>10:00 Infrastructure SPC Meeting</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <u>10:00 CPG Meeting</u> <u>10:00 JPC Mtg</u>
<u>10</u> <u>10:30 TCC Plenary Mtg</u>	<u>11</u> <u>11:00 Housing SPC Mtg</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>17</u> <u>10:30 Thurles MD Mtg</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <u>11:00 Clonmel BD Mtg</u>	<u>20</u> <u>10:00 Nenagh MD Mtg</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>24</u> <u>11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Mtg</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <u>14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>31</u>				

	<b>Community &amp; Economic Development &amp; Tourism</b>	<b>1-23</b>		<b>Environment &amp; Climate Action</b>	<b>24-40</b>
	<b>Water Services</b>	<b>41-53</b>		<b>Housing</b>	<b>54-71</b>
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**Community and Economic Development Directorate  
(LEO & TOURISM)**

<u>Directorate Priorities</u>		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Local Economic Community Plan	Review completed, socio economic study, high level goals and work programme in progress	Consultation
Ukrainian support	Training and access to employment	Early stages
Enterprise Ireland	Strong emphasiaisis on three objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Green for micro;</li> <li>2. Digitisaiton in business</li> <li>3. Supporting burinssess to export</li> </ol>	LEO supporting biusiness and will identify key business for support.

**Feasibility Study for Digital Hub in Thurles**

A grant has been announced for funding under the Enterprise Ireland funding under the REISS Feasibility Study Projects Fund to carry out an extensive Feasibility Study to establish the needs and provide possible solutions to the current lack of availability of suitable accommodation in Thurles Town for use as a co-working space, digital hub, workspace hub, or an Enterprise Development Hub that provides flexible co-working and individual office spaces.

**Economic Development and Enterprise SPC**

The SPC met on September 6<sup>th</sup> and the items covered on the Agenda included:

- **Climate Change - Economic Impacts**
- **Lisheen**
- **Bio Economy Centre Agrichemway Project The Digital Framework in County Tipperary**
- **Siro – Phase 2**
- **Latest update - National Broadband Ireland (NBI)**
- **Broadband Connection Points Update**

• **Christmas Retail Supports Programme**

**Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme**

The brand that was developed for the



Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme is now being used to market and promote the scheme.

11 applications have been successfully processed to date in 2022 under the new system and a number of recent applications are currently being processed.

**Christmas Retail Support Programme 2022**

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office has sought applications from Trader Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Community Groups, Farmers Markets, Craft Markets or those involved in the Craft Sector under the Christmas Retail Support Programme. The



grant scheme targeted the provision of support for towns and villages to implement strategies designed to enable increased spending or retaining spend in 'Tipperary' towns and villages over the Christmas period.

Grantees will be awarded funding to be spent on activities including advertising, promotions, street entertainment or other expenses for their Christmas events. Emphasis will be placed on projects and events that will be hosted out-of-doors. Versatile and innovative approaches will be favored.

**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.

The process is ongoing.

**Broadband**

**Initiative 1 - the delivery and implementation of the National Broadband Plan's State-led Intervention Area in County Tipperary**

***The National Broadband Plan (NBP) aims to ensure that every home, farm and business in Ireland – regardless of how remote or rural – has access to high-speed broadband.***

***In total, there are over 30,349 premises located in the National Broadband Plan's State-led Intervention Area (NBP IA) in County Tipperary - including 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs), 19,800 homes, 3,971 Farms, 6,545 residential/ commercial businesses and***

***35 rural BCP National Schools. This equates to 35% of all Premises in the county. Under this project the county will see an investment of €118M in new Gigabit network services.***

***In June, 2021, NBI™ commenced works in 21 NBP IA Deployment Area (s) in county Tipperary and the current projected delivery time-Frames are as follows;***

<b>Deployment Area</b>	<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Projected Date for Connection</b>
<i>Tipperary</i>	<i>Ready for Service (2839) Network Build in Progress (53)</i>	<i>Service Available Now July 2022 – December 2022 (53)</i>
<i>Clonmel</i>	<i>Ready for Service (1530) Network Build in Progress (33)</i>	<i>Service Available Now July 2022 – December 2022 (33)</i>
<i>Roscrea</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress</i>	<i>October 2022 –December 2022</i>
<i>Johnstown</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress</i>	<i>November 2022 – December 2022</i>
<i>Cashel</i>	<i>Network Build in Progress</i>	<i>April 2023 – June 2023</i>
<i>Nenagh</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Carrick-on-Suir</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Mullinahone</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Survey Complete</i>	<i>January 2024 –June 2024</i>
<i>Cahir</i>	<i>Network Build in</i>	<i>July 2022 – December 2022 (2)</i>



	Progress (2) Survey Complete (3148)	July 2024 – December 2024 (3148)
Tallow	Survey Complete	July 2024 – December 2024
Templemore	Survey Complete	January 2025 – December 2026
Hollyford	Survey Complete	January 2025 – December 2026
Ballinderry	Survey Complete	January 2025 – December 2026
Ballinamult	Survey Complete	January 2025 – December 2026
Littleton	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026
Newport (TY)	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026
Birr	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026
Ogonnelloe	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026
Mitchelstown	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026
Banagher	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026
Additional Premises	Survey Pending	January 2025 – December 2026

**County Tipperary** breakdown figures – End September, 2022

**Total Number of NBP State -led Intervention covered premises in Tipperary: 30,349**

- **86% of Tipperary premises will be Surveyed by NBI™ by end 2022.**
- **Over 60% of premises will have build works Commenced by end 2022, 98% by end 2023.**
- **Over 20% Completed by End 2022 and 70% of premises will have build Complete by end 2024.**

**Initiative 2 – the delivery of high-speed Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) in County**

The BCP delivery Programme is well underway in County Tipperary – and the following Broadband Connection Points have been connected to high-speed broadband

- 1) **ROSSMORE COMMUNITY HALL, ROSSMORE, CASHEL, CO. TIPPERARY, E25D429**
- 2) **DROM COMMUNITY HALL, DROM, BORRISOLEIGH, THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY, E41X285**
- 3) **CURREENEY COMMUNITY HALL, CURREENEY, KILCOMMON, THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY, E41XC62**
- 4) **AGLISH COMMUNITY HALL, AGLISH, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY, E53E132**
- 5) **KILLURNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLURNEY, BALLYPATRICK, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY, E91H7W4**
- 6) **MOYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, MOYGLASS, FETHARD, CO. TIPPERARY, E91WK25**
- 7) **KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLOSCULLY, NEWPORT, CO. TIPPERARY, V94FK20**
- 8) **KILLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLEA, TEMPLEMORE, CO. TIPPERARY, E41T6Y0**

- 9) **THE PAVILLION, BALLINDERRY SPORTSFIELD, BALLINDERRY, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY, E45 F627**
- 10) **BALLINAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROSSFINCH, BALLINAHINCH, BIRDHILL, V94 CVC0**
- 11) **BOHER PARISH HALL, BOHER, BALLINA, V94 EY06**
- 12) **FANURE COMMUNITY HALL, FANURE, ROSCREA, COUNTY TIPPERARY E53 AE02**
- 13) **KILCOLEMAN COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE, BURGESS GAA CLUB, PAIRC NA NGAEL, KILCOLEMAN, NEWTOWN, NENAGH, E45 YH76**
- 14) **THE APPLE CAMPING & CARAVAN PARK, MOORSTOWN, CAHIR, E21 YX33**
- 15) **DONASKEAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, DONASKEAGH, E34 AK24**  
*(HSB connection to this building is "Fibre cable")*
- 16) **TERRYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, TERRYGLASS, NENAGH, E45 FC42**
- 17) **BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUB, BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUBHOUSE, KILROE, BALLYLOOBY, E21 TA47**
- 18) **LATTERAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SALLYPARK, LATTERAGH, NENAGH, E45 EF68**
- 19) **GURTAGARRY COMMUNITY HALL, GORTAGARRY, TOOMEVARA, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY E45 FA43**
- 20) **LISMACKIN COMMUNITY HALL, LISMACKIN, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY E53 Y589**
- 21) **NORTH TIPPERARY FOOD WORKS, MAIN STREET, REARCROSS, NEWPORT, COUNTY TIPPERARY V94 YW08\***

\* Not yet connected to HSB (SEPT/2022)

The **BCP initiative** is a collaborative effort involving the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, NBI, Local Authorities and Managers of the BCP sites.



An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development



**"Our Rural Future –**

**Rural Development Policy 2021-2025"**

recognises remote working hubs and **Broadband Connection Points** as being key economic assets for towns and villages throughout Ireland.

Ár dTodhchaí  
Tuaithe  
Our Rural  
Future



Its ambition is to transform digital connectivity for rural communities and enterprises through the delivery of high-speed broadband to every part of the country, ensuring equality of access to digital services and supporting the diversification of rural economies and jobs through digital technologies.



Under the **Connected Hubs Fund 2021/22** – Tipperary County Council received Funding in the amount of c €0.5m to invest in the Tipperary BCP Network.



This Funding aims to support and complement the development of the Broadband Connection Point Initiative into more active **“Remote Digital Hubs”** and they will be supported by new remote working infrastructure including, IP door access key-pad control solutions and security systems which will allow their customers to connect to the National Hub Network booking platform at [www.connectedhubs.ie](http://www.connectedhubs.ie) and new Audio Visual Conference Facilities.

### Tipperary Connected Communities

Tipperary's Broadband Connection Points are now live with Vodafone superfast WiFi.



Figure 1 – Map showing Locations of the Tipperary BCP Network

In February, 2022 the government launched a new national digital strategy, harnessing Digital – **The Digital Ireland Framework**, to drive and

enable the digital transition across the Irish economy and society. Its Four dimensions include –

1. **Digital transformation of Business**
2. **Digital Infrastructure**
3. **Digital Skills**
4. **Digitalisation of Public Services**

In order to support dimension 3 and the DRCD Thematic Programmes – the **BCP Network in County Tipperary** is offering a number of **pilot Digital skills and digital literacy courses**.

Working with the DRCD, a number of public and private sector partners, these pilot programmes seek to upskill from no knowledge to working proficiency and to support the exploration of STEAM subjects and coding by school children and families.

**“These digital literacy courses will offer new skills to learn, work and navigate everyday life in our digital world. The skills involve the ability to use devices, software, and apps safely and with confidence”**

Initially, these Programme will be offered to 15 Broadband Connection Points and their Project Activities include for:

- 1) **“OurKidsCode” with Trinity College, Dublin** Following on from a very successful pilot programme that took place in Killurney BCP, Tipperary as one of only three counties have been asked to run three **“OurKidsCode”** funded programmes. However, due to the level of interest we have had to increase this to five with a waiting list for additional programmes.

The Five BCP’s that will deliver the **“OurKidsCode”** Programme in Autumn 2022 are:

1. Boher BCP

2. Rossmore BCP
3. Gurtagarry BCP
4. Drom BCP
5. Donaskeagh BCP

At each BCP - a Limited number of 6 families will partake in a Four week training Programme which will be delivered by our first "Digital Champion" (who is a National School Teacher)



"OurKidsCode" training in Killurney BCP

## 2) Microsoft Dream Space

Official Launch of this Programme by Microsoft on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 is planned for Boher BCP.

The programme will be delivered in at least Five national schools in the Autumn.



"Microsoft Dreamscape" Event in June at Gurtagarry BCP

## 3) Vodafone Ireland "Story Telling Series" Event

Gurtagarry BCP was chosen to represent the Region/ Munster BCP's as part of a National Promotional Campaign. A Professional two-minute video was made featuring this BCP, the local National school and a number of Irish Rugby Players visiting on the day.



"Connected Communities - Story Telling Series" Event in June at Gurtagarry BCP

## 4) Digital Literacy in Adults - in association with NALA will be run later this year initially in 3 BCPs in County Tipperary.

**5) An Nuacht TG4 – Rossmore**

*TG4 Programme highlighting remote working facilities in BCP's featured Nationally on "An Nuacht"*



*"An Nuacht" at Rossmore BCP*

**6) KINIA**

*Are planning to delivering Train the Trainer Workshops in the BCPs in Autumn 2022.*

**7) SMART FARMING Digital Skills Programme**

*This pilot Programme by Tipperary County Council is to commence in November, 2022 and is aimed at the Farming Community regardless of ability, age, location, sector to improve digital skills in SMART Farming. It will help understand the benefits of technologies for farming and explore initiatives for farms to encourage the adoption of such technologies. The Programme Modules will be delivered by NALA, IFA, Teagasc and the ICMSA*



**8) DRCD/ Irish Film Institute – Special Screening of the IFI Oscars Film Festival 9th June 2022.**



*"IFI Oscars Film Festival" at Killoscully BCP"*

**9) The Opening of FANURE COMMUNITY HALL BCP, FANURE, ROSCREA, COUNTY TIPPERARY E53 AE02**

*The Official Opening of Fanure BCP took place on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022..*



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**Initiative 3 – the delivery of HSB under the Schools Broadband Connection Points Project.**

**What is it?** 679 primary schools will be connected to broadband by the end of 2022 as the rollout of the National Broadband Plan accelerates.

These connections will be in place significantly earlier than the original completion date in 2026. BCPs delivered under the National Broadband Plan (NBP) will ensure that primary school pupils in rural Ireland will be able to participate fully in the digital revolution that is taking place. A BCP at a school location will provide connectivity for pupils and teachers and will underpin the Department of Education's [Digital Learning Framework for Schools](#). **35 BCP Primary Schools in County Tipperary will be delivered under this Initiative.**

**Initiative 4 – To support the Plans of commercial operators to deploy quality, secure and resilient Gigabit Network services to the vast majority of premises, in primarily urban and suburban areas covering circa 65% of the premises across the County.**



**SIRO**, was launched in 2015 as a joint venture between ESB and Vodafone with the aim of delivering the first 100% fibre-to-the-building broadband across regional Ireland. The SIRO Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Network is built using the ESB's overhead and underground infrastructure, ensuring a fast, reliable and sustainable network.

