



# Management Report to Council



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<u>11</u> 11:00: TCC Plenary Mtg	<u>12</u> 10:00: Housing SPC Mtg	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10:00 AILG Webinar 6 Video Campaign – How to create and connect with your audience
<u>18</u> 10:30: Thurles MD Meeting	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 11:00: Clonmel Borough District Meeting	<u>21</u> 10:00: Nenagh MD Meeting	<u>22</u>
<u>25</u> 11:00: Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Meeting	<u>26</u> 10:00: Disability Steering Group Meeting (Housing)	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 14:00: Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>29</u>

## Report at a Glance



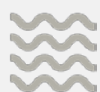
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**Community and Economic Development Directorate  
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)**

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u>			
Policy Changes/Updates		Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
LECP	Guidelines announced for new Scheme	High Level Goals Identified and Advisory Group in place Next Stage – High Level Goal Consultation Process (Agency)- Update of Socio-Economic Profile and Community Consultation – September 2022	
Directorate Priorities			
Major Current Issues	Progress to date		Next Stage
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	<p>Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2022- scheme announced June 2022</p> <p>The <b>Streetscape Scheme</b> was announced and Tipperary Town was submitted as the Co Tipperary application (only one application can go forward in 2022)</p> <p>TVRS objectives are being refocused to align with commitments within these Policies. The 2022 Scheme will prioritise tackling vacancy and dereliction in towns and villages. Other projects which will be welcomed include regeneration projects that support active and vibrant town or village centres, remote working, upgrading shopfronts and street facades, and green spaces and parks, etc</p> <p><b>Main Scheme Grant Levels</b> For the 2022 Scheme, the minimum grant which is available is €20,000. The maximum level of grant funding available is remaining at €500,000 in respect of one application from each Local Authority and 5 applications can be submitted for projects up to €250,000. A maximum of €250,000 will apply in respect of 5 applications.</p> <p><b>Expressions of Interest</b>-Local Authorities are required to advertise for expressions of interest from towns/villages in their area and to select up to 9 proposals</p> <p><b>Building Acquisition Measure</b>- 1 project submitted for Gold crop Site Carrick-on-Suir</p> <p><b>Project Development Measure</b>-The Project Development Measure (up to €50,000) was introduced on a trial basis last year.</p> <p><b>Marketing Campaign Measure</b> -A new Marketing Scheme Measure (up to €50,000) is being introduced to fund marketing campaigns targeted at attracting remote workers and mobile talent to individual counties</p> <p><b>Next Stage</b>- <b>Closing date for EOIs July 1<sup>st</sup>, progress to assessment committee and submission by July 24<sup>th</sup></b></p>		
Clár 2022	The 2022 CLÁR Scheme was launched on the 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. Tipperary County Council submitted 4 applications for consideration under Measure 1 of the 2022 Scheme. The submissions included projects led by the community and also projects led by the local authority. Decisions are anticipated in late July with projects to be completed by April 2023.		
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme	<b>2018</b> Measure 2 outstanding the river Ara Walkway in Tipp Town, substantially completed drawdown deadline July 2022		



	<p><b>2019</b> All projects completed</p> <p><b>2020</b> 2 measure 2's substantially completed drawdown deadline July 2022;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beara Breifne Way Lorrha to Portumna</li> <li>• Suir Blueway Cahir Infrastructure Enhancement.</li> </ul> <p><b>2021</b> 7 <b>Measure 1</b> approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballinderry River Walk</li> <li>• Bay Lough car park the vee</li> <li>• Gurtagarry Walk</li> <li>• Munster Vales Outdoor Adventure Digital Marketing Campaign</li> <li>• Age Friendly</li> <li>• Tipperary 'Take A Hike' Suite of Marketing Assets</li> <li>• Lough Derg Blueway Hiking Trail Counters</li> </ul> <p>2 <b>Measure 2</b> approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrick widening of River Suir Blueway</li> <li>• Ardfinnan walkway and bridge</li> </ul> <p>1 <b>Measure 3</b> approved for Thurles river Suir Pathway</p> <p><b>2022</b> 7 <b>Measure 1's</b> submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballinderry River Walk Phase II</li> <li>• Liam Lynch Trailhead Car Park</li> <li>• Sliabh na mBan Cairn and Walk</li> <li>• Carrigmaclear Amenity Area</li> <li>• Kilballyboy Wood Trails</li> <li>• Tipperary Age Friendly Cycling Without Age</li> <li>• The Vee Car Park, Knockmealdown Mountains</li> </ul> <p>3 <b>Measure 2's</b> submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monaincha Abbey Looped Walk</li> <li>• Jesuits Walk Improvement Scheme Fethard</li> <li>• Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Walking Trail</li> </ul> <p>1 <b>Measure 3</b> submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widening and Signage Improvements along Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway</li> </ul> <p>2 <b>Measure 4's</b> submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement Plan</li> <li>• Soloheadbeg to Limerick Junction Greenway and Water Park</li> </ul>	
<p>Rural Development Programme (Leader)</p>	<p>The Department of Rural and Community Development announced a transitional Leader fund that will run from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The funding level for Projects within Tipperary for this timeframe is €2,238,831. The objective of this interim fund is to support projects and to prepare for the 2023-2029 Leader Programme. Tipperary has achieved an additional budget of €1,748,849 since 2017 on Food and Cooperation Projects</p>	

Local Community Development

Committee

The LCDC continues to meet and has oversight over a number of contractual funding programmes including the Rural Development Programme

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)

The SICAP Mid-Year Year Review has taken place with both Development Companies meeting their targets. To date SICAP has supported 59 Local Community groups across the county and supported 471 individuals with an overall spend of €456,388.



Men's Initiatives Development Worker and Social Enterprise Worker have added significant value to targeted engagement with both Men's Sheds/groups and Social Enterprises in North Tipperary since these new roles were created 12 months ago.

SICAP are to be given additional resources to support the Ukrainians with NTDC being provided with €56,686 and STDC being provided with €55,691. The funding can support the following services

- Salary for staff to work directly with this community (revised staffing sheet required)
- Transport to and from activities
- Translation services or a translator
- English language supports in addition to existing services
- Events or initiatives to engage with the wider community
- Group development supports under Goal 1
- Counselling supports
- Voucher for food and clothes where deemed appropriate
- Costs associated with hubs or outreach centres specifically set up for Ukrainian refugees
- Any actions consistent with the existing programme requirements
- Small scale capital expenditure

### Local Economic and Community Plan

The LECP Advisory Committee have met a number of times, the next stage of the LECP development process is to carry out the Agency Consultation on the High-level goals and to update the Socio-Economic Profile. Full community consultation will commence in September 2022 in conjunction with the PPN.

### Ukraine Response

The community section has provided administration support to the Civil Defence and Housing section on the operation of the Ukrainian Displaced Persons Rest Centres in Littleton and Clonmel. Welcome packs have been developed for people arriving at the rest centres. Both centres have capacity for 60 persons with the Littleton Centre managed by Thurles Lion Trust on behalf of the council, while the Dr. O’Callaghan centre is managed by Clonmel Rotary Club.

A dedicated section of the council website outlines relevant information for Ukrainian displaced persons in the county including a range of health, social welfare, legal and other information

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/ukrainian-support-information>

The Volunteer Centre has continued to provide critical support to both rest centres with interpreters and admin support.

### Community Enhancement Programme.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 the Community Activities Fund was launched. Tipperary received €299,381. €100,000 of this will be ring fenced for specific actions. 40% of the ring-fenced budget has been spent. €199,381 will be available to community groups. Over 204 groups were approved for the grants up to €1050. 171 groups have been paid to date.

The Social Enterprise Capital Grant (SECG) Scheme was launched at the end of 2021 also. It is now closed. 9 groups were approved for €38,142, one group declined the grant. All money has now been drawn down



Sports Equipment Purchased by Canon Hayes from the SECG

### Joint Policing Committee

1 meeting was held in 2022. Chief Superintendent Derek Smart gave a presentation on the Tipperary Division Crime and Safety Statistics.

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

There was one Community training event held in 2022. Tipperary have possession of the property marking machine. It has been serviced and is ready for use.

The following Community based CCTV schemes requiring Garda Authorisation have had their paper work completed and submitted to Tipperary Garda Divisional Headquarters

- Littleton
- Fethard

The paperwork for the following schemes is being processed.