**SIRO**, continues to deploy high speed broadband (FTTH) in the towns of **Nenagh** (3,700 premises) **Clonmel** (8,693 premises) and **Roscrea** (2,800 premises).

In October, 2021 **SIRO** announced an expansion of its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) Network, which will nearly double its reach to 770,000 homes and businesses. Under this Programme (FTTH) deployment has commenced in the towns of **Thurles, Cashel** in **June 2022**.

**SIRO**, is also using the new **Shared Underground Telecommunications Infrastructure** as developed by Tipperary County Council and Others as part of the Liberty sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project.



In 2019, **EIR LIMITED** commenced the build of their IFN Project in County Tipperary which plans to cover all Urban areas in the county with greater than 1,000 urban premises.

To date, **EIR LIMITED** has passed **12,000 premises** in Urban areas with **Gigabit Network services** in County Tipperary - namely in the towns of **Nenagh, Ballina, Tipperary Town, Templemore, Thurles** and **Cahir**.

In August, 2022 they commenced Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) deployment in the **town of Clonmel**.

Under its Commitment Agreement with the State - **OPEN eir** recently completed the deployment of high-speed broadband FTTH to 16,000 premises in an area which was previously part of the **National Broadband Plan's State-led Intervention Area (NBP IA), County Tipperary.**

**EIR LTD has so Far passed 28,000 premises with Gigabit Network Services in County Tipperary.**



**eNet** operates Metropolitan Area Networks in the county namely Clonmel, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore and Tipperary Town on behalf of the State with over 133 Customer Connection (s) and these are either operational or in the process of coming on stream. Their end users are a real mix of life in Business in the county made up of Schools, Bank Branches and Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and State Agencies (Hospitals/Garda Stations etc)

**Initiative 5 – To support the plans of Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) and Telecom's Infrastructure Providers to deploy quality, secure and resilient wireless Network services in County Tipperary**

**What is it?** The requirement for the Mobile Network Operators to continue to enhance their services /and up-Grade their wireless networks / and consider new future technologies – in order to improve Customer access to high speed broadband wireless services and SMART services.

**Eircom Ltd, Vodafone Ireland and Three Ireland** continues to maintain and upgrade their

services providing Voice calls, 3G data, 4G data and 5G data in County Tipperary.



**Cellnex Telecom** recently Launched their “Get Connected” Initiative to seek to ensure the delivery of cost-effective solutions in areas which require improved coverage and connectivity. They are now seeking submissions from Members of the Public to identify these areas in County Tipperary.

See link: <https://getconnected.ie/>



**Imagine** continues to upgrade and expansion its WTTx network in County Tipperary and to date - 62,793 homes and businesses in County Tipperary are covered by the Imagine Network from 22 Mast locations both within and in surrounding the counties.

**Initiative 6 – Maintain the “Tipperary WiFi4EU Network” of Free WiFi Access Points across County Tipperary, as supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the European Commission**

**What is it?** The Wifi4EU Scheme is an initiative of the European Commission and match funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development - provides funding to local authorities to provide free Wi-Fi services in

public places such as main streets, public parks, museums, arts centres and other public areas.

The “**Tipperary Free Wifi4EU Network**” has been deployed and Maintained by Tipperary County Council in the following towns;

**Tipperary (14 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Nenagh (11 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Roscrea (6 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Thurles (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Carrick-on-Suir (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**

**Clonmel (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)**



**Initiative 7 – to progress a design solution with the Telecommunications Industry & Others to pilot the concept of Shared underground Telecommunications Infrastructure.**

**What is it?** In order to carefully manage roads networks and reduce major disruption resulting from multiple road openings, it is considered that local authorities will need to work closely with the telecommunication industry during the development and deployment phase of telecommunications underground infrastructure, and future over-ground technologies, in delivering more enhanced connectivity service experiences to urban areas, which will result in protecting our new footway and road surfaces, and deliver the Economic benefits of these future technologies.

**Project 1: Underground Shared Telecoms Infrastructure with Industry (Tipperary)**

Tipperary County Council is trialling new technologies with the Telecommunications Industry as part of the Liberty sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project and innovative uses of technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government’s Digital Innovation Programme.

**SIRO**, recently starting using this new **Telecoms Infrastructure** as part of their deployment of their new **Gigabit Network** in the town of Thurles.

**Initiative 8 – to progress two projects under the ‘Our Rural Future Digital Innovation Programme 2021’**

**The Digital Innovation Programme is an initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development.** It is designed to encourage local authority led projects that support digital development. These projects promote, support, or otherwise advance at least one of the National seven pillars.

**Project 2: Shared Telecoms Infrastructure (Tipperary)**

Stream: Innovation

Funding awarded: €48,000

In 2019 a Pilot Project was carried out in order to identify and assess areas within the Lough derg area of County Tipperary - where poor mobile coverage exists and to scope for new solutions which will positively impact mobile coverage for the local community and businesses. Following an extensive test - a set of Coverage maps were produced which indicated extensive area(s) of poor quantitative performance of voice services and data performance for each of the Mobile Network Operators (MNOs).

**Project 3: Smart Skills for Farming Communities (Tipperary)**

Stream: Innovation

*Funding awarded: €24,000*

*Smart Agriculture IoT based network solutions are increasingly being used across the Agricultural Sector, fuelling the demand for digital skills. Digital technologies hold the key for a smarter, more competitive and resource-efficient agricultural sector. Irish farmers already benefit from an array of digital solutions that can help their farms to become more sustainable and productive. However, the extent to which new technologies are taken up in the field is actually limited.*

*The purpose of this project is to support the implementation of a new Digital Skills Training Programme, with the support of the IFA and the Connected Communities – Broadband Connection Points, the Department of Rural and Community Development in the use of new digital technologies in Irish agriculture in rural County Tipperary and is based upon the Departments BCP Thematic programmes (Remote Working, Digital Skills and Education, Arts and Culture)*

*The IFA is Ireland's largest farming representative organisation and they have agreed to participate and develop a Digital Skills Training Programme and noting their role in the provision of representation, support and advice to their Members on an individual basis.*

*Others, including the ICMSA, Teagasc, NALA and the Local Enterprise Office have also agreed to participate in this Pilot.*

***This Programme will also support the production of a YouTube Training Video' on all aspects of Smart Agriculture IoT based Network solutions - which will initially be shown and launched in the BCPs.***

## TOURISM

### **ORIS Application**

An application was approved for ORIS 2022 Measure 1 on behalf of Tipperary Tourism. The application is for a Tipperary Angling & Accessible Tourism Project for 2023.

### **South East Food Trail**



The South East Food Stories initiative was formally launched in June. Coordinated by the South East Development Office it is a collaboration between the local authorities in the South East, the county food networks, food and tourism businesses to develop a food trail across the region. The official website is live at [www.southeastfoodstories.com](http://www.southeastfoodstories.com) and includes an attractive Tipperary package and promotional video.

### **Tourism Impact Assessments – Carrick on Suir & Cahir**

The tourism section lead the development of an independent Tourism Impact Assessment for both Carrick on Suir and Cahir to support the current RRDF applications.

### **Rose of Tralee International Festival**

The International Rose of Tralee Tour visited Tipperary on August 13th & 14th shining a spotlight on the premier county as part of their tour of Ireland. A delegation of sixteen roses led by Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan included roses from Philadelphia, Waterford, Monaghan, Cavan, Florida, Kilkenny, Newfoundland, Leitrim, Ohio, Galway, Perth, Roscommon, Sydney, Sligo and Toronto. The roses Tipperary visit included, an official welcoming ceremony at Hotel Minella hosted

by Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr Roger Kennedy, followed by an evening on Suir Blueway Tipperary. The Roses also visited Coolmore, Fethard, the Cashel Palace Hotel, and the Rock of Cashel. The Roses were kindly gifted Tipperary jerseys by Fiserv and were treated to a spectacular demonstration of Irish dancing by local children from the Scoil Ui Ruairc, School of Irish Dancing. The visit secured significant press coverage both within Ireland and internationally. **The promotions around this event created 2.16 million impressions and the advertising value equivalent was €84,000**



### Littleton Labyrinth

Planning was recently approved by Tipperary County Council for the development of the first phase of the Littleton Labyrinth project. This new series of linked recreational trails are being developed as a collaborative project with Bord na Móna and the communities in the area.

### Thoroughbred Country



THOROUGHBRED  
COUNTRY

Work continues to the development of an equine tourism trail under the new brand Thoroughbred Country. New social media accounts are now active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram promoting the brand. The new website is also live at the following [link](http://www.thoroughbredcountry.ie) [www.thoroughbredcountry.ie](http://www.thoroughbredcountry.ie)

## Tipperary Tourism

### **Leader Funding**

A funding application (valued at €59,940) to LEADER was successful. The purpose of the grant is to support the collaborative marketing campaign for 2022. The following elements of the marketing mix are being supported through this fund:

Digital Marketing | Content Creation | PR | Website Update | Audio Promotion | Printing

### **Tipperary Tourism Membership**

A restructured Tipperary Tourism membership scheme was launched in February. Guest speaker Nicola Brady, travel writer, presented how the tourism businesses can leverage the excellent publicity destination Tipperary is currently receiving.

An extensive intercounty PR campaign accompanied to promote the launch includes multiple editorials testimonials by existing members.

Membership remained open until the 31st of May. Tipperary Tourism supported 134 members in 2022 to date. Details are available here <https://tipperary.com/membership/>

### **Tipperary Marketing & Promotion**

The following marketing projects are underway for 2022 and will enhance Tipperary Tourism's brand position.

### **Industry Training:**

Training was provided for tourism businesses to leverage the long term marketing assets created by Tipperary Tourism. All tourism-related businesses in the county were encouraged to attend; the training included:

- Flickr (Tipperary's image bank) training with guest speaker Kerry Kissane from All Around Ireland
- Training on leveraging off the marketing campaign for the year in detail and how to use Vimeo (Tipperary's video bank) with guest speaker Fergal O Keeffe from Travel Tales with Fergal
- Scheduled training on navigating the interactive map created for [www.tipperary.com](http://www.tipperary.com), with guest speaker Stephen Forde from Great Visitor Experiences.

### **Industry Networking**

Tipperary Tourism hosted a networking event on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at Marlhill Open Farm. This was attended by Fáilte Ireland, Tipperary Local Enterprise Office, South Tipperary Development Company and tourism providers in the area. It gave the owners a wonderful opportunity to showcase their new business and to create new relationships with the government organisations in attendance and tourism providers in the area.

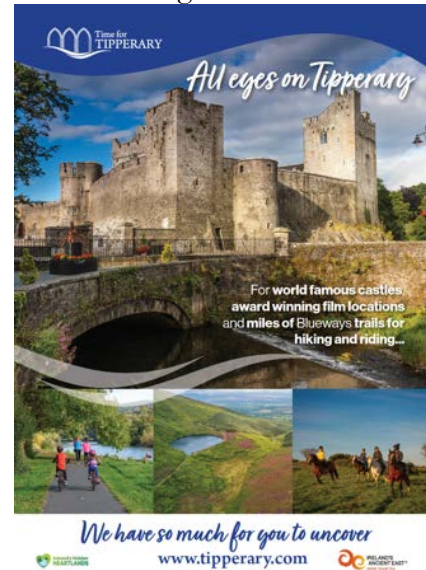


### **All Eyes on Tipperary Marketing Campaign.**



- Radio:** An inspirational radio advert was created, and went live on 98Fm and Today FM in May, this was accompanied by a competition and homepage takeover on Today FM. 16.1% of the population heard the advert an average of 4.2 times. 2.7 million listens. The digital campaign with was viewed by 144,000 people.
- Digital:** Tipperary's always on digital marketing campaign has created almost 4.3 million impressions in 2022 thus far, and an audience growth of 10.7%.
- Content Creation:** New hiking images of 17 trails across the county and a golf promotional video have been created and published this year to date, in October a new racecourse video will be shot at Tipperary Racecourse promoting the counties equine experiences and heritage. The number of images on Tipperary Tourism Flickr account doubled in 2022.
- Print:** brochure packs were prepared and dispatched to members of Tipperary Tourism across the county ahead of the season.
- Printed Media:** Full page adverts were commissioned for Go Rail for the Spring/Summer editions and The

Examiner and Irish Times Staycation Supplements. See example below. These adverts will run again in Go Rail for Autumn / Winter to attract visitors during the shoulder season.



- PR – Print, Radio and T.V.** coverage has been extensive for Tipperary this year to date including positive coverage of the British Royal Visit. US T.V coverage includes an episode with *Ireland with Michael* filmed in March. A wonderful showcase of Tipperary culture on TG4s Cúltúr aired in September. <https://www.tg4.ie/en/player/play/?pid=6311637753112&title=Tio%20braid%20C%3%81rann&series=C%3%BAlt%3%A%20Dr&pcode=622930&genre=Ceol>



Event Support



Tipperary Tourism was proud to support a number of events including the Older Adults Expo in Thurles, the Clonmel Arts Junction Festival and When We Next Meet.



### Munster Vales

### Public Relations

Munster Vales has hosted three press trips with journalists from the Irish Examiner, Stellar Magazine and The Irish Sun newspapers from July to September. The journalists visited Cahir Castle, Swiss Cottage, Mitchelstown Caves, Aherlow House Hotel, Cahir Arts, Lava Rock, Befani's Restaurant, the Bunker Restaurant, Baileys Hotel Cashel, the Rock of Cashel, guided walks with Well Walks in Clonmel and hiking in the Galtees and Knockmealdowns. There are three press trips scheduled for Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 which will yield further national coverage of the destination and rural tourism businesses within.



### Content Creation

Munster Vales welcomed freelance journalist Thom Breathnach on a day trip where he highlighted the spectacular walking routes available in the Knockmealdown Mountains to his Instagram audience. This led to a 13% increase in Munster Vales followers on Instagram. Thom captured and shared spectacular images and videos on his trip which are now being used as content on social media.



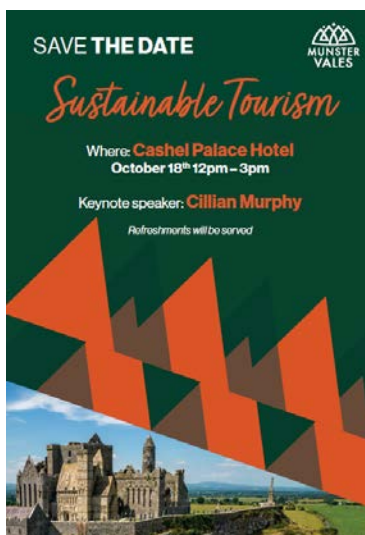
### Digital Marketing

Based on the 3 primary platforms the Impressions in the period Jan-Aug were 731,052 and audience growth across the platforms was 11.1%

### Sustainable Tourism Event

Munster Vales is hosting a Sustainable Tourism Event in Cashel Palace on October 18<sup>th</sup>. This event will signify the brands fifth anniversary since the launch in October 2017 and there will be brand refresh revealed on the day.

A new sustainability policy and the newly developed craft and garden trail will also be launched. There will also be a workshop on the day to demonstrate how the tourism related businesses can best use the assets that are available on the Munster Vales website such as 20 itineraries tailored to the target market, 80 walking routes and interactive maps, the Taste the Vales food trail map and the newly launched image gallery.



### Image Gallery

Munster Vales has commissioned a comprehensive bank of images and videos which shine a spotlight on the beautiful towns and villages throughout the region. This content is free to download and the businesses are

encouraged to use these assets on their websites, social media channels and promotional materials. The gallery includes spectacular imagery of Ormonde Castle, the Suir Blueway, Kilsheelan, Cahir, Clonmel, Ardfinnan, Cashel, Knocklofty, St Declan's Way and the various walking routes in the Galtee and Knockmealdown mountains. The gallery was launched in August.

### Training

Munster Vales carried out a training needs analysis in Q1 this year and a range of workshops are scheduled for October and November to meet the training needs of the industry members. Munster Vales held a Social Media Strategy workshop in the Talbot Hotel Clonmel in August and had attendees from Cahir, Burncourt, Clogheen and Clonmel.



### Website

An audit of the Munster Vales website was carried out and the business listings were updated. There are now over 200 businesses listed on the website with a useful 'Plan Your Trip' feature.

### ORIS Application

An application was approved for ORIS 2022 Measure 1 on behalf of Munster Vales. The application is for a Slow Adventure Tourism Project for 2023.

### St. Declan's Way

Munster Vales provides ongoing support to the voluntary St. Declan's Way Committee.



### Destination Lough Derg

**Funding:** an application was approved for ORIS 2022 Measure 1 on behalf of Destination Lough Derg. The application is for an expansion of the Adventure Lough Derg App in 2023.

**Dromineer Watersports Activity Centre:** in June, the planning application for the water sports amenity centre in Dromineer was submitted to An Bord Pleanala.

**Blueway Accreditation:** the 21 Blueway trails on Lough Derg received accreditation. To create awareness and animate the product, 6-3D tracking videos (2 per county) were created and shared on social media platforms. The videos have made over ½ million impressions to a national audience. The footage has been gathered for the remaining 15 trails, and videos are in production. Link to sample video of the

Foot's Island Loop Blueway Trail on Kilgarvan [here](#)

### Events

**Quest Lough Derg 2022:** took place on 10th September; 1,037 individuals participated in the sold-out event. A survey of the participants revealed:

- 1.4 spectators per participant = 1,785
- National and International number of bed nights: 1.8 nights per person: 1,552 Bed nights
- The direct economic benefit to the area was €550,000 (estimate)
- The indirect economic impact and the costed media impact are €1.5 million (estimate)
- The event donated over €8,000 to the local clubs for assisting with marshalling duties on the day.
- 93% of people said they would be participating in 2023.

The event aligns perfectly with the Ireland's Hidden Heartland brand highlighting Lough Derg as one of Ireland's premier places to get-active-in-nature, with 15 published articles and thousands of images circulated online.

The next event is on 9th September 2023.



**Gul World Fireball Championship** was hosted in Dromineer in August from the 19th to the 25th of August. Destination Lough Derg assisted the event with promotions and marketing, and the event attracted 20% more participants than anticipated. A total of 164 sailors representing 14 nationalities participated in the event.

The successful event with International and National press coverage and recognition of Lough Derg as a world-class venue for such events



**Field Exchange at Brookfield Farm:** was one of fifteen Creative Climate Action Fund-supported projects that took around Ireland in the summer of 2022. First Lady Sabina Higgins opened the event. National Organic Training Skillnet provided the training at 12

sold-out workshops on crucial topics. On the 16th of September, Minister Catherine Martin spoke at the closing event



Destination Lough Derg also provided support for the following events:

- Shoreline Arts Festival
- Brian Boru Festival
- Castlefest
- Mountshannon Arts Festival

#### Marketing:

- An episode of Tracks and Trails aired 30<sup>th</sup> June, viewership 214,200. The show will air 5 times on RTE + overseas in Canada, and as part of inflight entertainment on transatlantic flights.



- A 1 hour episode of TG4s Cúlúir showcasing Tipperary culture was hosted from the Thatched Cottage in Ballycommon, the show aired in September, [link](#)
- An audit of [www.discoverloughderg.ie](http://www.discoverloughderg.ie) was completed, from this an action plan for new website was developed and work on this has commenced.
- An always on **social media marketing** campaign resulted in an increased audience of 18% and 3 million impressions created.
- **Adventure Lough Derg App** updated and improved.
- **Podcast sponsorship:** Blindboy and The Irish History Podcast produced engaging adverts for Lough Derg which were included as part of their weekly podcasts - amounting to 200,000 listens in late August early September.
- **Printed Adverts in Go Rail:** Full page adverts were commissioned for Go Rail for the Summer/Autumn editions.



**Visual Content Created:** Photography for 40 locations around Lough Derg; New Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Footprint in Tipperary

2022, food and craft businesses, creating over 1,000 new images now available on Discover Lough Derg's Flickr account.



The main metrics are on target for the full year. We are well ahead on Grant Funding projects and many of the measure 2 supports. Our focus for the remainder of the year will be on promoting Green for Micro as we need to up the level of response on the number of Green for Micro projects. The strategic priorities for 2022 – 24 as directed from Enterprise Ireland are sustainability, digitalisation for business and development of export markets.

### Measure 1 – Direct Grant Support

The Evaluation & Approvals Committee have evaluated and approved a total of €486,777 funding on the following 24 projects - 7 x TAME Grant for €11,498 7 x Priming Grant for €200,179 3 x Feasibilities for €45,000 5 x Business Expansion Grants



for €206,253 and Agile Innovation Grant approved for €23,847. Grant funding will leverage an investment of €1,560,244 into the County and create 55.5 full time positions.

**Green for Micro**

5 applications approved to date worth €11,756 – more focus required to provide this support.

The aim of the Green for Micro programme is to assist businesses in lowering their carbon footprint, reducing costs and improving the environmental profile of the business in the marketplace.

**Digital Start – pilot programme just launched**

6 applications received to date worth €20,944 – on target

Small businesses need to maximise every advantage - and implementing a digital strategy can give businesses a real edge. Digital Start is a pilot initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to give Local Enterprise Office funded clients\* that digital edge - from optimising processes to delivering a seamless digital customer experience, the aim is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

**LEAN for Micro** - 11 Companies applied to date, support worth €41,919 – Exceeded Target set

Lean into working smarter, not harder!  
Lean for Micro is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance

and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

**Trading on Line Vouchers** - A total of 40 grants approved valued at €87,070 – Exceeded Target set

**Micro Finance Ireland** – To date 16 applications for loans submitted valued at €261,000 – 13 approved valued at €202,000 – 3 applications were declined / withdrawn. Loans approved supported 17.5 new jobs

Under a partnership between Microfinance Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, business loans are now available through the LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE.

- Unsecured loans from €2,000 up to €25,000
- Term from 3 to 5 years
- Reduced Interest Rate 4.5% for LEO clients
- Flexibility on repayment terms

The loans are provided and underwritten by our partner organisation Microfinance Ireland and application may be made through the LEO office and in the first instance will be assessed locally. Microfinance Ireland was established by the government to provide additional lending to start-up and existing micro enterprises. The final decision for all loan applications is made by Microfinance Ireland. Loans are repayable to Microfinance Ireland according to the terms and conditions set out by Microfinance Ireland.

**1 – 1 Mentoring support/ Business Clinics**

408 1- 1 mentor assignments completed – Exceeding annual targets set

**Training & Development Workshops**

A total of 1,279 participants - great progress being made in reaching annual target set



### Student Enterprise Awards

Tipperary LEO held the Student Enterprise Programme County Final, working with approximately 1,368 students from twenty-one (21) Tipperary secondary schools taking part in the programme.

Our county finalist winners were:

Junior Category, students: Sebastin Stockil, James Bateman and Jack McGonigle from Wonderful Wood Workers at Colaiste Dun lascaigh, Cahir under the supporting eye of teachers Ms. Martina Harrahill and Mr. Cunningham.

The winning County Tipperary students then went on to compete against approximately 80 student enterprises from all over the country at an online event at Tuesday 3rd May to try for a place in the Top 15 shortlisted teams that would make it to a live event on Wednesday 18th May at The Helix in Dublin.

Our shortlisted enterprises included:

Junior Category 'The Wonderful Woodworkers' 1st year students James Bateman, Sebastian Stockil and Jack

McGonigle representing Colaiste Dun lascaigh, Cahir with the support of their teachers Ms. Martina Marahill



Tuesday, 19 July 2022 | Gurteen College

The Local Enterprise Office this year supported the Energy in Agriculture event in Gurteen by hosting “**Steps to successful diversification**”. This session focused on diversification and the steps involved in product development, the how and where to start. Once new products are developed,

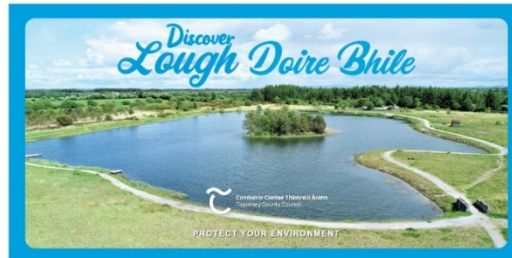
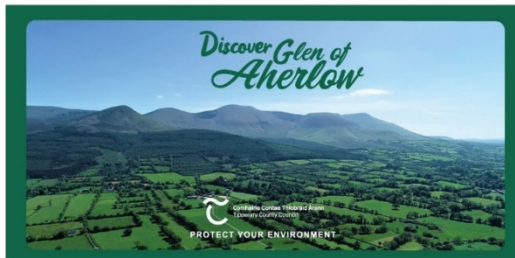
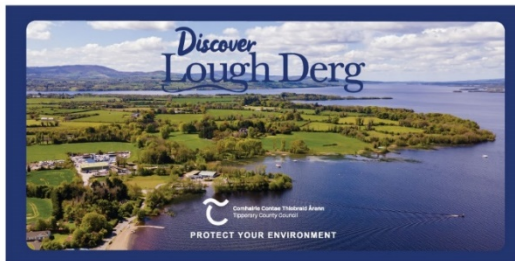




## Environment & Climate Action Directorate

### Updates

- Seven promotional signs were commissioned for the scenic areas in the county to raise awareness on protecting the environment.
- 23% reduction in the number of complaints received against 2021 figures.
- Three successful prosecutions for illegal dumping & two Waste Collection permit breaches resulting in the awarding of costs and fines of €8,000 for Quarter 3.
- New Solid Fuel Regulations called ‘Change is in the Air’ to apply in October 2022





## Policy

The Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July in Cabragh Wetlands Visitor and Interpretive Centre. Topics discussed were the

- Draft Burial Grounds Capital Policy,
- Climate Action Initiative Updates
- Waste Enforcement and recent successful legal action against habitual offenders.

The PPN representatives gave an update on topics raised at the PPN Environment pillar meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, these included the use of herbicide sprays updates from Hedgerows Ireland, tree strategies, and the Suircan Citizen Science project and climate conversation.

The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy is currently being drafted and briefings in the format of workshops will be arranged in the coming months. Active Travel Funding has been secured for 2022, which will allow further development of the county walking and cycling routes, with the aim of encouraging active travel and tackling climate change. The next Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November at 2:30pm.

## Public Awareness Initiatives

The Environment Awareness team along with the information trailer attended several shows and events throughout the county over the summer months.

- Clonmel Show 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Energy in Agriculture Event, Gurteen College 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Cahir Heritage Day 21<sup>st</sup> August
- Bansha Show 24<sup>th</sup> August
- Dualla Show 28<sup>th</sup> August

The purpose of which was to promote awareness of our services i.e. civic amenity sites and provide advice in areas such as food waste reduction/segregation and responsible dog ownership. There was a huge uptake on food waste caddy packs from mywaste.ie with over 500 packs distributed.



Environment & Climate Action Awareness trailer set up for the Dualla Show



Visitors enjoying their day at the Bansa Show



Cahir Heritage Day Event in the Inch Field Cahir

## Enjoy the Scene and Keep it Clean

Under the Enjoy the Scene and Keep it Clean initiative, seven promotional signs have been designed and are ready to be erected in the following areas. Lough Derg, Slievenamon, The Vee, The Devil's Bit, Glen of Aherlow, Lough Doire Bhile and The Tipperary Hills reminding visitors to enjoy the amenities and leave no trace behind.