- Burgess, Birdhill and Cooleens
- Borrisokane

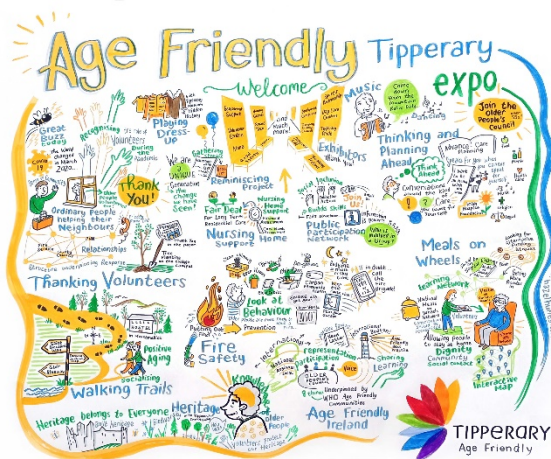
Two Meetings have been held with Roscrea Community CCTV group, Tipperary County Council and An Garda Síochána. Consultants have been engaged to design a new scheme.

### Littleton CAP

One meeting of the Littleton CAP was held in 2022 to discuss the use of the community and sports centre as a Ukrainian rest centre. One meeting of the Subgroup has been held and another scheduled to identify priorities and develop a short- and medium-term plan

### Tipperary Age Friendly

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Tipperary Age Friendly hosted an Age Friendly EXPO in the TUS College Campus in Thurles. We had a very successful and enjoyable afternoon, with 60 stands featuring agencies showcasing how we can contribute to positive ageing within County Tipperary. In addition to the stands we had a range of guest speakers providing information on technologies to supporting you to live in your own home, health and wellbeing, planning ahead, fair Deal scheme, fire safety and Age Friendly Ireland. This EXPO will help build awareness of and participation with Tipperary Age Friendly and increase diversity of membership.



### Age Friendly Business Training

In April community staff called to business premises in the towns of Nenagh, Roscrea, Thurles and Cashel. This was to encourage business to engage with us for Age Friendly Business training and Dementia Awareness Training. An Age Friendly business is an approach to doing business that recognises and addresses the market opportunity afforded by a society where more people are living healthier and longer and demonstrates that you value their custom. The Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme is run nationally with the support of and in partnership with Chambers Ireland and Local Authorities.

### Back in My Day Volume 2

Tipperary Age Friendly are seeking contributions towards its reminiscing project Back in My Day Volume 2 and will showcase its findings during Positive Ageing Week in September.

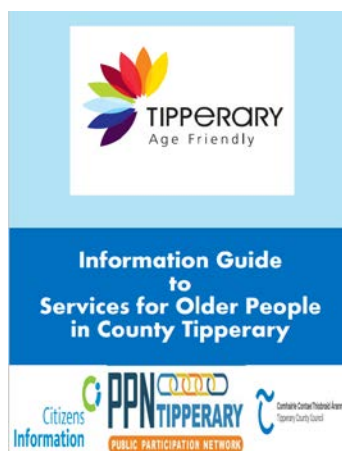
### Partnership Tipperary County Library Service and HSE Tipperary Memory Technology Rooms

Tipperary Age Friendly are delighted to partner with Tipperary County Library Services and HSE Tipperary Memory Technology Rooms providing digital devices on loan from referral post diagnosis from the Occupational Therapy team in Memory Technology rooms in Clonmel and Thurles.



### Age Friendly Directory of Services

Tipperary Age Friendly have reproduced and updated the Directory of Services providing information and contacts for all agencies and supports in County Tipperary. This will be available at customer service desks across the 5 Municipal Districts and on [www.tipperarycoco.ie](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie)



### Vulnerable Risk Register

Tipperary Age Friendly are delighted to partner with An Garda Síochána in promoting the Vulnerable Risk Register across the Tipperary Garda Division. Following an initial pilot in Nenagh District which received positive support from the community, An Garda Síochána – Tipperary have rolled it out at a Divisional level. The initiative is aimed at carers of those who suffer with these conditions, whereby they can register the sufferer's details with their local

Gardaí so that in the event of an emergency these details can be accessed quickly to ensure the safe return of these people to their loved ones. Their details are captured through a prescribed form, which is then entered into a secure database where only designated Gardaí will have access to the information in an emergency. Our ethos is to assist people in our community who are living with and supporting those who have Dementia or Alzheimer's. These situations become especially trying when that person wanders off or goes missing. A link to this form can be found on [www.tipperarycoco.ie](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie)

### Tipperary Understand Together

Tipperary Age Friendly will partner with Donaskeigh, Killurney, Killea and Killoscully BCPs within the Community Healthcare Network as pilot locations for inclusion, working with these community hubs to ensure that they are accessible and dementia inclusive. We will showcase each BCP as an inclusive venue, use technologies to support inclusion and work with dementia and disability groups in the Municipal Districts to visit and attend these pilot locations to use the facility and the technologies available.

### Cycling without Age Tipperary

Tipperary County Council are delighted to launch cycling without Age in County Tipperary. Cycling without age is part of a global movement and this is a first in County Tipperary.

The first trishaw has been funded by Healthy Ireland, Tipperary Sports Partnership and Tipperary Age Friendly. In our pilot location in Cahir, we are delighted to partner with Cahir Tidy Towns who are our community partner on the ground who have engaged pilot volunteers and Cahir House Hotel who will take bookings to use the trishaw. The route is completely off road from Cahir House Hotel to Swiss Cottage providing those with limited mobility the opportunity to experience the wind in your hair

and the joy of cycling. Cycling without age movement operates on the principle of a volunteer pilot and the trip is totally free for the passenger



Our volunteer pilots are being trained by Cycling without Age Trainer PJ Henry and we hope to be in a position to formally launch and take bookings from mid-June.

We will follow with the provision of Cycling without age in Roscrea as Tipperary's first Age Friendly Town and Clonmel in Q3 2022, this is supported by a successful ORIS application and match funding from Tipperary Age Friendly. A further application for funding has been made under ORIS for 2022 with the ambition to provide a bike in Carrick on Suir and Nenagh, therefore providing a bike in each of the Municipal Districts in the County

### Sláintecare Healthy Communities - Clonmel

The Local Development Officer (LDO) for Clonmel is currently contacting services, agencies and groups to explain their role and initiate engagement with the community, as part of the foundational work for the programme. This will also support identification of services that will later be mapped. There is collaboration between the Healthy Communities LDO and the HSE Healthy Communities Health Promotion and Improvement Officer, and a number of joint letters have been sent to agencies and services outlining the programme to create cohesion. Strong links are established with the LDO's in the other Sláintecare Healthy Community areas and

the LDO has attended national training with the Department of Health team. A number of possible initiatives are being discussed with local groups. Relevant individuals are being identified to form part of the Local Implementation Team through this initial phase of the programme, it is hoped this group will form in the coming months.

### Migrant Integration

Migrant integration events that have take place include **Africa Day** Celebrations in May which took place in Carrick-on-Suir, Borrisokane and Roscrea and Roscrea as well as the **International Yoga Day Celebrations** which were a partnership between Tipperary County Council and the Federation of Indian Communities of Ireland which took place in Cashel on June 25<sup>th</sup>.



Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy with Kuldeep Joshi of the Federation of Indian Community of Ireland



Organiser of the International Yoga Event – June 25<sup>th</sup>



Participants at the international yoga event



Africa Day Carrick-on-Suir (Grant Aid of €7,500 from Irish aid was received)



Soccer as part of Africa Day in Borrisokane

Comhairle Na Nóg



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

The main activities from Comhairle since the last report are as follows:

The Clonmel Comhairle group has linked with the Carrick group and is currently working on



examining the effects of vaping and also supporting a campaign for anti-smoking. Subgroup will continue to meet throughout the summer to work on additional support to entice young people into the Comhairle process for the AGM in October.

The Nenagh Comhairle group is currently working on a 'Social Spaces' initiative and is also running an AGENDA day in Nenagh on 15<sup>th</sup> June next with the CYPSC group. The subgroup will continue to meet throughout the summer to work on additional support to entice young people into the Comhairle process for the AGM in October.

The Thurles/Templemore Comhairle group is currently working on the mental health theme. They will hold an event in Templemore on 9<sup>th</sup> October to promote positive mental health for youth. This is also the subgroup that will organise the AGM in Thurles on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

The Carrick Comhairle group has linked with the Clonmel group and is currently working on examining the effects of vaping and also supporting a campaign for anti-smoking. Subgroup will continue to meet throughout the summer to work on additional support to entice young people into the Comhairle process for the AGM in October. The next step for Comhairle is to prepare for ETB meeting in July, prepare for next full group meeting in August and prepare to meet with TCC Management meeting in September.