## Fast Fashion Workshops



Fast Fashion workshops are being organised in a number of secondary schools in association with Circular Fashion Ireland. These online workshops will introduce students to the complexities of the global fashion industry and the impact it has on both our planet and people. The workshops aim to guide students through the world of sustainable fashion, via reuse, repair and upcycling, equipping students with the information to aid conscious consumerism thus

reduces their clothing's carbon footprint. A teacher's guide for secondary school teachers will help to both raise and discuss the issues surrounding fast fashion with pupils.

## Play it Again" Musical Instrument Project



30 instruments were donated so far under our "Play it again" musical instrument project and distributed to Comhaltas groups, parent groups and schools throughout the County. Instruments can be donated at any of our 5 civic amenity sites. This project is continuing, and we intend to reach out to more interested groups in the community to promote sustainability and the circular economy.

### School visits to Donohill Civic Amenity Site



Teachers and students from Donohill N.S. had a very enjoyable visit to Donohill Civic Amenity Site recently. Brian Quid Landfill Manager gave the students a tour of the facility explaining the running of a closed landfill and spoke about the importance of recycling, reuse and above all the reducing materials that end up going for disposal. Tankardstown and Cappawhite N.S. have also enjoyed visits to the

site facilitated by the civic amenity staff at Donohill.

## Community Services

### Tidy Towns Grants 2022

Tidy Towns/ Community Groups were invited to apply for funding last March under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme, which funds projects or works that will enhance the appearance of their local areas, village and towns. The scheme is implemented by the Municipal Districts / Borough District

### Burial Ground Grants 2022

In March, the Section invited applications for the 2022 Burial Ground Maintenance Grants Scheme. These grants are administered by the Municipal Districts / Borough District,

## Veterinary Services

### Horses

22 horse queries were reported, which resulted in 16 horse pickups to date, this is a significant reduction on previous years.

### Dogs

A total of 227 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to date. Of this number, 38 dogs were reclaimed, 144 dogs sent to Rescues and 12 dogs were re-homed, 8 were put to sleep. The

number of dog licenses purchased to date is 5,204. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

### Abattoirs

Bovine	Ovine	Porcine	Caprine	Turkeys	Deer	Abattoir Visits
<b>1389</b>	<b>4051</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7228</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>882</b>

### Infrastructure

#### Civic Amenity Sites

Stage 2 of the tender processing for the servicing of the civic sites has been published on e-tenders.

#### Customers visits to the CAS

Waller's-Lot	29,336
Carrigeen Clonmel	30,824
Nenagh	29,462
Roscrea	26,178
Donohill	15,445



A total of 131,245 customers used the services to date in 2022. Directional signs were procured for the sites and will be erected in the coming months.

#### Derelict Sites

The derelict site register lists 43 properties. Four properties were added to the register to date in 2022 with a further three removed. The section engaged with 112 owners in relation to remediating their properties.

Municipal District / Borough Council	Number of properties engaged with during 2022 <i>(pre-Section Notice being issued)</i>
Tipp/Cashel/Cahir	40
Nenagh	21
Clonmel	21
Carrick-on-Suir	13
Thurles	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>112</b>

### Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

Burial Ground	Progress update
<b>Ballina (Boher)</b>	Boundary Works to commence on site on completion of Land Acquisition.
<b>Fethard</b>	Part 8 Drawings were completed. Land Acquisition negotiations is at an advanced stage. Part 8 Application will be lodged on completion of land Acquisition negotiations.
<b>Cahir</b>	Cahir Parish & TCC agreed on a preliminary land acquisition purchase cost.
<b>Cloughprior</b>	The National Monuments Section was consulted on the development of the Burial Ground Extension. A Geo-physical Survey was submitted to National Monuments Section as requested. A further Geophysical Survey on adjoining lands was completed and forwarded onto the National Monuments Department. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish.
<b>Carrick on Suir</b>	Following the Hydro-geological constraints study & trial hole excavations, the section has re-commenced land acquisition negotiations with Landowners has commenced.
<b>Shanrahan</b>	National Monuments Section were consulted regarding the completion of boundary works to adjoining landowner's property.
<b>Kilmore</b>	The boundary modification works have commenced.
<b>Tipperary Town</b>	The Section provided funding to Tipperary MD towards civil works to upgrade the entrance and provide for additional parking.
<b>Thurles (St Patricks)</b>	Thurles MD is undertaking the surfacing of the access road and widening the existing road and corners in the lower section Burial Ground.
<b>Clonmel St. Patricks</b>	The section provided funding to Clonmel Borough to upgrade the entrance to St Patrick's Burial Ground and public car park.
<b>Nenagh Lisbunny</b>	The section provided funding to Nenagh MD to commence with the installation of a surface water drainage network.



## Waste Management and Enforcement

Notice	Update	Details
Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	11 issued consisting of:  8 Resolved  1 In progress  2 proceeding for prosecution for non-compliance.	5 for illegal clothes banks - resolved 1 dumping of waste, which resolved. 1 ELV (scrap metal) site and waste metal – in progress. 2 for deposits of C&D materials - resolved 1 farm plastic, domestic waste dumped – escalated to legal proceedings listed for Court hearing for the 26 <sup>th</sup> September 1 for waste on a vacant property, privately owned – escalated to legal proceedings Listed for Court 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022.
Section 55 Notices	2 Notices on-going since 2021	1 Notice complied with – Annagh Puckane 1 Notice – Proceeded to court for non-compliance, case to be heard in Dec 2022.

### Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022

Projects to the value of €82,000 were approved by the Department of Environment, Climate & Communications. All projects are completed, and reports will be drafted, and a recoupment claim made to the Dept by the closing date of the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### Breaches of Waste Collection Permit:

On foot of an Environment checkpoint with An Garda Siochana on the 22/07/2022, one vehicle with a waste collection permit was issued with a Fixed Payment Notice for non-compliance with their permit. The collector paid the fine of €500. Also, during September, two fixed payment notices were issued to a Waste Collector for Non-compliance with their Collection Permit. €500 penalty for each offence - €1,000 penalty paid by collector.



**Litter Fines**

	Clonmel	Thurles	Nenagh	Carrick on Suir	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel	Total Fines
<b>Total Issued</b>	10	22	39	4	24	99
<b>Total Paid</b>	4	11	23	3	6	47
<b>Total Cancelled</b>	1	7	9	0	5	22
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	5	4	7	1	13	30

**Legal Proceedings:**

Illegal Dumping Case at the Vee – Ballyporeen. 7 bags of domestic waste dumped over a bridge at the Vee, inspected by Enforcement Officer Daniel Murray who climbed down to inspect and remove the materials. Evidence found in the bags and the offender was requested to attend for interview under caution by Daniel and he made a recommendation for legal proceedings. The case was brought before Judge King at Cashel. Judge King reviewed the images and was aware that the location was a highly regarded scenic beauty spot. He awarded the council costs of €3,926 and imposed a €100 fine.

Illegal Dumping Case Clogheen- 6 bags of domestic waste were inspected by Env Enforcement Officer Daniel Murray. Evidence was found, and the offender brought in for interview under caution and 6 on the spot €150 litter fines were issued and €900 was paid.

Illegal dumping at the Glen of Aherlow - five bags of waste dumped and investigated, which resulted in a prosecution and fines of €1500 at Nenagh Court on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.



Clogheen site



### **Upcoming Legal Proceedings:**

4 cases are listed for hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> September in relation to offences under Waste (illegal dumping and non-compliance with notices) and Litter (non-payment of fines) 3 Cases listed for October in relation to Litter and Waste.

### **Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling**

2,394 tonnes of glass and 74.8 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of August. For the same period in 2021, there was a total of 2,722 tonnes of glass and 102.3 tonnes of cans collected, which represents a reduction of 12% on glass and 27% on cans from the previous year. 291.2 tonnes of textiles were collected up to the end of August. For the same period in 2021, there was 302.6 tonnes collected, which represents a reduction of 3%.

### **Waste Facility Permits**

In the third quarter 3 permit reviews were granted along with 1 new waste facility permit, 1 new certificate of registration and one additional new waste facility permit is under consideration.

### **Household Waste Inspections**

Door to door household waste inspections are ongoing. Since the beginning of the year, 278 initial letters were issued to households requesting evidence of how they were disposing of their household waste and finding indicated that 77% were compliant. For households refusing to comply, fixed penalty notices have been issued, non-payment of which will result in legal proceedings being taken against householders.

## Climate & Energy

### Community Climate Action Fund

The rollout of the Community Climate Action fund of €700,000 will commence in 2023 and will be allocated to communities who submit applications. A community Climate Action officer was appointed recently to administer the fund.

### Electric Vehicle Infrastructure



Discussions are ongoing with Easy Go/Eir regarding a proposal to install at further 15 EV charges points in the county.

### Climate Action Plan

The Dept of the Environment, Climate & Communication has issued new guidelines to Local authorities for the preparation of the local Authority Climate Action Plans. Tipperary PPN hosted a climate conversation event seeking input from members on priorities in their area and the associated challenges to Climate Action

### Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin



#### **Ballaghveny Landfill - Wedge Cell being filled with waste**

Waste acceptance at Ballaghveny recommenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 following the temporary closure of the landfill site in February 2011. The empty cells are currently being filled with contaminated soil & stone and wood ash which is being mixed with stabilized waste from the former Shannon vermicomposting facility in Rathcabbin. During 2022, the landfill has accepted in total ca. 32,660.28t of waste up to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

The amount of leachate produced at Ballaghveny landfill has increased marginally (+2%) on the same period in the previous year (2021) notwithstanding the potential to produce significant additional volumes due to the reopening of the landfill in 2021. However, leachate generation is generally below average due to a drier than average first 8-months of 2022.

The leachate volumes produced at Donohill landfill are ca. 36% lower than anticipated for the first 8 months of 2022. The leachate haulage contract was re-tendered in 2022 resulting in increased leachate haulage costs.

The Community Gain Fund will commence in 2022 based upon the total amount of waste accepted in 2021 and will grow annually in amounts corresponding to the amount of waste accepted in each of the previous years. The current call for 2021 funding applications will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.



**SVC Rathcabbin - stabilised waste being loaded for transport to Ballaghveny landfill**

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. From the beginning of January and up to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Ballaghveny landfill has accepted ca 11,359.42t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin. The total amount of waste removed to date from SVC Rathcabbin (up to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022) is 12,950.24t.

<b>LANDFILLS</b>	
<b>Donohill</b>	The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.
<b>Ballaghveny</b>	The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.
	Landfill reopened for waste acceptance on the 20th September 2021. In 2022, up to 21 September 2022 there was 32,660.28t of waste was accepted at the landfill.



<p><b>Rathcabbin - Shannon Vermicomposting waste removal</b></p>	<p>The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermicomposting Ltd. facility at Coolross, Rathcabbin to the landfill at Ballaghveny commenced on the 2nd December 2021.</p> <p>This waste is mixed with contaminated soil &amp; stone and ash in Ballaghveny landfill. Up to 21 September 2022 there was 11,359.42t, of waste removed from Rathcabbin.</p>
	<p><b>Historic Landfills</b></p>
<p><b>Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir</b></p>	<p>Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys were completed in preparation of an application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.</p>
<p><b>Tipperary – Cashel – Cahir</b></p>	<p>Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) have been submitted to the EPA for the Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing. A call for tenders issued on 29 July 2022 for the appointment of consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of 5 closed landfills including those at: Killeigh, Cahir; Caherabbey, Cahir and Deansgrove Cashel</p>
<p><b>Thurles – Templemore</b></p>	<p>Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Brittas road and Monanearla historic landfills. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing. A call for tenders was issued on 29 July 2022 for the appointment of consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of 5 closed landfills including that at: Kiltillane, Templemore</p>
<p><b>Carrick-On-Suir</b></p>	<p>Connawarries, Carrickbeg – A consultant was 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.</p>



<b>Nenagh</b>	A call for tenders was issued on 29 July 2022 for the appointment of consultants to conduct environmental risk assessments of 5 closed landfills including that at: Shesheraghscanlon, Borrisokane
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## Environment Protection

### Water Pollution /Agriculture

- 650 samples were taken as part of WFD sampling programme
- 1 Section 4 Discharge Licence Application has been approved and issued and one further application is being processed . 23 monitoring samples have been taken.
- 20 Farm inspections performed
- 3 Source Protection investigations were completed
- 2 Section 12 Notice under the WPA 1977 - 2007 was served (Agri Related)
- 3 Cross reports to DAFM.
- 29 Nutrient Management Plans submitted for assessment, 23 approved, 6 rejected, 4 (2023 NMPs) awaiting assessment.
- 399 (144 Group Water Scheme & 255 Small Private Supply) Drinking Water samples taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 88 of which were investigative follow up samples.
- 13 on site Drinking Water Audits performed (Small Private Supplies)
- 2 Boil Water Notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE
- 2 Do not consume notices issued and lifted in conjunction with the HSE

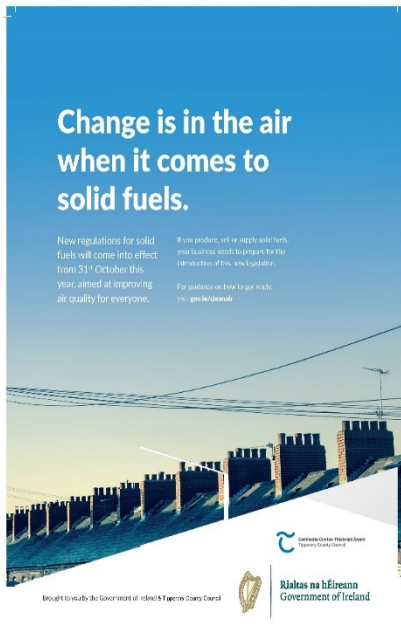
### Bathing waters

- 25 bathing water samples were taken at 5 locations on Lough Derg( May-Sept)
- 5 Algal bloom inspections took place in response to reports with 2 press releases issued of ‘Warning of algal bloom on Lough Derg’. TCC are currently liaising with Clare County Council on the use of the Bloomingalgae App.