The Tipperary Comhairle group is working on Body Image and will be doing a video project and a fashion show in September called 'Stand Out from the Crowd'. The subgroup will continue to meet throughout the summer to work on additional support to entice young people into the Comhairle process for the AGM in October.

#### Public Participation Network (PPN)

Tipperary Public Participation Network is currently creating Municipal District subgroups. One of the first tasks will be to work with county

council staff delivering MD public consultation meetings on the LECP.

There are also plans to organise meetings in the autumn where local elected representatives will be invited to meet the groups and answer any queries they may have in the relevant MD.

#### Healthy Ireland

Tipperary LCDC and Tipperary CYPSC have completed administering a joint application for Round 3 Healthy Ireland funding which has 12 actions over two years with a particular emphasis on Community Mental Health. This round of funding was extended to March 2022. Funding of over €400,000 was received. Within this there is an opportunity for local, community and voluntary groups to apply for funding up to €5,000 with €30,000 being available to administer in this fund for Community Mental Health initiatives.

HIF Round 4 will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. The County and City Management Association (CCMA) recently approved a new Healthy City/County Coordinator role at a Local Authority Grade 6 level to form part of HIF Round 4. An appointment in this regard is to be made in July.

Confirmation of funding for Round 4 Initiatives for remainder of 2022 is €40,000

#### Sign of the Times – Irish Sign Language Promotion and awareness

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May Tipperary County Council and the HSE Disability Gold Star Programme formally launched its guide for Sign of the Times. Sign of the Times is an awareness project around ensuring official recognition for, and the promotion of, Irish Sign Language and encouraging the broader community to "Give it a Go and Help it Grow" and learn a little sign language every day.



This guide includes links to recordings captured as part of the project where you can learn Irish Sign Language (ISL). The guide also captures and links “The Story Continues” where Tipperary County Library Service and Mary Kiely partner. Mary Kiely is Deaf and uses ISL to communicate. This partnership, which aims to foster a love of stories and reading among all children, has created a series of ISL children’s stories available through the libraries’ website and social media channels.

This project is an ongoing project and partnership. The initial partners on the project included the HSE Disability Gold Star” (a programme established by the HSE/South East Community Healthcare’s South Tipperary disability services), Tipperary County Council, members of the Deaf community and Gold Star volunteers. Supporting partners include Chime, Tipperary ETB, Abbey Secondary School, St Anne’s Secondary School and St Ailbe’s Secondary School Tipperary Town

This project has previously been recognised, winning an award in the annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. At the launch, which took place at Tankerstown National School, Cathaoirleach Cllr Marie Murphy noted that “the Guide provides links to recordings which could be showcased on public display systems across the county. The interagency support and commitment has been a feature of the success of the project to date. The partnership will continue its efforts and aspirations for the project in mainstreaming ISL across all sectors of

society, seeking to use Sign of the Times as a model of best practice”

This Guide will be circulated through all GPs and primary schools in County Tipperary.

For more information visit [www.tipperarycoco.ie](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie) or [www.tipperaryllibraries.ie/sign-of-the-times/](http://www.tipperaryllibraries.ie/sign-of-the-times/)

### Tipperary Together

“Tipperary Together” is a new initiative which started in January 2022. The newsletter which issues at the end of each month showcases support and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

To submit content please e-mail: [tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie)

### Pride of Place

The nominees for the 2022 Pride of place are Cahir Town and Tipperary Men’s Shed. Judging will take place in September 2022.

Following the huge success of the Tipperary Community groups in Pride of place 2021, a recognition event took place in Thurles on June 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Ballyporeen as winners in the 300-1000 population category, Ballysloe and Down Syndrome Tipperary as ‘runners up’ and Lorrha SCEAL who participated in the Resilient Community Category.



Ballysloe (Runners up in the population category 0-300)



Ballyporeen -Winners in the in the 300-1000 population category



Lorrha SCEAL Participants in the community resilience category



Down Syndrome Tipperary-Runners up in the wellbeing category

### Playgrounds

National play Day 2022 is to take place between July 2 & 9 and applications for five groups have been approved in Cahir, Cashel, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary Town and Nenagh for overall grant of €3,000 for the county.

### Tipperary Town Library Sensory Space

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May partners that engaged in the provision of a sensory space and autism relaxation hub in Tipperary Town Library got the opportunity to formally launch the space.

The project was led by Anne Bradshaw Disability Services HSE Gold Star Tipperary and supported by Tipperary Library Services, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and Catherine Fogarty, Manager Tipperary Town Library and Fiona Crotty, Community and Social inclusion Tipperary County Council.

This project was a culmination of a project involving the Abbey School and in particular Joelene Carey TY teacher, Conor Hayes and the students on the Live Without Limits YSI Group, who worked to raise autism awareness and supported this development. The project was also supported by the Tipperary Autism Parents Support Group and parents who volunteered with the project to raise autism awareness and to help inform design of the sensory space.

Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council, formally opened the space and complimented all of those who supported the initiative, people with autism, agencies and volunteers who worked together to deliver this project. This relaxation space is used every day and this realises a shared inclusive space, providing time to relax and this is very important within our public buildings.





### Tipperary Covid 19 Response Volunteer Recognition Event

On behalf of Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Volunteer Centre Cathaoirleach Cllr Marie Murphy facilitated an invitation to acknowledge those volunteers who responded to Community Call and response to Covid19 in County Tipperary.

This event was held in TUS college campus, coinciding with the Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO event. Eoin Wolohan, Chair of Tipperary LCDC, Derek Fanning, Tipperary Volunteer Centre and Cllr Marie Murphy formally acknowledged the role of volunteers and extraordinary community response in County Tipperary.



Volunteers who attended were presented with a small token from Tipperary Food Producers to acknowledge their participation. The ceremony was also acknowledged with a tree planting ceremony in the TUS college campus grounds and role of honour showcased at the auditorium naming the volunteers. This event was supported by the Department of Community and Rural Development.

### Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership is currently implementing its 2022 Operational Plan and successfully secured over €441,000 for sports and physical activities in the County to date in 2022. The focus of the Sports Partnership at present is to support the reopening of sport and physical activity and continue to facilitate activities with some programmes continuing to be delivered online and virtually.

Tipperary Sports Partnership awarded over €32,000 to 37 sports club under their 2022 Coaching, Development Fund & over €8,500 under Return to Sport Funding Scheme. These schemes are currently being administered.

In partnership with TUS a Special Purpose Award in Club Administration 'Running Sport Clubs' was completed with 16 participants.

To date in 2022, 5 Safeguarding 1 workshops were delivered with 54 sports volunteers receiving training, 1 Safeguarding 2 workshop with 8 participants and 1 Safeguarding 3 with 10 participants were delivered.

Phase 2 funding of the 'Innovation Project – Suir V' in partnership with TUS, Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club has been applied for to further develop and enhance the experience and to deliver outreach programmes.

TSP delivered 3 Swim for A Mile programmes in 3 pools – Sean Kelly in Carrick; Clonmel Swimming Pool and Nenagh Swimming Pool, 51 participants took part in the programme.



Two 8-week Community Walking programmes in New Inn & Ballina were delivered, 80 participants. A 4-week walking programme is currently been delivered with Clonmel Pride in Clonmel.



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

In Nenagh, TSP is working with Silver Arch and delivered a 'Let's Get Moving Green Exercise' programme. 16 participants engaged in the programme which ran for 16 sessions over 9 weeks. The group have continued to meet weekly since the completion of the sessions. The pilot is been evaluated by the HSE. Planning to run a second programme in Autumn.



TSP supported Nenagh AC who hosted a very successful Primary Schools Athletic Event with approx. 700 participants.

The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme has been delivered to 18 Preschool settings to date in 2022, 462 toddlers took part.

38 Primary Schools are currently been supported to deliver Schools Cycle Right programme for 905 children across Tipperary.

Bike week took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of May with nearly 700 participants. Funding was allocated to 9 cycling groups who held a variety of events across Tipperary. The theme this year is Community Cycling Together. TSP ran 3 online initiatives through social media to encourage engagement – Cycle Quiz, Schools Challenge & Community Challenge.



TSP supported the CTC's Youthreach Olympic Games which took place April 28<sup>th</sup> with 163 participants. A programme of activity is planned for Summer for marginalised groups with YWIT. TSP is also linking with Bridgewater House to support an activity programme for their residents.