## Planning Referrals

43 Planning referrals were assessed and reported on to date.

### Air



Tipperary County Council has launched an awareness campaign on the introduction of new Solid Fuel regulations called 'Change is in the Air', in conjunction with the Department of the Environment & Climate Action .

The new regulations govern the sale of solid fuels across the state. These extend the previous restrictions on selling smoky coal in the "Low Smoke Zones" of Clonmel and its environs to the entire county of Tipperary. Restrictions on the sale of wet wood and turf are also being introduced. These regulations will come into effect on 31 October 2022. Adverts have been placed on all social media platforms and on Tipp FM and Tipp Mid West informing the public and businesses of the change.

## Rural Water Programme

### Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for AMS 12/01/2022, closing date 30/06/2022.
- 66 applications have been received.
- 55 GWSs paid, value of €490,967.056; recoupment received from DHLG&H €183,423; recoupment claim with DHLG&H for processing €307,544. Last date for AMS recoupments 30/09/2022.

### Current Capital Projects:

There are 18 Group Water Schemes currently engaged in Capital projects assisted by The Rural Water team. Invested at 22/09/2022 is €57,622, (6 GWSs).

### Private Well Grants:

79 applicants were received in the year to date, 77 Grants awarded, 3 Refusals, (Public Water Supply in proximity), and 1 withdrawn in the year to date. A total of €188,845 has been invested at



22/09/2022. Recoupment received from DHLG&H €165,195 – last date for recoupment is 30/09/2022.

### Septic Tank Grants:

No new applications; 2 payments totalling €10,000 were made; one further €658 grant is in process of being made.

**Lead Piping Grants:** no new applications or payments were processed.

### Education & Awareness

4 workshops will be held during October & November 2 during the day; 2 in the evening. A successful service provider has been engaged and a preliminary presentation was made on 26/09/2022 to the Water Quality Team of the Environment and Climate Action Section, the HSE and the National Federation of Group Water Schemes. The workshops are designed to raise awareness and educate members on the requirements of The Drinking Water Directive and are specifically geared toward the Small Private Supplier (SPS).

### Environmental Complaints

There is a 23% reduction in complaints received in 2022 against the same period in 2021 which is attributed to increased public awareness and enforcement.

Complaint Category	Carrick-On-Suir		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	3	10	2	11	0	8	3	4	2	13
Animal	0	31	6	51	2	53	3	71	2	102
Infrastructure	0	3	0	4	1	3	2	3	3	10
Litter	4	66	9	66	1	118	7	168	2	141
Noise	8	10	0	0	2	3	2	1	2	7
Waste	5	11	9	26	6	55	5	26	4	37
Water	1	4	5	4	1	17	0	6	2	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	21	135	32	162	13	257	22	279	17	325
<b>Total</b>	156		194		270		301		342	

## 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](http://www.cru.ie).

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

The table hereunder provides an update of the current status of capital projects in County Tipperary.

**Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary:**

<b>B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design</b>	<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Current Scheme Status</b>
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> <p>Grant of permission for booster station at Coleville Road, Clonmel to serve Mountain Road issued on 24 August 2022. Works scheduled for 2023.</p>
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	Model built and verified for existing network. Irish Water appointed Jacobs 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 appointed Tobin Consulting Engineers 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 to be submitted. 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 tenders returned on 20 April 2022. IW Tender assessment ongoing. Estimated contract award in Q4 2022.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Contract tenders returned on 20 April 2022. IW Tender assessment ongoing. Estimated contract award in Q4 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 Q4 2022. Estimated contract award in Q2 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 to start construction works in Q1 2023.
Goatenbridge Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Glan Agua Early Contractor Involvement (ECI). Design phase ongoing for upgrade to Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) units and sludge treatment.



**CLONMEL TOWN AND RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:**

A detailed report on the updated position in relation to the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme was included in the Water Services Management Report presented to the Council Meeting on 09 May 2022.

Tipperary County Council is acutely conscious of the challenges presented by the current configuration of the water supply system serving the town of Clonmel and its hinterland. Water Services will continue to use every opportunity to advocate that the progression of upgrade works to the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme is a necessary requirement for the maintenance of a reliable and resilient supply of drinking water to the largest town in County Tipperary. In particular, regular engagement with Irish Water, whether at quarterly reviews of capital projects or at other opportunities, will continue to be used to drive the delivery of the required capital investment.

**INVESTMENT PLAN PORTFOLIOS:**

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

- (1) Water Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to water treatment plants, water quality, trunk watermains, reservoirs, energy efficiency and dam safety;
- (2) Wastewater Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to wastewater treatment, sludge management, trunk networks and drainage area plans; and

- (3) Networks Portfolio includes leakage reduction programme, water networks regional contracts, growth and development programmes and sewer rehabilitation.

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

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

The programme addresses issues such as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Watermain Rehabilitation Works:**

1) Watermain rehabilitation:

Rehabilitation 2022 Works (10.6 km):

- Ballinastick South (1.86km), design;
- Carrick-on-Suir N24 (0.98km), at construction;
- 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), due to commence in November 2022;
- Puckane (1.363km), due to commence in January 2023;

- Rathmoy to Ragg (1.913km), due to commence in January 2023: and
- Glencrue, Portroe (0.78km), due to commence in March 2023.

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

Works ongoing 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.

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, McCan Street, Lacey Square and Abbeyside.

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 backyard services will add to the quality and sustainability of the water supply and reduce leakage.

- 4) Back Yard Services replacement in Clonmel:

Griffith Avenue: commenced on 12 September 2022.

- 5) 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.

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

**(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 ongoing in Borrisokane WWTP, Puckane WWTP and Newtown WWTP.

#### **(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 Water 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.

In relation to Killenure, Knockavilla, Water Services is engaging with Irish Water concerning the replacement of the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant serving the housing development at Killenure Court,

Knockavilla with a pumping station to facilitate direct connection to the municipal WWTP serving Knockavilla. In this respect, the initial ground and civil works are completed and the equipment and electrical installation works remain to be progressed, which works are dependent on an electricity upgrade to the site. The remaining works are anticipated to be completed by 31 December 2022.

#### **(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 has appointed a contractor. The design is ongoing and construction works are estimated to start in 2023.

- 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 running from 14 December 2021 to 14 March 2022, extended to 08 April 2022.

For more information please visit [www.water.ie/nwrp](http://www.water.ie/nwrp).

Irish Water 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.

Tipperary County Council forwarded its submission on the Draft RWRP Eastern and Midlands Region on 11 March 2022. The finalisation of this Draft RWRP is awaited.

Public consultation on the Draft NWRP South West Region took place from 01 June 2022 to 24 August 2022. This Draft Regional Plan covers only a very small area within County Tipperary, i.e. south of Ballyporeen, which lies within the catchment of the River Blackwater.

Publication of the remaining Draft Regional Plan pertinent to County Tipperary, i.e. the Draft RWRP South East Region, is awaited.

### **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.

Further updates will be made available once they come to hand.

### **NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN 2021:**

Irish Water announced on 31 March 2022, plans to upgrade twelve wastewater treatment plants nationally that will benefit rural communities and protect local rivers. Grangemockler in County Tipperary is one of these twelve.

This project will be funded by the European Union under Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan 2021. Once complete, the newly upgraded plants will provide additional treatment capacity to support housing and growth, improve water quality in rivers and safeguard water supplies.

Further updates will be made available once they come to hand.

### **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 went 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](http://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](http://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, and again on 07 April 2022.

The next iteration of these workshops will be held in October 2022, arrangements for which are currently being finalised.

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:**

As indicated in the Water Services Management Report presented to the Council at its meeting on 11 July 2022, a *Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services* was published on 24 June 2022 by Deputy Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This publication followed an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission.

Tipperary County Council continues to review the paper and its implications for the local authority. The local authority sector will work to implement Government policy in regard to water, in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, colleagues, unions and Irish Water. As part of the transformation process, the following will transpire in this local authority:

- Legislation is currently being considered by Oireachtas Éireann to enable Irish Water to separate from the Ervia Group. It is envisaged that this separation will become effective on 01 January 2023 with Irish Water being renamed Uisce Éireann.
- A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements to ensure that Irish Water has full



accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of water services staff. Preparation of this agreement is ongoing.

- This Co-operation Agreement will be supported by certain Support Service agreements. These may vary from local authority to local authority.
- It is envisaged that Irish Water will assume the direct management and oversight of all water services staff during the first half of 2023.
- The future stakeholder engagement by Irish Water (Uisce Éireann) with

Tipperary County Council will gravitate from the current delivery by the Council of water services as the agent of Irish Water to an engagement which will focus on the function of Uisce Éireann (as the single public utility responsible for water services) in the delivery by the Council of its development management and forward planning functions.

Minister O'Brien has committed to continue to work with the County and City Management Association to ensure that local authorities are not left with un-supported financial liabilities as a result of the transformation programme.



Watermain repairs at New Bridge (also known as Suirville Bridge), Ballycarron, Golden



Watermain repairs at New Bridge (also known as Suirville Bridge), Ballycarron, Golden

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

**New Policy/Strategic Issues**

**Policy Changes/Updates**

**Current Position/Progress made**

**Next Stage**

**Affordable Housing**

Submission to HDCO & Department regarding access to Affordable Housing fund

Depending on decision prepare Affordable Housing scheme for consideration by year end

**Choice Based Letting**

CBL is live

Continued monitoring to identify & address arising issues

**Housing for All**

Housing Delivery Action Plans Approved

Approved by Department & now in process of implementation

**Disability Strategy**

Strategy agreed at March Plenary Council meeting.

Objectives of strategy being rolled out.

**Own Front Door**

Policy agreed at March Plenary Council meeting

Policy to be rolled out - 7 units delivered to date & to be kept under review.

## 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>
<b>Puckaun</b>	21	Stage 1 submitted	Stage 1 approval
<b>Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir</b>	30	Decision required on third river crossing -	Stage 1 submission
<b>William Street, Nenagh</b>	7	Stage 2 Approved, Advertisement for integrated design team	Appointment of Integrated Design Team
<b>Mountain Road, Cahir</b>	43	Stage 2 Approved	Preparation of Part 8 documentation
<b>Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore</b>	23	Stage 2 Approved	Planning Application
<b>Ashbury, Roscrea</b>	10	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approved
<b>Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town</b>	4	Stage 2 Approved	Appointment of integrated design team
<b>Glencarrick, Roscrea</b>	46	Stage 2 Submission in Q4, further site investigation ongoing	Stage 2 Approval
<b>Church Street, Templemore</b>	4	Stage 3 submitted	Advertise on E-Tenders
<b>Grove Street, Roscrea</b>	6	Part 8 to be advertised in October	Part 8 Report to members for consideration
<b>William Street, Clonmel</b>	4	Stage 2 approved	Being reviewed due to complex site issues
<b>Borrisoleigh</b>	12	Stage 2 approved	Preparation of Part 8
<b>Boherclough Street, Cashel</b>	9	Contractor Appointed and on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Woodview Close, Nenagh</b>	10	Contractor Appointed and on Site	Completion 2023



<b>Ardcrouney</b>	4	Contractor on Site	Completion 2022
<b>Moyne</b>	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
<b>Mill Road, Thurles</b>	28	Complete	Completed 2022
<b>Cluid Ballycraig Road, Nenagh</b>	5	Complete	Completed 2022
<b>Portroe</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022 (8) 2023 balance
<b>121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel</b>	2	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
<b>Ballyclerihan</b>	14	Contractor on Site- in discussions	Delivery 2023
<b>Bansha</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Donohill</b>	8	Contractor on Site – in discussions	Delivery 2023
<b>Two Mile Borris</b>	23	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Cormack Drive, Nenagh</b>	12	Completed	Delivery 2022
<b>Kilsheelan</b>	3	Completed	Delivery 2022
<b>Twomile Borris</b>	2	Part V	Delivery 2022
<b>Cullen</b>	8	Turnkey	Delivery 2023
<b>Abbey Street, Cahir</b>	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Ardfinnan</b>	3	Part V	Delivery 2022
<b>Ard Na Sidhe, Clonmel</b>	9	Turnkey – Works ongoing	Delivery 2022
<b>Tyone Road, Nenagh</b>	67	Respond AHB	Contracts being agreed and finalised
<b>Focus AHB, Nenagh</b>	16	Complete - CALF	Completed
<b>Prior Park Grove, Clonmel</b>	41	Turnkey, Works ongoing	Delivery 2022/2023
<b>Mullinahone</b>	10	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
<b>SPADE Deerpark Road, Cashel</b>	2	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel</b>	9	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022



<b>Tuath, Kickham Street, Carrick on Suir</b>	13	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Ardfinnan</b>	14	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2023
<b>Ma Chaoin, Templemore</b>	13	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022/2023
<b>Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles</b>	19	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Glennconnor Road, Clonmel</b>	31	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Coopers Lot, Cashel</b>	44	CALF Approved - Respond	Delivery 2023
<b>Farranahassery, Cahir</b>	48	CALF Approved- Respond	Delivery 2023
<b>Wallers Lot, Cashel</b>	40	CALF Approved- Tuath	Delivery 2024
<b>Borrisokane</b>	15	Scheme Completed	Delivered
<b>Mulcair View, Newport</b>	11	Scheme Completed	Delivered
<b>Templetuohy</b>	10	Scheme Completed	Delivered
<b>Hazel Close, Carrick-on-Suir</b>	14	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered
<b>Ballycommon</b>	2	Part V Delivered	Delivered
<b>Mitchel St. Thurles.</b>	1	Units Completed	Delivered
<b>Cois na hAbhainn, Mullinahone</b>	3	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered
<b>Knockanrawley, Tipperary.</b>	28	Scheme Completed	Delivered
<b>Cloughjordan</b>	2	Scheme Completed	Delivered
<b>Glentara, Roscrea</b>	2	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered

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

New RAS properties	3
New LTL properties	4
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	442

## **Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

HAP tenancies set up in 2022	158
Total active HAP tenancies	1731
Average weekly HAP set up	5

## **Energy Efficiency**

### Midlands Retrofit Programme

Finalising of the Midlands Retrofit Programme is in progress.