TSP supported Down Syndrome Tipperary in the Learn to Cycle Programme by sourcing 5 x balance bikes, 1 x 24 inch plus fold down pedals and 2 x 18 inch plus fold down pedals. These bikes were also supported with learn to cycle videos and info cards.

National Learning Network in Clonmel commenced an Inclusive Swim programme in May with 10 participants swimming weekly. A 4-week Boccia League was delivered in Borrissleigh in May/June.



20 Primary Schools with ASD classes are received equipment & resources. The programme has reached 193 children with autism



A programme was also supported with MS Ireland 'Active Neuro' a 10-week Spring programme was delivered.



Movement for All virtual exercise programme for people with disabilities commenced April 27<sup>th</sup> for

8 weeks reaching over 40 participants in 12 centres.

Sports Inclusion Disability Awareness delivered May 3<sup>rd</sup> with 73 participants in Borrisoleigh.

Hoops for Girls programme was supported with Thurles Knights under WIS programme, 150 girls took part in taster sessions and 90 took part in the event in Thurles.

A Coaching Teenage Girls workshop was delivered to 15 coaches who are working with teenage girls' teams as part of Women in Sport Week.

As part of the Outdoor Community Sports Hub in Clonmel the Schools Paddles Up programmes was delivered to 5 schools, 264 participants. 56 Primary school children received an introduction of kayaking session in May. Outreach activities and Summer Camps are being planned. A paddling programme with Special Olympics was completed with 7 young people from Scoil Aonghusa in Cashel. A Canoeing programme was delivered with Colaiste Dun Iascaigh with 19 participants, 14 students achieved their Level 2 Kayaking Skills Award, it is planned that 6-8 students will pursue further training as part of their Leaving Cert. TSP supported a pilot Canoeing Ireland canoeing initiative 'For the Love of It' in Clonmel with Clonmel Canoe Club & SE Freestyle with 42 participants. 7 international paddlers supported the day with expert tuition.



In May, TSP held its Go For Life Festival for older adult in Thurles with participants from 18 groups across the County.



TSP with Healthy Ireland & Age Friendly are working to establish a Cycle with Age initiative in Cahir. The launch took place on 19<sup>th</sup> May in Cahir as the first pilot site in Tipperary, pilots are currently been trained to cycle the triobikes.

Mountain Bike Leadership training was delivered for volunteer leaders to support the establishment of Mountain Biking as part of the Urban Adventure Project. REC3 First Aid Training was provided for 9 participants.

TSP, TCC and the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre are continuing on the development of the Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town. To date, equipment has been purchased, support for the design of the centre along with the delivery of a variety of programmes such as social tennis, boccia, walking football and activator walking programmes. In May, a Badminton Taster programme is being rolled out with a view to establishing regular sessions in the centre. Further activities are being planned.



## FAI

This report is an update on football initiatives and development between March 2022 and June 2022. Overall, since the last report programmes and participation have steadily increased with engagement across the following portfolio of initiatives.

### Club Development

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

The aim of the FAI Club Mark:

- Establish minimum operating criteria for football clubs
- Provide clubs with a road map to good governance, management, and administration
- Support clubs on their journey
- Reward clubs for achieving and maintaining high standards

- Provide recognition to clubs for their commitment and achievements

- Increase club's capacity to operate effectively and grow football in communities throughout Ireland.

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

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



Ballymackey FC obtained the entry level award in June.

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

In addition, meetings have been recently held with Clonmel Celtic FC, Slievenamon Celtic FC, Nenagh Celtic, Silvermines FC to give information around the advantages of the Club Mark and outline the steps in the process and how we as Development Officers can assist in order to encourage and move each club towards an application.

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

Coaching sessions have taken place with NTSFL and TSSDL squads along with sessions in Moneygall FC, Birdhill, Silvermines FC, Borrisokane FC, Cashel Town FC, Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC with further sessions planned with the remainder of the clubs.

### Women's/Girls Football

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



The Tipperary Women's League pictured above entered and competed in the into the 2022 Angela Hurst Competition. This was a fantastic success with players and management from across Tipperary representing the county.

South Tipperary U19s Women's Team competed in this year's inter-league tournament providing a pathway to allow players to transition from schoolgirls to senior women's football.

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



Moneygall FC started a new KickFit group with 27 participants and will resume on a weekly basis. This is leading towards Moneygall FC entering a new team in the Tipperary Ladies Soccer League and continuing to run the KickFit programme with

the remaining members who want to play recreationally. The programme will also continue to be club led.

Nenagh AFC also launched the KickFit programme in March & the participation numbers continue to increase steadily whilst Shinrone LFC had a KickFit taster session.

**SOCCER SISTERS EASTER CAMPS**



The Aviva FAI Soccer Sisters programme is a portfolio of camps aimed at girls aged 6-14 that aims to introduce new players to the game and foster the enjoyment of football for those already involved to ensure we keep young girls involved within the sport. These soccer sisters' camps run over the Easter School Holidays. This Easter camps took place in Cahir Park AFC, Newport Town AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Birdhill FC, Lough Derg FC, Borrisokane FC with 126 participants.



UEFA Disney Playmakers is a new programme that the FAI are running alongside UEFA and Disney

in clubs across Ireland. This programme is for girls aged 5-8 years who are not currently playing football and it invites them to step into the magical world of Disney as they take their first steps on their football journey.

The sessions are based around some of Disney's most famous films. The programme will be broken down into two blocks with 10 sessions, where girls will play out their favourite films and take on the roles of some of the best-loved characters of all time. Focusing on developing fundamental movement, life and football skills. This is a club led programme, run by coaches who prioritise girl's needs; resulting in girls that are healthy and multitalented – and choose football as an activity for life.

Training has taken place with the Disney Playmakers club coaches who will run the programmes in June in Nenagh AFC, BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Killenaule Moyglass Ladies FC and Cahir Park AFC.

**Social Inclusion**



Football For All sessions continue weekly in Clonmel Town FC with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel & Journeyman Program from Carrick on Suir. In addition to weekly sessions this group are taking part in National Learning Network Southeast Blitz days further increasing their participation.

Football For All sessions are also taking place within Cahir Park AFC. Football For Cahir Park FFA have been supported in running a successful Southeast Regional Football For All blitz day with over 16 FFA teams competing from junior to adult ages.

In addition, Ballymackey FC's Football For all Cub programme continues to run weekly and participation numbers encouragingly continues to rise steadily.



Moreover, increased opportunity for participation in Regional Squads for Tipperary players has been seen as Southeast FFA Regional Squad sessions now take place in Cahir AFC on a rotational basis.

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



Coaching sessions in St Cronans Association adult disability service Roscrea have also taken place with participants from these sessions being informed about the FFA clubs in the area.

### **Walking Football:**

A new six-week programme at the Tipperary Sports Hub with the Brothers of Charity commenced after successful completion of a previous six-week block. This program was very successful (see

below) with The Brothers of Charity reporting that the program engaged participants resulting in continued sporting participation.



In addition, Walking Football programs with Cashel Men's Shed / Spafield Family Resource Centre & St Marys Roscrea (see below) were also successfully completed.



In addition, an eight-week programme was completed in Thurles with local Men's Shed groups and Walking Football sessions have also been delivered in Cahir Park AFC and St Marys in Roscrea.

### **Traveller Programme**

Tipperary Rural Travellers Project are also participating in weekly football sessions.



This is a group of approximately 8-10 men have been doing very well and engaging excellently with the program.

### Intercultural

Bridgewater House in Carrick-on-Suir were supported for Africa Day with a 'Soccer on the Green' initiative as part of 2022 Africa Day.



In addition, an Africa Day cup event was held in Borrisokane FC over two days. Members from direct provision living in Borrisokane & Roscrea were in attendance over the event which took part in partnership with Borrisokane FC & the NTDC. (120 participants)

### Youths



A 6-week youth social inclusion soccer programme took place with participants from Roscrea Youth in Sacred Heart school in Roscrea.

Similarly, in collaboration with Youth Work Ireland's (YWI) Tipperary Town Branch, sessions have taken place with both boys' and girls' groups at the Tipperary Sports Hub. The boys group held a 6-week block with YWI where we dropped in to provide sessions and the girls group session was a trial session. The boy's group had on average over 20 participants and there were 12 girls at the trial session. Positively, participants have joined St Michaels' FC and Tipperary Town FC from this group.



In addition, a social inclusion program has been supported at Fethard Town Park where a group of predominantly 16-20 boys aged 15-17 have been participating weekly. Tipperary Sports Partnership provided equipment to support this group and their participation, and this had an extremely positive impact. We have dropped in and provided both sessions and support however significantly this group have also participated in a late-night league and are going from strength to strength in their participation and community engagement.

### FAI Spar Primary 5's School Competition

Following feedback from schools in relation to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the FAI took the decision along with SPAR to approach the SPAR FAI Primary School 5s differently this year. The SPAR FAI Primary School 5s took on a new format for 2022. The goal was to provide every child in 4th, 5th and 6th class in your school the opportunity to participate in football.

Under the new format, schools ran their own 5-a-side competitions for pupils in their school 56 schools in Tipperary took part in this year's Spar primary 5's.



Support was provided to the schools including visits to schools to help set up the in-house blitzes & communications around setting up the blitzes. In particular, Clerihan NS, St Olivers NS, Rathkeevin NS and St Mary's NS, Scoil Aonghusa, St John the Baptist Boys NS and St John the Baptist Girls NS, Thomastown NS Leugh National School, Newport Boys N.S, St Marys primary Nenagh, Sacred Heart Roscrea and were supported in setting up their competitions.



In addition, Thomastown NS & St Marys Primary School in Nenagh went on to represent Tipperary at the Spar Primary 5's National Day at the Aviva.

### FAI Coach Education

- 2 x PDP 1 Course (45 participants)
- 1 x PDP 3 Course (27 participants)
- 1 x 9v9 Workshop (24 participants)
- 3 x Introduction to Football 4–6-year-old Workshop (60 participants)
- 2 x Player Development Plan Workshops (31 participants) at Cahir Park AFC and Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC.
- 3 x Safeguarding 1 course (62 participants)
- 1x Football Fitness Intro course
- 1 x Safeguarding 2 course (15 participants)

## Environment & Climate Action Directorate

### Policy Changes & Updates

The Strategic Policy Committee met on the 27<sup>th</sup> April in Cabragh Wetlands Visitor & Interpretive Centre. The section gave updates on Climate Action, Source Water Protection and Burial Ground Bye Laws. The PPN representatives raised topics discussed at the PPN meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. The next Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July at 2:30pm.

### Public Awareness Initiatives



*Participants at Reduce Food Waste workshop at Cashel Resource Centre*

### National Food Waste Recycling Week

National Food Waste Recycling Week ran from 30<sup>th</sup> May until the 6<sup>th</sup> June and the section in conjunction with Tipperary Educational Training Board held 3 free practical workshops on how to reduce food waste at the following locations:

- Spafield Resource Centre, Cashel - 1st June.
- Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Tipperary Town – 7th June.
- Clonmel Resource Centre – 8th June.

Practical tips and demonstrations were given by an ETB Tutor on how to prevent food waste by cooking easy to follow recipes and food caddies were distributed to attendees on the days.

### **Play It Again Musical Instrument Project**

The Play It Again Musical Instrument Project has received over 30 donations of musical instruments, which have been repaired and cleaned ready for redistribution. To date, over 21 instruments were distributed to local schools, musical groups and other community groups. Instruments will continue to be collected on a rolling basis and can be donated at any of our 5 Civic Amenity Sites.

### **Eco Kids Project**

Funding was provided by the Section for the purchase of library bags as part of competition organised by Clonmel Library to design a bag for life around the theme of “We are Eco Kids”. Bags are being distributed to all primary school children in Clonmel.



*Competition winners from the Sisters of Charity, Primary School, Clonmel.*

### **Tipperary Age Friendly Expo Event**

Members of the Environment and Climate Action team attended The Tipperary Age Friendly Expo event in the TUS campus Thurles on 23rd June, promoting environmental awareness and segregation of waste by distributing food waste caddies to attendees on the day.



*Pictured from left to right Cllr Richie Molloy, Fiona Flynn and Cllr Máirín Mc Grath.*

### Owl and Bird Boxes

The section, in association with Mullinahone, Clogheen and Cahir Men's Sheds are making owl boxes and bird boxes from recycled materials, which will be distributed to local farmers in the areas.



### Ukraine Seeds Project

As part of the "Sow for Ukraine" project supported by the Irish Red Cross, the Section donated 400 Packets of sunflower seeds, which have been distributed to community groups through the PPN.

**Sow Now Sunflower Seed Initiative**  
Tipperary County Council are supporting the "Sow Now Sunflower Seed Initiative" which aims to raise much needed funds for Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Crises Appeal.

Environment and Climate have purchased a number of packs (each pack contains 50 sunflower seeds) and are offering to groups FREE within the Public Participation Network (PPN).

This offer will be on a first come first served basis.

Please email [annmarie.clifford@tipperarycoco](mailto:annmarie.clifford@tipperarycoco) or [jonathan.donoghue@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:jonathan.donoghue@tipperarycoco.ie) if you are interested in getting a pack of these seeds. We would ask any group who gets sunflower seeds to send in photos when they are grown.

Crola Dheargna hÉireann  
Irish Red Cross

Tipperary County Council

## Community Services

### Tidy Towns Grants 2022

Municipal District	Tidy Towns committees	Amount Allocated to date
Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	43	€58,600
Clonmel	8	€12,000
Carrick on Suir	16	€12,000
Nenagh	30	€56,676
Thurles	24	€3,100 (paid to date)

*Table A*

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 and table A shows progress to date.

### Burial Ground Grants 2022

Municipal District	Burial Ground Maintenance Committees	Amount Allocated to date
Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel	69	€57,098
Clonmel	18	€12,600
Carrick on Suir	44	€30,400
Nenagh	68	€45,461
Thurles	56	€38,500

*Table B*

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

### Dog Fouling Initiative

A dog fouling awareness campaign was held in Cashel on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Staff members engaged with the public to promote responsible dog ownership. Dog fouling bags were distributed and staff advised the people they met of their obligations in relation to cleaning up after their dogs.

A further social media campaign is planned to raise awareness of this problem and remind dog owners of their responsibilities in relation to dog fouling.

## Veterinary Services

### Horses

14 horse queries were reported, which resulted in 7 horse pickups to date.

### Dogs

A total of 148 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to date. Of this number, 26 dogs were re-homed, 92 dogs sent to Rescues and 11 dogs were reclaimed, 6 were put to sleep. The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 3,296. 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
908	2415	48	10	4728	493	512

## Infrastructure



### Civic Amenity Sites

The section, in partnership with Rotary Ireland, are running a Bicycles to Africa project. Members of the public can donate free of charge suitable bicycles at the 5 Civic Amenity sites. These bicycles are then transported to Shelton Abbey, Arklow to be repaired and shipped to Africa

to assist students with their daily commute to school. Recently we sent 80 bicycles to Shelton Abbey for refurbishment.

### Customers visits to CAS

Waller's-Lot	12,303
Carrigeen Clonmel	13,307
Nenagh	12,786
Roscrea	11,785
Donohill	6,753



A total of 56,934 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, with three new additions and a further three were removed from the register. The section engaged with 108 owners in relation to remediating their properties.

Municipal District / Borough Council	Number of properties engaged with during 2022 (pre-Section Notice being issued)
Tipp/Cashel/Cahir	40
Nenagh	21
Clonmel	23
Carrick-on-Suir	7
Thurles	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>108</b>

### Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

Burial Ground	Progress update
Ballina (Boher)	Boundary Works to commence on site on completion of Land Acquisition.
Fethard	Part 8 Drawings were completed. Land Acquisition negotiations currently in progress prior to the Part 8 Application being lodged.
Cahir	Cahir Parish & TCC agreed on a preliminary Land Acquisition Purchase Cost. A formal offer being drafted.
Cloughprior	The National Monuments Section was consulted on the development of the Burial Ground Extension. A Geophysical Survey was submitted to National Monuments Section as requested. A further Geophysical Survey on adjoining lands has been rescheduled for September due to unsuitable ground conditions. Alternative Sites are being considered. A constraints study was completed to assist in identifying alternative suitable sites within the parish.
Carrick on Suir	Following the Hydro-geological Constraints Study & Trial Hole excavations, the section has re-commenced Land Acquisition negotiations with Landowners.
Shanrahan	National Monuments Section consulted regarding the completion of boundary works to adjoining landowner's property.
Kilmore	The Boundary Wall plan was agreed with the landowner and works will commence in the coming months.