58 out of 60 units installation works are now completed. All houses achieved a B2 BER (Building Energy Rating) or better. Post BER surveys are nearing completion.

### Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

Housing units for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 are being identified across the 5 districts, with 100 houses being allocated to Tipperary County Council in 2022.

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

59 Houses are now fully complete with works including new windows and doors, heat pump, insulation and ventilation works.

Post works BER Surveys have progressed significantly are nearing completion.

(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.)

## Housing Grants

The Council has received an allocation of €3,331,250 in 2022 for the funding of private grants and €1,379,999 in funding for the provision of local authority grants. Approvals for grant commitments carried forward into 2023 should not issue in excess of 50% of the current year allocation as per the Department guidelines.

The scheme was opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2022 for both private and local authority grants and will be kept under constant review to ensure funds are prioritised for the most urgent cases. It is envisaged the Council will apply for additional funding before the end of the year for both private and LA DPG's once funding is fully expended.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,118,750	€2,628,655	176
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€125,000	€207,168	40
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,087,500	€1,184,739	159
<b>TOTAL</b>	€3,331,250	€4,020,562 <sup>1</sup>	375 <sup>2</sup>
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,379,999	€1,379,999	12

## Voids

The number completed from 01/01/2022 to 31/08/2022 is **73**.

<sup>1</sup> Figure allocated includes budgetary provision for next year up to 50%

<sup>2</sup> Additional 105 applications have not yet been assigned a budget as they still at assessment stage

### Vacant Houses<sup>3</sup>

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses <sup>4</sup>
Carrick	369	18	0.3%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	855	33	0.6%
Clonmel	699	10	0.2%
Nenagh	741	29	0.5%
Templemore/Thurles	897	44	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,561</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

### Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	36	30	0	6	15
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	47	34	2	11	3
Clonmel	29	22	3	4	14
Nenagh	49	46	1	2	14
Templemore Thurles	94	74	2	18	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>

### Number of Housing Applications received

There were **858** housing applications received of which:

- 457 were found to be invalid
- 401 were found to be valid

<sup>3</sup> Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

<sup>4</sup> Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

### Number of Housing Assessments carried out

Month	Number of Assessments
January	57
February	101
March	104
April	103
May	119
June	124
July	115
August	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>824</b>

### Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Lettings (CBL) went live on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

To date:

- 48 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 45 offers have been accepted.
- There have been 3 refusals (6%)

### Homelessness

The focus of homeless services in 2022 continues to be the prevention of clients entering emergency accommodation and thus the homeless cycle.

#### Homeless Presentation

Single	217
Couples	10
Couples with children	34
Singles with Children	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>357</b>

### Homeless Prevention

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 73 of these presentations. They facilitated 15 singles and 11 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

The following table sets out the numbers in emergency accommodation.

	Total Number of Clients in EA by Service								
	Month	B&Bs				Own Front Doors (OFDs) <sup>5</sup>			
		Total Single	Family Adults	Child Dependent	Total Family	Total Singles	Family Adults	Child Dependent	Total Family
August	6 or less	17	4	6	3	3	3	5	3
	6-12	6	2	3	2	1	0	0	0
	12-18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	18-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	24+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
July	6 or less	19	11	18	8	2	5	7	3
	6-12	7	2	3	2	1	0	0	0
	12-18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	18-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	24+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>5</sup> The council has partnered with Peter McVerry Trust and we have 4 single Own Front Door units in Cashel, 2 family units in Thurles and 1 in Carrick On Suir.

We received 94 NTQ in respect of RAS properties and 50 NTQ in respect of HAP properties in 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August.

We have strengthened our in-house procedures to address this increase. The new process in place with our 2 HAP place finders for people in receipt of Notice to Quit (NTQ) is working effectively. The homeless team is also supported by a full-time clerical officer- Elaine Corcoran who is the first point of contact in relation to all homeless queries.

We have been given some additional flexibility to purchase a number of properties in respect of Notice to Quit tenants and are actively following this up. We have acquired 23 properties to date.

### **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. 7 houses have been purchased under this scheme in 2022 to-date.

The level of financial support under the Repair and Lease Scheme, a companion strategy of the Buy and Renew scheme, has increased to €60,000. To date there are 5 viable schemes which are at an advanced stage of consideration. This was extended to allow developers to participate in the scheme in order to further enhance the delivery of long term social housing supports.

### **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.

### **Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications**

Number of Applications Received	0
Number of Valid Applications Received	0
Number of Loan Applications Approved	3
Number of Loans Issued	11
<b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>	<b>€846,685</b>

### Local Authority Home Loans<sup>6</sup>

Number of Applications Received	100
Number of Valid Applications Received	28
Number of Loan Applications Approved	12
Number of Loans Issued	2
<b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>	<b>€285,200</b>

### Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	15
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	28
Sales completed	15
<b>Total proceeds of sales received</b>	<b>€1,013,750</b>

The housing (sale of local authority houses) regulations 2021 gave effect to the following changes to the 2016 Tenant Purchase Scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Following clarification from the Department on a number of issues the Council is now accepting applications from tenants to avail of this new scheme.

<sup>6</sup> Please note any application received which is deemed to be invalid i.e. missing information will be returned to the applicant for updating. Therefore, not all applications received will be moved on to "Valid"

## **Traveller Accommodation Programme**

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme, following consultation with traveller agency groups outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community from 2019 to 2024. The projected housing units need over the five-year period is 90. We have met and exceeded that target as we have now delivered 100 units to-date. As required by the Department a review of the current programme is underway. A target of 25 accommodation units for traveller families was set out for 2022 of which 20 have now been delivered.

## **Tipperary Traveller Educational Initiative 2022**

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with other agencies, NGOs and members of the community commenced a process to support a Traveller Educational Initiative over a sustained 5 year period as a pilot. The decision to lead on this project is based on the premise that the provision of traveller accommodation on its own does not sufficiently address the significant number of challenges faced by this community and its impacts subsequently on accessing and managing accommodation. This initiative is in the early stages. Funding for a designated space to provide educational and homework support for primary and secondary school children has been successfully applied for by the Council from the Dormant Account fund and we are currently working with the relevant agencies to secure an appropriate location.

## **Caravan Loan Scheme - Traveller-Specific Accommodation**

The newly introduced nationwide Caravan Loan Scheme is intended to support the provision of Traveller-specific accommodation through local authorities to provide preferential loans to Travellers to purchase their own caravan/mobile home on halting sites for use as their primary residence. There are a number of conditions attached to the scheme including;

- The amount of a loan advanced will be subject to a maximum of €40,000 (inclusive of VAT). The owner of the caravan must provide 5% of the purchase price.
- In order to ensure affordability, the monthly loan repayment amounts will be calculated at a preferential rate based on the price of the caravan/mobile and the income of the household.
- The loan will be for a specified period of time which will be agreed in advance and based on the expected life-span of the caravan/mobile.
- The location has to be on an approved site and must be compliant with relevant planning legislation.

## **Ukrainian Refugees**

The war in Ukraine continues to result in a steady stream of people seeking refuge in Ireland. To-date, the Housing, Civil Defence & C&E sections have been tasked with assisting with this humanitarian crisis.

### **Set up of temporary rest facilities**

Two rest centres continue to operate in Littleton & Clonmel as temporary emergency centres. However, due to the scarcity of more suitable permanent type accommodation in the last 2 months, residents stayed for up to six weeks which required a different type of service. This service has been managed in conjunction with Thurles Lions Trust and Clonmel Town Football Club and to date has been successful in meeting the emergency needs of those fleeing the conflict in the Ukraine. To date, in excess of 400 clients have passed through the two centres to permanent type of accommodation.

### **Pledged Properties:**

As part of the humanitarian response to the Ukrainian crisis, 355 properties were made available by property owners in Tipperary under the pledging process. To date 279 of these properties have been assessed (the remaining 76 were non contactable).

Of the 279 properties assessed, 53 % (148) have since been withdrawn or deemed unsuitable. There are a further 32 properties located in rural areas where own transport is required and as such, to date, have not been utilised by the Team.

All vacant pledged properties have been inspected and the Housing section is working to match families with the appropriate properties.

To date, of the 99 properties which are available to utilise, 50 properties have been tenanted, providing medium term accommodation for 140 clients. The remaining 49 properties will be utilised within the coming month.

The Council works closely with the Local Development Companies in assisting the families housed to integrate with the local communities and to access the necessary health, educational and other supports.

### **Semi-Permanent Accommodation**

These are facilities that will be utilised for the next 4 – 36 months and will be own room facilities (possibly with shared kitchen and living facilities). The Housing Section identified three such properties in Clonmel, Cahir and Carrick on Suir which could accommodate 30 plus clients after remedial works which have been forwarded to the Department for approval to proceed to the next stage of the process. To date, the Department has not granted approval to any of the projects but has requested further detailed costings and information in respect of the projects in Clonmel and Carrick on Suir.

### **Modular type Accommodation;**

Thurles has been identified as one of eight sites across the country for the initial provision of modular type homes on public owned land. The OPW intends to provide such homes on their own site at Gortataggart, Thurles. Survey works on the identified site is due to commence shortly. The Department has committed to engaging with the local community once initial survey work is complete

### **Targeted Leasing Initiative<sup>7</sup>**

This new initiative was launched on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 by means of an EOI with a deadline for submissions to The Housing Agency of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The main elements of the scheme:

- New build only
- Delivery between 2022 and 2025
- A proposal with a minimum of 20 properties and maximum of 150<sup>8</sup>
- get additional permanent social housing.
- provide additional supply targeted at areas of greatest need; and
- prioritise support for homes aligned with the needs of the social housing waiting list.

The Housing Agency will be the national coordinator for the initiative. Local Authorities will be asked to determine the suitability of the proposed properties against the need for housing in the area and the county development plan. Any proposed lease will be between the Local Authority and the proposer. The Local Authority will pay a rent to the proposer, which will be set at a percentage of the market rent. The Local Authority will be the landlord to the household and will collect a differential (income based) rent from the household. There were no expressions of interest received for this scheme in the county to date.

### **Social Housing Assessment – changes to income thresholds**

With effect from 1 October 2022, five local authorities – Carlow, Clare, Galway, Laois and Westmeath County Councils – will move from Band 3 to Band 2 of the income eligibility framework. As a result, the baseline income eligibility threshold for these areas will increase from €25,000 to €30,000 on that date. Tipperary remains unchanged which is very disappointing given the level of requests made by the Council for such a change over the last 3 years.

However, proposals have been approved to scope and develop options for a revised or new national social housing income eligibility model. The review will assess the suitability or

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<sup>7</sup> The Long-term Leasing scheme under Housing for All remains unchanged and is still being phased out over the lifetime of Housing for All to the end of 2025

<sup>8</sup> It is permissible to combine properties from more than one development/site in one Local Authority area as part of a single proposal

otherwise of the current model considering the changes which have occurred since its original introduction.

The review will be managed by the Housing Agency on behalf of the DHLGH. It is intended that there will be full consultation with local authorities that will comprise a combination of direct interviews and written consultation. The intention is to complete the review and bring proposals forward for the Minister's consideration before end-2022.

### **Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA)**

The purpose of the assessments are to capture the **total number of households qualified** for social housing support across the county whose social housing need is not being met, in order to understand the level of need for such support.

The SSHA is:

- an important exercise that can tell us more about the profile of applicants for social housing.
- can inform policy and allow the Council to plan for the right types of housing support.
- requires local authorities to review our waiting list to ensure applicants still want and qualify for support, and to ensure the detail of the applicants' household is up to date and accurate.

The process must be complete by November and is an annual occurrence required by regulations. The files requiring review are those not yet assessed for the first time or which haven't been reviewed since 3 September 2021. This amounts to 672 files which require review. Households assessed and qualified for support or which have been reviewed since 3 September 2021 do not need to be reviewed. This is a substantial piece of work which requires input from a large number of staff.

### **AHB forum**

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum. Over the duration of the Housing For All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target. The forum facilitates the Council to:

- provide details on the type and quantity of the housing need in specific areas of the county
- reduces competition in local areas to ensure that each AHB is maximising delivery county wide
- engage with AHB's to ensure the prompt tenanting of new and existing properties

It is envisaged that the forum will also help to identify areas of need by linking in with other bodies; for example, the provision of housing for persons with a disability and the work required

to identify all of the people who fall into this category and how best to provide the specialised housing and associated supports.

The formation of a second forum to allow for the direct interaction between housing officers from the AHB's and the Council has also made the process of selecting new tenants more efficient.

### **Changes to the HAP Discretion Levels**

Previous regulations provided discretion to local authorities to allow additional flexibility of up to 20% above the prescribed maximum rent limits to secure suitable accommodation for a qualified household that requires it.

The changes are outlined below:

1. An increase in the HAP discretion rate from the current 20% to a maximum of 35% for all local authority areas. This will apply to both new and existing tenancies.
2. Additional flexibility allowing local authorities to apply a couple rate to a single person household, where required, in recognition of the shared one-bed need. This will apply to new tenancies only.

### **Affordable Housing**

#### **Ready to build scheme**

Tipperary County Council intends to prepare and make available serviced sites in towns and villages to potential individual purchasers. The newly announced government scheme includes a number of criteria:

- the Site must be within a town or village with a population of more than 400 people,
- available at a discount on the market value of the site for the building of a property,
- must be for occupation as the principal private residence only,
- a discount of up to €30,000 must be offered
- available to first time buyers or people who qualify under the “fresh start principle”, those who are older or have a disability, or anyone who is moving from their current home to a town or village

#### **Croí Cónaithe fund**

This scheme is aimed at bringing unused buildings within urban areas back into use.