<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 of 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):	8 – 6 Resolved and 2 proceeding for prosecution for non-compliance.	5 for illegal clothes banks and 1 dumping of waste, which were resolved. 1 farm plastic, domestic waste dumped – escalated to legal proceedings. 1 for waste on a vacant property, privately owned – escalated to legal proceedings.
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

Project applications to the value of €82,000 were approved by the Department of Environment, Communications and Climate . The projects are underway with the Household Hazardous Waste days scheduled for the end-August.

### Litter Fines

	Clonmel	Thurles	Nenagh	Carrick on Suir	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel	Total Fines
<b>Total Issued</b>	4	15	33	2	15	69
<b>Total Paid</b>	1	4	22	1	2	30
<b>Total Cancelled</b>	3	1	4	0	2	10
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	0	10	7	1	11	29



### Legal Proceedings:

- A case was heard in court in March involving a joint operation with An Garda Síochána regarding disposal of septic tank waste. This resulted in Judge O'Shea awarding a conviction and 10 months prison sentence, this case is being appealed by the defendant and is listed for Hearing in Clonmel Circuit Court July 2022.
- 3 Cases heard in June in relation to illegal dumping and non-compliance for Notices under the Waste Management Act. The outcome of all three were successful prosecutions.
  - Rural Bansha area, persistent household waste dumping.
  - Kilshane, Lacken, Tipperary – deferred to December 2022 for review regarding awarding of penalties.
  - Kilbeg Cappawhite – Successful prosecution for dumping rubbish.

Two further cases regarding un-authorized waste activities were deferred for hearings later in 2022.

- Five cases listed for the 27th and 28th of July, all are Waste Management Act cases under Section 32(1)(a) & 32(1)(b) for illegal dumping.

### Litter Legal Proceedings:

- Litter Fine – Successful prosecution on the April 27th regarding littering in Aherlow area near Christ the King walk.

### Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

1,487 tonnes of glass and 47 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of May. For the same period in 2021, there was a total of 1,711 tonnes of glass and 65 tonnes of cans collected, which represents a reduction of 15% on glass and 39% on cans from the previous year. 182.56 tonnes of textiles were collected up to the end of May. For the same period in 2021, there was 187.6 tonnes collected, which represents a reduction of 2%.

### Waste Facility Permits

3 permit reviews were received – 1 was granted - 2 are under consideration. Annual returns are currently being assessed.

## Household Waste Inspections

The Section has commenced in person household waste inspections. Since the beginning of the year, 144 initial letters were issued to households requesting evidence of their service provider be produced, of which 55% complied. For households not in compliance, the Section will be following new procedures whereby fixed penalty notices and possible legal proceedings will be taken against householders who refuse to comply.

## Climate & Energy



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### Energy

The Energy in Agriculture Show takes place on the 19<sup>th</sup> July in Gurteen College and entry is free. The event will include a series of talks on anaerobic digestion, solar power, biomass, land use change, bio-economy, Agri-tech and community energy.

### Community Virtual Power Plant (cvPP)

A delegation from the InterReg Programme visited 4 sites as part of the EU Sustainable Energy Award. The total annual contribution of KWH generated at the four sites from this renewable source is estimated at 250,000 kwh, resulting in an annual financial saving of €60,000 and the avoidance of 50,000 tonnes of Co2.

### Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

The Dept of Transport's new section ZEVl has committed funding to local authorities for additional Electric Vehicle infrastructure and a supporting plan. Easy Go/Eir have presented a proposal to Tipperary Co Co to install at further 15 EV charges points in the county.

### Energy Management Information System

Four additional sites were added to the Energy Management Information System, which will provide regular updates and alerts to staff.

## Climate Change

The Section met with the Environment Pillar of the PPN and matters discussed included hedgerow cutting, biodiversity, herbicides, the circular economy and biodiversity. The Environment & Climate Action cross sectional committee met on the 15<sup>th</sup> June to progress actions included in the Climate Adaptation Strategy. The PPN hosted an online webinar on the 27<sup>th</sup> June to seek the views of Tipperary communities on Climate Literacy, Just Transition, Transport & Travel, Energy and the Circular Economy, in association with the Dept of the Environment, Climate & Community.

As part of the GAA Green Schools Programme, the Climate Action Regional Offices, in association with the GAA and the Teachers Association, have launched an online training module for transition years students covering topics such as waste, water conservation, energy transport and biodiversity.

The section is awaiting an update from the Dept of the Environment, Climate & Community regarding the rollout of the Community Climate Action Fund and the timeline for the Local Authority Climate Action Plan. Other programmes such as the Active Travel and the housing retrofit are progressing in the Housing & Roads Sections.

## Landfills



### 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. 23,368.88t of waste up to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

The amount of leachate produced at Ballaghveny landfill has increased slightly (+10%) on 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 6 months of 2022.

It is anticipated that the Community Gain Fund can be commenced 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 (i.e. 2023 fund will be based upon 2022 waste acceptance amount).

MD	Update
<b>Cashel/Tipperary</b>	Civic Amenity Site is open and fully operational. The monitoring of the landfill in relation to compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.
<b>Donohill</b>	
<b>Ballaghveny</b>	The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. Landfill reopened for waste acceptance from 20th September 2021. In 2022, up to 21 June 2022 there was 23,368.88t of waste was accepted at the landfill.  This waste is being mixed with contaminated soil & stone and ash in Ballaghveny landfill.  In 2021, there was 1,590.82t, and up to 21 June 2022 there was 8,805.36t, of waste removed from Rathcabbin.
	<b>Historic Landfills</b>
<b>Tipperary Cashel Cahir</b>	Tipperary Town - Landfill remediation detailed design and ecological surveys are complete in preparation of application to An Bord Pleanála for development consent.
<b>Tipperary Cashel Cahir</b>	Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. The EPA must make their determination on these applications. Environmental monitoring of the historic landfills is ongoing
<b>Thurles</b>	Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Brittas road and Monanearla historic landfills. The EPA have to make their determination on these applications. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing.
<b>Carrick-On-Suir</b>	Connawarries, Carrickbeg - Consultant appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys are to be completed in preparation of NIS for submission to the EPA and ABP.



## Environment Protection

### Water Pollution /Agriculture

- 400 samples were taken as part of WFD sampling programme
- 1 Section 4 Discharge Licence Application was completed and 20 monitoring samples were taken.
- 15 Farm inspections performed
- 3 Source Protection investigations were completed
- 2 Section 12 Notice under the WPA 1977 - 2007 was served (Agri Related)
- 2 Cross reports to DAFM. 2 reports to DAFM following cross report appeals
- 27 Nutrient Management Plans submitted for assessment, 21 approved, 5 rejected and 1 pending.
- 259 (92 GWS & 167) SPS Drinking Water samples taken as part of the Rural Water Programme 32 of which were investigative follow up samples.
- 8 on site Drinking Water Audits performed (Small Private Supplies)
- 2 Boil Water Notices issued and lifted

### Planning Referrals

- 35 Planning referrals were assessed and reported on to date.

### Air & Noise Pollution

- A traffic emissions study was completed in Tipperary Town.

### Unauthorised Discharges

- 2 unauthorised discharge /misconnection investigations underway

### Water Abstraction

There is an on-going investigation of the Abstractions Register (maintained by EPA) and public authority roles and responsibilities (EPA and LA) with regard to the potential impact from abstractions. An awareness programme is planned on water abstraction and regulatory requirements.

## Rural Water Programme

### Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for AMS 12/01/2022, closing date 30/06/2022.
- 25 applications were received.
- 14 GWS paid, value of €67,559; recoupment claim with DHLG&H for this figure.



### **Current Capital Projects:**

There are 18 Group Water Schemes currently engaged in Capital projects assisted by The Rural Water team

### **Private Well Grants:**

45 applicants in year to date, 43 Grants awarded, 1 Refusal and 1 withdrawn in the year to date. A total of €108,088 has been invested this year.

### **Septic Tank Grants:**

No new applications; 2 payments totalling €10,000 have been allocated

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

### **Education & Awareness**

3 Workshops are to be held in Quarter 4 of this year across the county. The project is currently at procurement stage. The workshops are designed to raise awareness and educate on the requirements of The Drinking Water Directive and are specifically geared toward the Small Private Supplier (SPS).

The following elements will be the focus of the workshops:

- Water Quality
  - Good water quality assurance is key to business success and public health.
- Water Conservation –
  - Reduces expenditure for the SPS or GWS and therefore supporting the carbon footprint reduction and climate action.