- Applies to empty buildings within a town or village with a population of more than 400 people.
- Building must be empty for at least 2 years.

- Up to €30,000 available as a grant. An additional €20,000 is available where an engineer certifies the building as derelict or dangerous.
- The applicant does not have to own the building when applying for the grant but the grant will not be paid until the sale of the building is complete.
- The applicant must live in the building as the primary residence for a period of not less than 10 years.

It is the intention of the Council to offer these as schemes for potential buyers and more information will be available soon on the specifics of the scheme.

### **New build affordable schemes – a proposal for a shared equity scheme**

Tipperary County Council intend to offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme. Please note that this is contingent on the Tipperary gaining access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A submission is with the Housing Agency and we are waiting on confirmation of access to this fund.

Once suitable areas have been identified where an affordable scheme will have the highest chance of success the following process will apply:

- Put out an expression of interest to developers who have planning permissions in that area to submit proposals to build a scheme of 10 houses or more. The Council would propose to pay an agreed price for these units. The price paid will include the full discount available for affordable housing units from the AHF.

<b>Scheme density</b>	<b>Funding limit</b>
Dwellings in schemes with a net density of <b>over 50 dwellings per hectare</b> in cities designated under the National Planning Framework	€100,000
Dwellings in schemes with a net density of <b>over 35 dwellings and under 50 dwellings per hectare</b> in all urban areas	€75,000
Dwellings in schemes with a net density of <b>less than 35 dwellings per hectare</b>	€50,000



- Once complete TCC will advertise these for sale under an affordable scheme using the criteria laid out in the existing regulations.
- For example, a unit where the final sale price is €250,000:
  - the shared equity provided would be:
    - a minimum of €100,000 (40% of the discounted price)
    - a maximum of €12,500 (5% of the discounted price)
  - the income levels per household would be:
    - a minimum of €38,571
    - a maximum of €61,071

The scheme of priority would then operate as per the regulations.

The Council is actively exploring all options open to us to deliver affordable housing options in the County and as initiatives are worked up, members of the Council will be advised.

## CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

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

### Directorate Priorities

#### Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The following items were discussed:

1. Nenagh Municipal District Update.
2. Progress Update on Internal Audit Plan & Recommendations.
3. Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report.
4. Procurement Compliance Audit Recommendations Update.
5. Management Reports to Council May & June 2022.

#### Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022:

Pothole - 59

Public Liability - 46

**Total Claims – 105**

#### Electoral Register Reform

**Electoral Reform Act – Legislation was signed in to law 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022. – This act provides the legislation for a range of significant electoral reforms e.g.**

- Establish Independent electoral commission
- Modernisation of Electoral registration process
- Regulation of on-line political advertising
- Amendments to electoral law to provide voting on islands take place as the rest of the country and amendments to facilitate voting when covid type restrictions apply.

#### Key Changes for Local Authority/Customer

##### • **Rolling Register**

A single live and continuously updated register – Draft, Final and supplement replaced.

##### • **Simplified process**

All applications to LA in first instance. Majority of engagement can be via a single, simple form(new form being prepared), Online registration/updating of details (www.checktheregister.ie)

##### • **PPSN's/Eircode's**

Identity data cross-check via PPSN, data sharing provisions. Eircode's required

##### • **Anonymous registration/No fixed abode**

For people whose safety may be at risk. Standardised reference to people with no fixed address

##### • **Pre-registration**

For 16/17 year olds. Once reach this age can apply to and will automatically be added when reach the age of 18

##### • **Oversight**

Reporting and oversight provided for the first time

#### Commencement

Go live date **10<sup>th</sup> October**

#### Coroner Service

##### Statistics period to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

No of deaths reported: 442

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 102

No. of Undertaker Removals: 47

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 **July-September** include: -

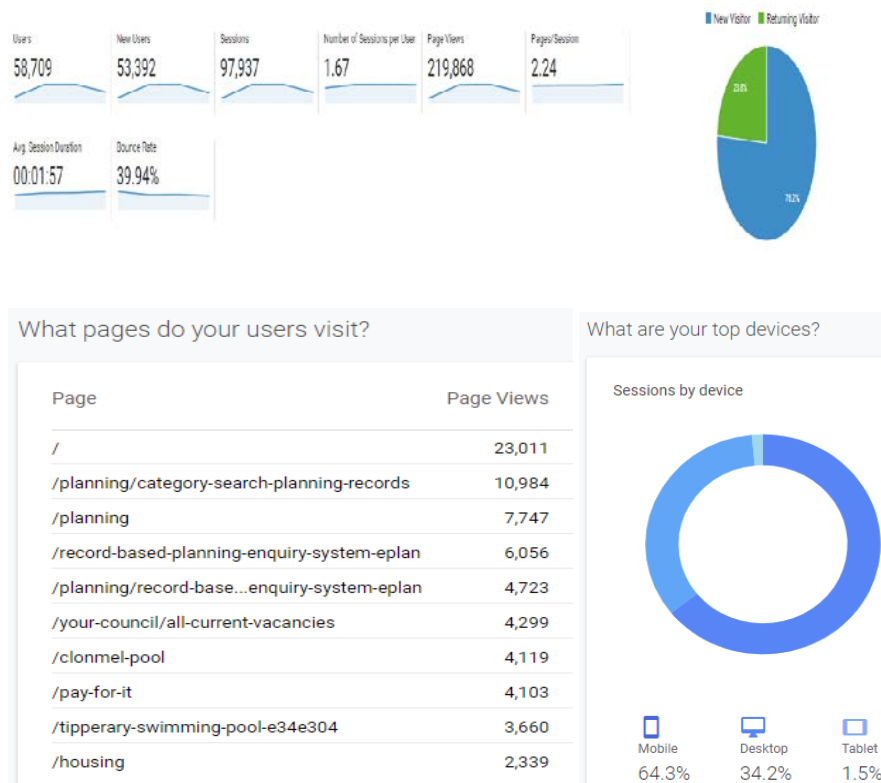
04/08/2022	Press Release - Pavement schemes N24 and N76
10/08/2022	Press Release - Lough Derg Algal Bloom
12/08/2022	Press Release - Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028
29/08/2022	Press Release - Lough Derg Algal Bloom
13/09/2022	Press Release - Local Property Tax
13/09/2022	Press Release - Green Flag Inch Field Cahir
20/09/2022	Press Release - Illegal dumping

### Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social medial channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council.



#### Website audience overview 27 June – 18 September

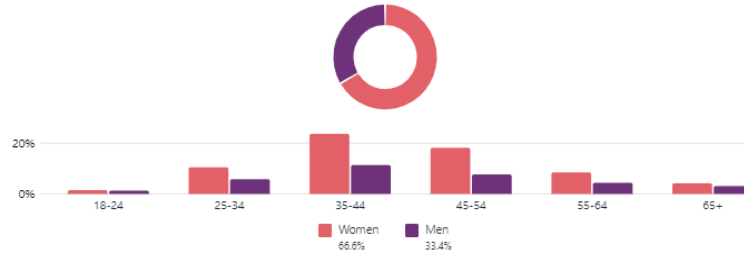


FACEBOOK

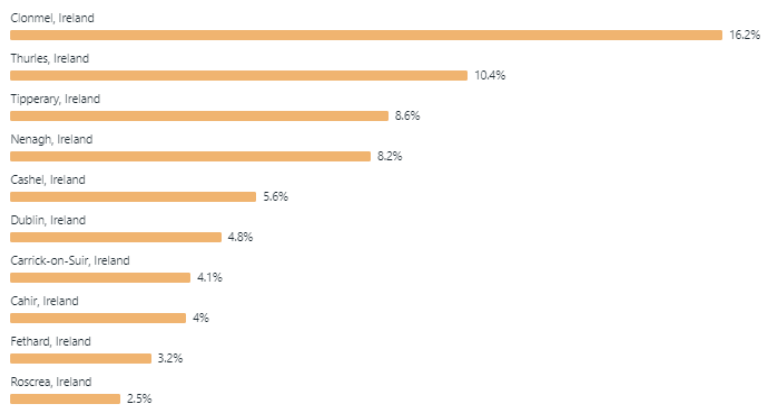
27 June – 18 September



Age & gender



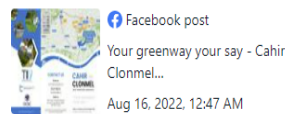
Top cities



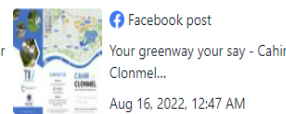
Highest reach and mention – Cahir to Clonmel Greenway

Highest comments – contract signing for River Ara Walkway in Tipperary Town

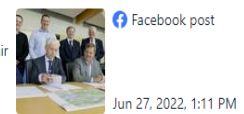
Highest reach on a post



Highest reactions on a post



Highest comments on a post



## TWITTER



### July

**Top Tweet** earned 819 impressions

[pic.twitter.com/MwzIQAIKp0](https://pic.twitter.com/MwzIQAIKp0)

the summer. The fine weather brings more people out and about. As drivers, we need to be on the lookout for them.

**Slow down and expect the unexpected.**

The impact of high temperatures on our roads is likely this weekend:

- Road surface temperatures will rise significantly in the hot weather and surface dressed roads ("tar and chips") will be prone to softening of the bitumen. This will lead to bitumen slicks occurring on more minor roads.
- Road users are advised to slow down and exercise caution when braking in such situations.
- Be aware that stopping distances are greatly increased and adjust your speed accordingly.

Tipperary County Council may need to spread grit on national and regional routes due to high temperatures. The public should be aware that this will generate dust in the areas being treated.

**Top mention** earned 399 engagements

**Silver Rock Studios**  
@SilverRockStudios - Jul 21

Final visit to Nenagh, Co Tipp before we press the big button on the new film & TV studios. Lots of announcements to follow. Visited the new Tourist Office today. Very Impressive staff & venue  
[@NenaghGuardian @NenaghArts @VisitTipp @TipperaryCoCo](https://pic.twitter.com/OJraDWoUqy)  
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### August

**Top Tweet** earned 766 impressions

Inviting members of the public to have their say on the Thurles Walking and Cycling Scheme. The 6 route options are now available for inspection:

- Council's website [consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/](https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/) ...
- Thurles Municipal District Office E41 KA44  
Closing date submissions: 16:30 Mon 12 Sept [pic.twitter.com/Lsc9fJKjlb](https://pic.twitter.com/Lsc9fJKjlb)



**Top mention** earned 210 engagements

**Limerick Cycle Design**  
@LkCycleDesign - Aug 10

You see, designing a park bench that is accessible to everyone isn't that difficult and doesn't require half of the bench on one side to be removed. This is in Cahir. Nice one [@TipperaryCoCo](https://pic.twitter.com/WJXrm0lv78). Maybe [@LimerickCouncil](https://pic.twitter.com/WJXrm0lv78) could take note?  
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### September

**Top Tweet** earned 1,432 impressions

Tipperary County Council is inviting members of the public to have their say on the route options for the Thurles Walking and Cycling Scheme on Tipperary County Council's website [consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/](https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/) ... [pic.twitter.com/T6dA2DIGq3](https://pic.twitter.com/T6dA2DIGq3)

Tipperary County Council is inviting members of the public to have their say on the route options presented. These route options are now available for inspection:  
• On the Tipperary County Council's website <https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations/thurles-walking-and-cycling-scheme>  
• At Thurles/Templemore Municipal District Offices, Civic Offices, Castle Avenue, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. B41 2244.



**Top mention** earned 264 engagements

**Derelict Waterford**  
@DerelictDette - Sep 6

New Quay, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. A lovely quayside street until this rears its ugly head.





[#DerelictIreland](https://pic.twitter.com/4bM71Jy02M)  
[#HousingCrisis](https://pic.twitter.com/4bM71Jy02M)  
[@TipperaryCoCo](https://pic.twitter.com/4bM71Jy02M)  
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Achievements July-September 2022

July	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Tourism</b></p> <p>Exhibition in Cork Airport of Tipperary's historical sites</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thurles MD</b></p> <p>Musical Festival</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clonmel BD</b></p> <p>Tidy Town groups</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Fire and Rescue</b></p> <p>Landowners please be mindful controlled burning is NOT permitted during the summer months</p>

	<p><b>LEO Tipperary</b></p> <p><b>Energy in Agriculture event</b></p>
	<p><b>Sports Partnership</b></p> <p>Outdoor gym equipment in Fethard</p>
	<p><b>Thurles MD</b></p> <p>Wall mural</p>
	<p><b>Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD</b></p> <p>Tipperary Town Revitalisation Strategy and Plan 2035</p>
	<p><b>Vacant Homes</b></p> <p>Sharp rise in proposals to bring vacant Tipperary properties back into use</p>

August	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Information Technology</b></p> <p>Tipperary County Council adding Irish language translations and Irish Service Catalogue to available features on redevelopment of new website in conjunction with Annertech</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thurles MD</b></p> <p>Towns and Villages in the district in full bloom thanks to great work done by local tidy towns committees</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free electrical recycling day in Tipperary</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nenagh MD</b></p> <p>Playground in Newport</p>

	<p><b>Tipperary Libraries</b></p>
	<p><b>Tipperary Tourism</b></p> <p>The Tipperary Rose with other rose contestants visit Tipperary</p>
	<p><b>Tipperary Studies</b></p> <p><a href="https://tipptownrevitalisation.ie/2022/08/18/tipperary-glove-factories-remembered/">https://tipptownrevitalisation.ie/2022/08/18/tipperary-glove-factories-remembered/</a></p>
	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>First all county Development Plan</p>
	<p><b>Tipperary Tourism</b></p> <p>The Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan</p>