Return to Basics routine – The Rural Water Team has been focusing on water conservation, water quality assurance and finances with the Regulated GWS in particular for the past 12 months; Some GWS are noting significant reduction in usage following network improvement projects; all GWS will benefit from strong, sustained focus on continuous leak detection and repair.

Well Dipping Units installed in 2018 and grant aided are proving to be a good investment for Schemes, which are able to monitor the water levels in wells and manage volumes and anticipate difficulties arising in times of drought.

TCC has notified all GWS to focus on reducing usage as a prudent approach to possible drought during the summer period.



Open/Closed Complaints

Complaint Category	Tipperary /Cahir Cashel		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Carrick-On-Suir	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	4	6	0	10	2	5	1	4	3	5
Animal	4	73	1	31	1	37	4	43	2	24
Infrastructure	4	7	0	4	0	3	2	2	0	3
Litter	5	113	11	50	4	93	6	120	1	56
Noise	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	9	1
Waste	3	16	8	9	6	37	9	11	5	4
Water	4	6	1	3	3	6	1	2	2	2
<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>
	26	223	21	107	18	181	24	182	22	95
	Tipperary /Cahir Cashel		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Carrick-On-Suir	
<b>Total</b>	249		128		199		206		117	



## 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. Planning application submitted on 02 June 2022 for booster station at Coleville Road, Clonmel to serve Mountain Road, Clonmel.</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 to appoint Consultants to commence design phase for construction stage works.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Irish Water appointed EPS Contractor/Consultant. Planning application documents and EIS estimated to be submitted in Q2 2022. Estimated contract award in Q4 2023.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)	ARUP Engineering Consultants completed Draft Drainage Area Plan and model for Irish Water. Irish Water to review.



Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Contract tenders returned on 20 April 2022. IW Tender assessment ongoing. Estimated contract award in Q3 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 Q3 2022.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 06 September 2021. Estimated to start construction works in 2025.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design Phase ongoing. Planning application estimated to be submitted in Q3 2022. Estimated contract award in Q1 2023.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	RPS Engineering Consultant. Design phase ongoing. Grant of permission for upgrade works issued on 20 May 2021. Estimated contract award in Q4 2022.
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), design;
- Puckane (1.363km) design;
- Rathmoy to Ragg (1.913km), design; and
- Glencrue, Portroe (0.78km), design.

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

Irish Water has approved the commencement of design works to remove back yard services in Carrick-on-Suir in the following areas:

Marian Avenue, Pearse Square, O'Mahony Avenue, Saint Molleran's, Connolly Park, O'Hickey Place, Maple Court, Kennedy Terrace, Saint Nicholas Park, Árd Mhuire and Seán Treacy Park.

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

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 Brughá 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) First Fix programme is ongoing. By email, dated 22 April 2021, Irish Water notified the elected members of changes to the programme, including a widening of eligibility criteria.
- 5) Non-domestic meter survey ongoing in Clonmel.

**National Disinfection Programme:**

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

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

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

**Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:**

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

**Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:**

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

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

- (i) works ongoing at Coalbrook, Cordangan, Stooke, Rossadrehid, O’Gorman’s Well and Newport, Riverstown, Lorrha, 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 commenced in Borrisokane WWTP in December 2021.

Construction works commenced in Puckane WWTP in February 2022.

Construction works commenced in Newtown WWTP in February 2022.

### **(2) Flow Monitoring and Sampling Programme:**

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

### **(3) Provision of Chemical Bulk Storage Tanks:**

The provision of chemical (ferric sulphate/chloride) bulk storage tanks is planned for a number of wastewater treatment plants throughout the county.

### **(4) Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme:**

Under the Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme, the wastewater treatment plant at Carrick Street, Mullinahone was identified for improvement works, to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, to include construction of inlet works, new process units and below ground storage tanks, landscaping and associated ancillary works including new below ground

pump chambers and pipework. The population equivalent of the agglomeration of Mullinahone is 608. Consequently, it is in receipt of a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency. The above works are substantially complete.

#### **(5) National Certificate of Authorisation Programme:**

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

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

#### **(6) Wastewater Pumping Station Programme:**

Consultants appointed by Irish 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.

#### **(7) Source Rationalisation Programme:**

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

- Two-Mile-Borris, Horse and Jockey and Littleton will be assessed for connection to the Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme;
- Upperchurch will be assessed for connection to the Kilcommon Water Supply Scheme; and
- Glengar will be assessed for connection to the Ironmills Water Supply Scheme, which is part of the Dundrum Regional Water Supply Scheme.

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

#### **CONCLUSION:**

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



## **IRISH WATER NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES PLAN:**

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

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

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

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

The NWRP will:

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

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

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

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

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



The Draft Regional Water Resources Plan for the Eastern and Midlands Region, which covers only a portion of the former Tipperary North, has been published with a public consultation on same 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.

### **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.

As noted above, Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 to brief them on the Regional Water Resources Plans, as well as provide an update



on its Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region and on its Capital Projects for County Tipperary.

### **WATER SECTOR TRANSFORMATION:**

On 23 February 2021 Deputy Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation entitled *Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility*. The Policy Paper, Frequently Raised Topics, and accompanying press release, are available on [www.gov.ie/housing](http://www.gov.ie/housing). All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading with the press release appearing under the Press releases heading.

The Policy Paper:

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

On 24 June 2022 Minister O'Brien published a Framework for future delivery of water services. This new Framework was developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission.

Following an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission, a *Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services* was published on 24 June 2022 by Minister Darragh O'Brien.

Tipperary County Council is reviewing 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.

The protection and support of the interests of local authority staff will continue to be a key priority in this process.

**Housing Directorate**



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

**New Policy/Strategic Issues**

<b>Policy Changes/Updates</b>	<b>Current Position/Progress made</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	Meeting with KPMG re affordability constraint	Affordable housing options proposal for SPC to be held at agreed date
<b>Choice Based Letting</b>	CBL is live	Continued monitoring to identify & address arising issues
<b>Housing for All</b>	Housing Delivery Action Plans Approved	Approved by Department & now in process of implementation
<b>Disability Strategy</b>	Strategy agreed at March Plenary Council meeting.	Objectives of strategy to be rolled out.
<b>Own Front Door</b>	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>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	Appointment of Integrated Design Team
<b>Mountain Road, Cahir</b>	43	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
<b>Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore</b>	23	Stage 2 Approved	Planning Application
<b>Ashbury, Roscrea</b>	10	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Preparation
<b>Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town</b>	4	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 Preparation
<b>Glencarrick, Roscrea</b>	46	Stage 2 Submission in July	Prepare Part 8 documentation
<b>Church Street, Templemore</b>	4	Stage 3 submission in July	Advertise on E-Tenders
<b>Grove Street, Roscrea</b>	6	Part 8 to be re-advertised shortly	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	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor being Appointed
<b>Woodview Close, Nenagh</b>	10	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor Appointed
<b>Ardcrony</b>	4	Contractor on Site	Completion 2022
<b>Moyne</b>	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023



<b>Mill Road, Thurles</b>	28	Contractor on Site	Completed 2022
<b>Cluid Ballycraig Road, Nenagh</b>	5	Contractor on Site	Completed 2022
<b>Portroe</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel</b>	2	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
<b>Ballyclerihan</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2023
<b>Bansha</b>	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Donohill</b>	8	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2023
<b>Two Mile Borris</b>	23	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Cormack Drive, Nenagh</b>	12	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Kilsheelan</b>	3	Turnkey, Contract	Delivery 2022
<b>Twomile Borris</b>	2	Part V	Delivery 2022
<b>Cullen</b>	8	Turnkey	Delivery 2022/2023
<b>Abbey Street, Cahir</b>	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
<b>Ardfinnan</b>	3	Part V	Delivery 2022
<b>Focus AHB, Nenagh</b>	16	CALF Approved	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>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>Glenconnor 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>Waller's Lot, Cashel</b>	40	CALF Approved- Tuatha	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	2
New LTL properties	2
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	109

**Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

HAP tenancies set up in 2022	106
Total active HAP tenancies	1765
Average weekly HAP set up	5

**Energy Efficiency**

### Midlands Retrofit Programme

Finalising of the Midlands Retrofit Programme is in progress.

All 16 units in Gortnahoe are now complete with heat pump, new windows and doors and insulation works. Post BER's surveys are completed also for Phase 1 by Superhomes/TEA. All houses achieved a B2 BER (Building Energy Rating) or better.

Phase 2 at Priory Place & Woodville Crescent, Templemore, (18 Units) are now completed. Post BER surveys will following due course.

Phase 3 24 Units across Thurles, Templetuohy, Rathcabbin has moved to insulation works. 18 units are fully complete, and the remainder substantially complete. Post BER surveys will following due course.

### Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

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

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

The remaining 5 houses have progressed in Roscrea.

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

(Works typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), as committed to under the Programme for Government. Main aim of the retrofits is to reach a BER of B2.)

### Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022

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

An Energy Consultant to carry out Energy, BER surveys & Asbestos surveys has been appointed and surveys are due to start in the coming weeks.

### 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 has now 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.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,118,750	€2,261,041	97
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€125,000	€176,767	28
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,087,500	€911,760	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€3,331,250</b>	<b>€3,349,568</b>	<b>223</b>
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,379,999	€1,379,999	128

### Voids

The number completed from 01/01/2022 to 31/05/2022 is **42**.

### Vacant Houses<sup>1</sup>

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses <sup>2</sup>
<b>Carrick</b>	358	16	0.3%
<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel</b>	843	37	0.7%
<b>Clonmel</b>	690	7	0.1%
<b>Nenagh</b>	737	22	0.4%
<b>Templemore/Thurles</b>	891	41	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

<sup>2</sup> Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

**Offers of Tenancy**

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
<b>Carrick</b>	30	23	2	6	1
<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel</b>	31	24	0	7	2
<b>Clonmel</b>	15	13	1	1	14
<b>Nenagh</b>	42	40	1	1	3
<b>Templemore Thurles</b>	59	47	1	11	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>

**Number of Housing Applications received**

There were **605** housing applications received of which:

- 280 were found to be invalid
- 325 were found to be valid

**Number of Housing Assessments carried out**

Month	Number of Assessments
January	57
February	101
March	104
April	103
May	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>484</b>

### **Choice Based Lettings**

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

The first CBL Notification letter issued to 3,490 approved applicants on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 advising them of their username and password. A follow up letter issued on 13<sup>TH</sup> April to 1,911 approved applicants who had not yet logged on to the system.

To date:

- 37 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 37 offers have been accepted.
- There have been no refusals.

### **Homelessness**

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

The total number of homeless presentations from January to May 2022 was 218 with breakdown as follows; 124 single presentations, 6 couples, 21 couples with children and 36 singles with children.

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

Prevention work was carried out by the HAP place finder on 37 of these presentations. They facilitated 12 singles and 7 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

With the assistance of the HAP Place finder 10 Single people left Emergency Accommodation and moved to HAP & AHB tenancies and 7 families left Emergency Accommodation and moved to HAP/AHB tenancies.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May there were 33 single adults and 13 families (25 children in total) in emergency accommodation. The Homeless Team are working with the relevant services to put in place exit plans for those in emergency accommodation.

All 12 Housing First units are currently fully occupied accommodating the most complex of homeless cases with wrap around supports. An additional 18 Housing First units have been approved by the Department (6 units in the south and 12 in the north) and work is ongoing to identify these units and get tenants into them; for example 3 units have been identified in the north of the county and it is hoped to have tenants in situ by August.

The Own Front Door Emergency Accommodation Service (OFD) policy was approved at the March meeting. To-date the council has entered into an agreement to provide 4 units in Cashel, 2 in Thurles and 1 in Carrick On Suir.

Tenancy supports and housing units continue to be provided to those clients with significant mental health challenges through both the START Programme in the south of the county & NTIS in the north of the county. Agreement has been reached to provide a further START unit in Clonmel bringing the number to 7 whilst NTIS provides support for 23 clients in the north of the county. These tenants are provided with wrap around mental health services to ensure that they are able to maintain their tenancy.

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

The Council will continue to work with other mainstream service providers to maximise the supports that can be provided to the most vulnerable of our clients and provide them with every opportunity to have access to a secure home. It is envisaged that through the initiatives above and the provision of additional one-bedroom units under our construction programme that these issues can be addressed.

### **Buy and Renew**

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. There is continued engagement with landlords to bring more properties back into use through the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes. Buy and Renew will also assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

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

### **Local Authority Home Loans**

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

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

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

### Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications

Number of Applications Received	0
Number of Valid Applications Received	0
Number of Loan Applications Approved	3
Number of Loans Issued	10
<b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>	<b>€756,685</b>

### Local Authority Home Loans<sup>3</sup>

Number of Applications Received	60
Number of Valid Applications Received	14
Number of Loan Applications Approved	6
Number of Loans Issued	0
<b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>	<b>0</b>

### Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	15
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	18
Sales completed	12
<b>Total proceeds of sales received</b>	<b>€800,925</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

<sup>3</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 of which 92 have been delivered to-date. A target of 25 accommodation units for traveller families was set out for 2022 of which 8 have been delivered.

The Council is also obliged to prepare a 3 Year Capital Programme and the current Programme covers the period 2020 to 2022. This Programme provides for upgrade works, new build, site remedial works, etc. so as to improve the living conditions of the travelling community.

The following table sets out current position in relation to each project.

3 Year Capital Plan Traveller Accommodation 2020 -2022			
TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION SCHEMES			
PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE (e.g. Group Housing/ Halting Site)	Description of Project	CURRENT POSITION
Wallers Lot, Cashel	Halting Site	Extension to House 4	Works complete.
Wallers Lot, Cashel	Dwelling	Refurbishment Works – “Lawrence’s House”	Works complete.
Heywood Road, Clonmel	Halting Site 2021	*Refurbishment of existing bays. * Removal of roadside mound. *Road re-surfacing works	Snagging works underway.
Heywood Road, Clonmel	Halting Site Phase 2 2022	Replacement of existing mobile units with 4 mobile homes	Department Approval received
Ballyknock halting site	Halting Site	Refurbishment and reinstatement of 4 existing tiggins and provision of new mobile homes	To be tendered July 2022
No 1 Wallers Lot	Group Scheme	Pre-letting works	Commence Q3 2023

No 2 & 3 Wallers lot	Group Scheme	Refurbish and extend 2 houses	Department approval received
Shanballyduff, Garraun, Cashel	House	Extend and refurbish dwelling	Submitted to department for approval
Ballyvillane	Halting Site	Refurbishment works	Design works underway
14 Clohessy place, Bouladuff, Thurles	Dwelling	Refurbishment works	Design stage
1 Coolcroo, Two-mile-borris	Dwelling	Refurbishment works	Design stage
Ballybeg Littleton	Dwelling	Extension (3 bedroom)	Commenced Completion date Q4 2022
Ashbury Roscrea	Halting Site	Add bedrooms to 2 tiggins	Completion date 2023
Parkmore Roscrea	Halting Site	Add bedrooms to 4 tiggins	Commenced Completion date 2023
Lisnaviddogue Templemore	Dwelling	Demolish existing house and construct 5 bedroom house due to overcrowding	Plans underway to re-locate family prior to works commencing.
Chapel Lane Roscrea	Extension	Extension (1 bedroom)	Complete
3 Rosemount, Templemore		Extension/ Refurbishment works.	Completion date July 2022
Freighduff, Cashel	Dwelling	Extension/ Refurbishment works.	Completion date July 2022

Drafting of a capital programme is in progress for the next 3 years.

### Traveller Education Initiative

Tipperary County Council in collaboration with a number of stakeholders has agreed to lead a targeted and holistic approach to address educational disadvantage within the Traveller Community over a 5-year period.

The purpose of this initiative is to clarify the range of supports available to members of the Traveller population in the education area & to identify possible opportunities to improve educational outcomes by

- a) Ensuring that existing supports are being appropriately applied (or that all stakeholders are aware of the supports)
- b) to clarify where the deficits lie and
- c) to explore what opportunities, if any, exist whereby existing agencies, NGOs and members from the community can work together to address the deficits in question

To-date, a plenary has been held around the “high level issues” faced by relevant stakeholders, followed by two separate workshops on identifying how to collaborate more effectively within

the resources available. A draft action plan has been prepared for consideration and discussion at a second plenary planned for September/October.

### **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. Séan Lonergan has been appointed as the Ukrainian Co-ordinator and is supported by the Director of Services for Housing

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

These are community halls which are appropriate for 3- 4 days occupation and from which, the residents move to more appropriate own room accommodation. The Council has two rest centres in operation in Littleton & Clonmel and both are in regular use.

#### **Pledged Properties:**

As part of the humanitarian response to the Ukrainian crisis, 125 properties were made available by property owners in Tipperary under the pledging process.

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

Of the 125 properties