	<p><b>Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services</b></p>
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September	
	<p><b>Fire and Rescue Services</b></p> <p>Approval for new fire station at Waller's Lot Cashel</p>
	<p><b>Suir Blueway and Waterford Greenway connection</b></p>
	<p><b>LEO Tipperary</b></p> <p>Empowering women in business</p>

	<p><b>Tipperary Arts Office</b></p> <p><b>Culture night</b></p>
	<p><b>Thurles MD</b></p> <p><b>Street Art</b></p>
	<p><b>Carrick on Suir MD</b></p> <p>Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden Greenway</p>
	<p><b>LEO Tipperary County Council</b></p> <p>Ploughing 2022</p>
	<p><b>Clonmel BD</b></p> <p>Clonmel Regional Sports Facility nearing completion</p>



**Communications Focus**

**Summary of some items  
PLANNED for promotion  
October - December 2022**

October	National Fire Safety Week
October	Energy Week
October	Reuse month
November	National Innovation Week
November	Hedgecutting promotion
November	Eparking promotion
December	Christmas car parking
December	Retail promotion - shop local

Customer Service Activity

Period 27 June – 18 September (12-week period)

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

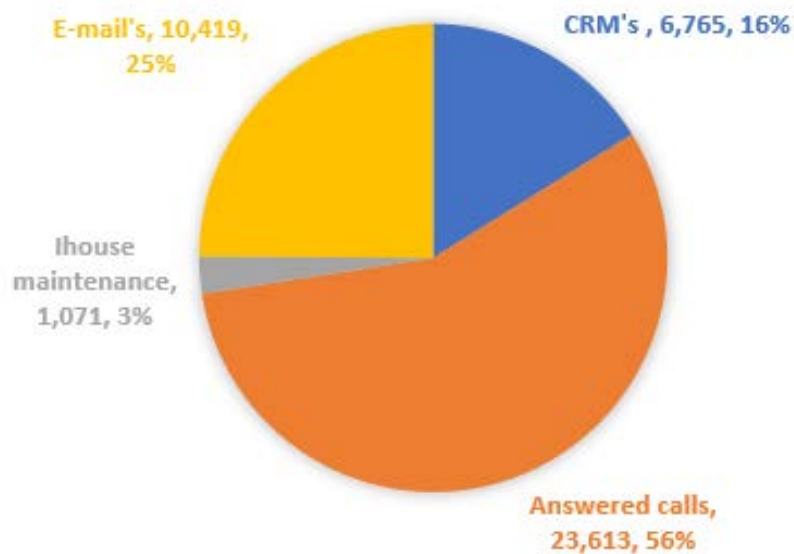
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- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- ihouse

**Customer Service activity – CSD staff**

CRM's	6,765
Answered calls	23,613
Ihouse maintenance	1,071
E-mail's	10,419
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,868</b>

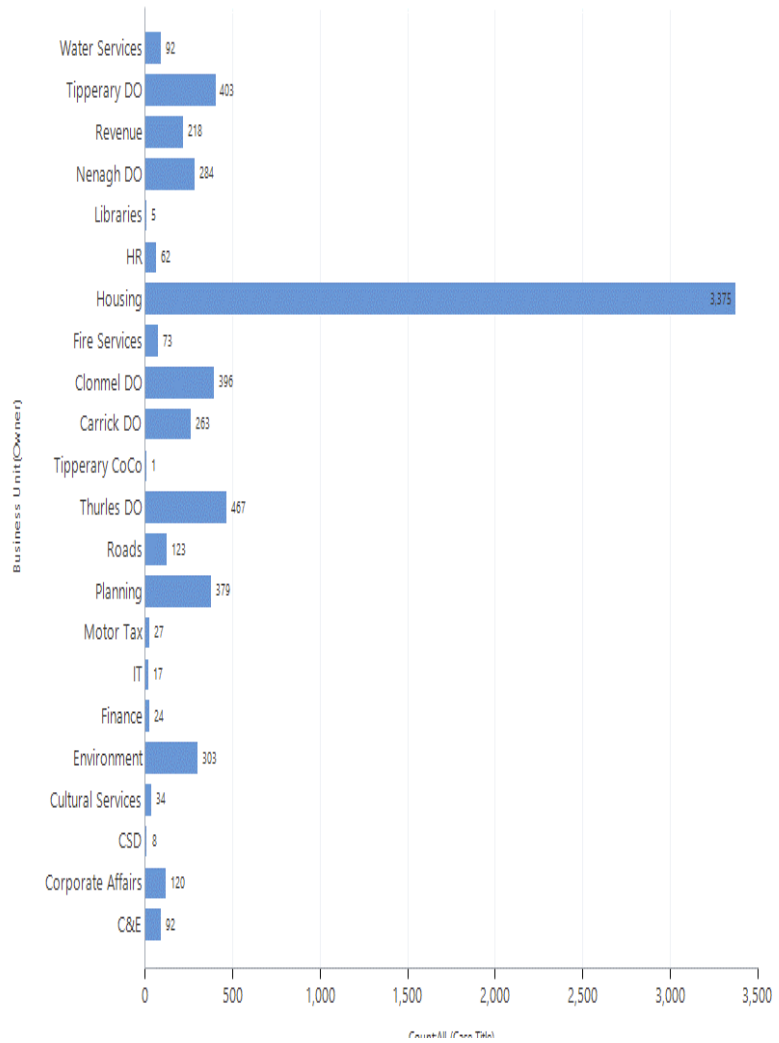
**CUSTOMER SERVICE ACTIVITY**



CRM – Customer Relations Management System – all cases breakdown per Section

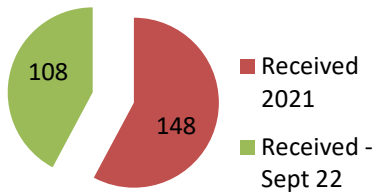
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C&E	92
Carrick MD	263
Clonmel BD	396
Corporate	120
CSD	8
Cultural Services	34
Environment	303
Finance	24
Fire Services	73
Housing	3375
HR	62
IT	17
Libraries	5
Motor Tax	27
Nenagh DO	284
Planning	379
Revenue	218
Roads	123
Thurles MD	467
Tipperary MD	403
Water Services	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>6765</b>

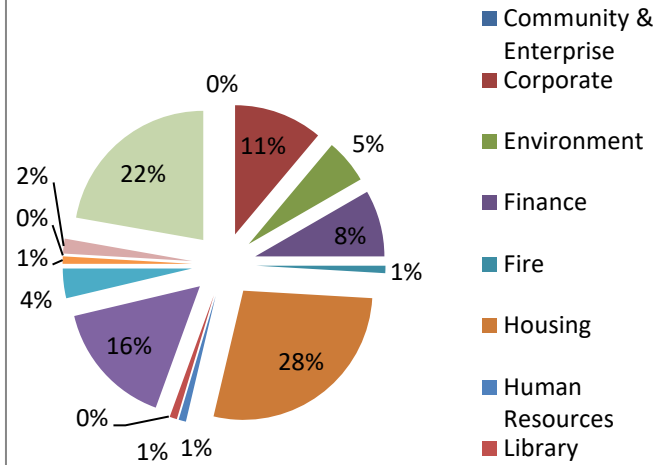


Information Management

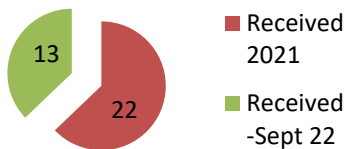
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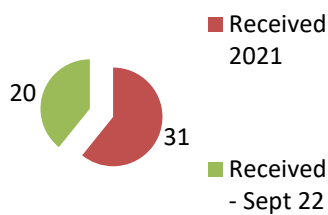
### FOI Analysis by Directorate



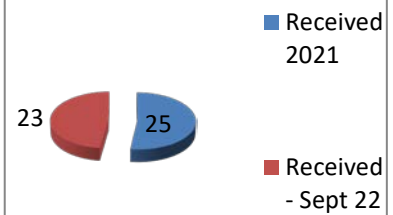
### Data Protection



### Ombudsman

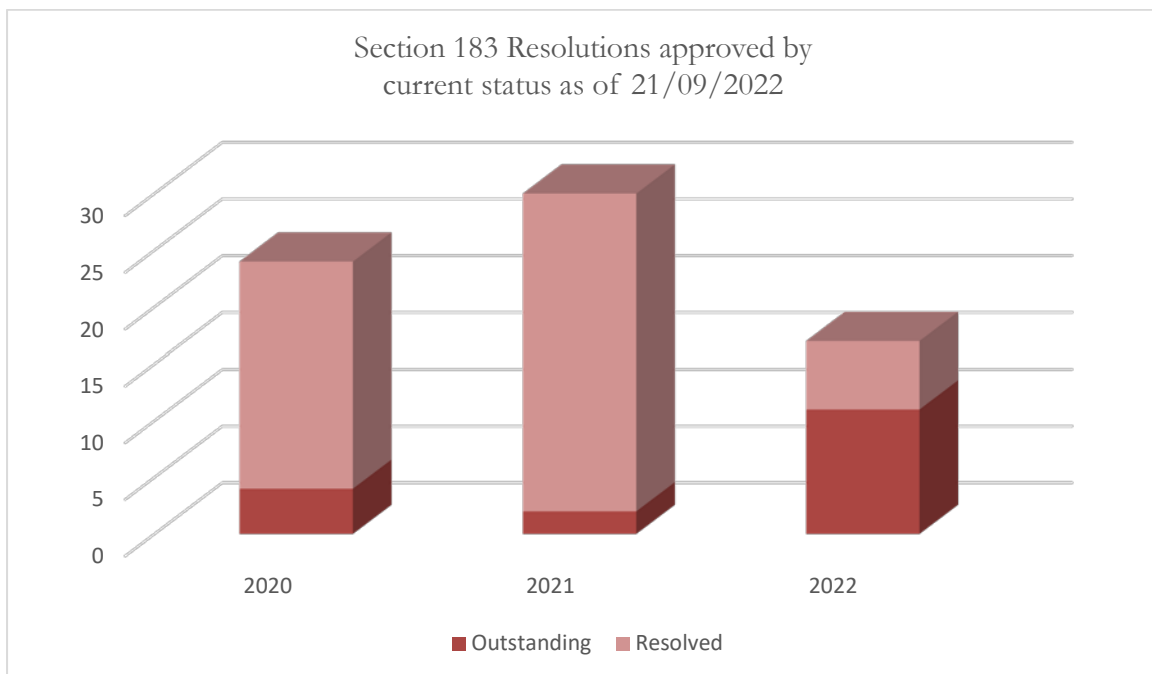
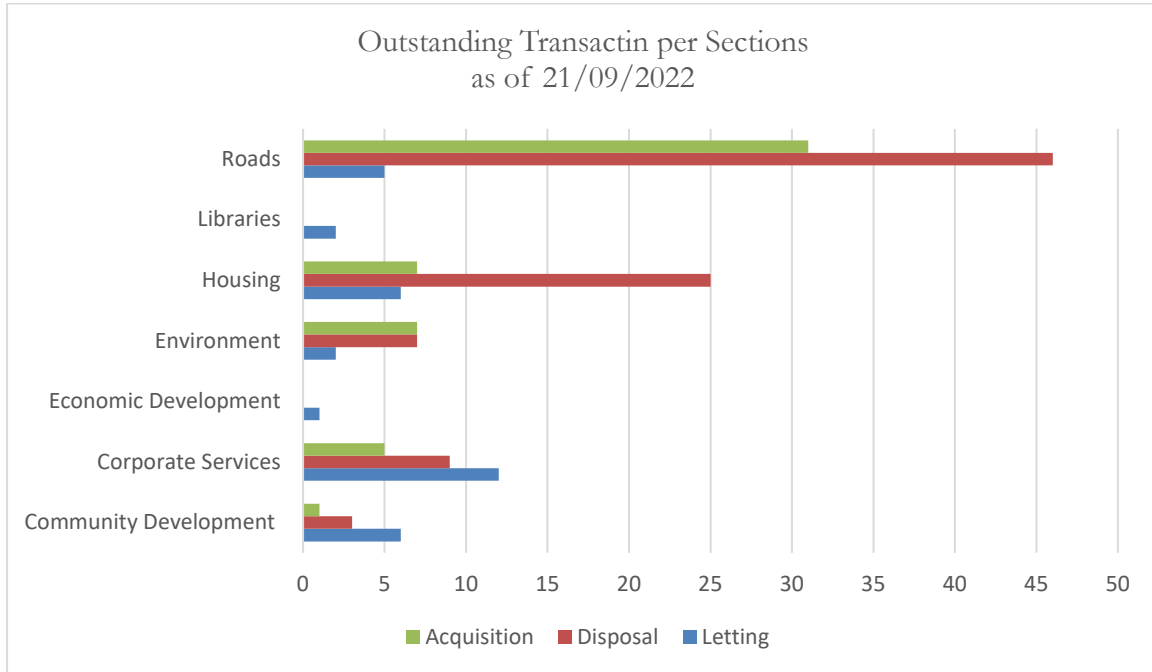


### AIE - Access to Information on Environment



Property Management

Central Property Unit has opened 127 new Transactions and closed/resolved 76 Transactions within the current year, i.e. 2022. There is 193 active Transaction in relation to requests relating to letting, acquisition or disposals of Council’s Lands or Buildings, i.e.



Schedule of Outstanding Section 183 Resolutions by location



- No. 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town
- Knockmorris, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
- Callan Street, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary
- The Mall, Templemore
- Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel
- Old Motor Tax Offices, Banba Square
- Clonmel Garden Depot, Melview, Clonmel
- Templemore Demesne, Templemore
- Church Street, Toomevara
- 11 William O'Brien Street, Scrothea East, Clonmel
- No. 62 Glencarrick, Roscrea
- Birdhill, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
- Upper Green Street, Fethard
- Yewston, Nenagh
- Ballysheeda, Annacarty, Co. Tipperary
- No. 23 Bulfin Crescent, Nenagh
- No. 12 Heywood Terrace, Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel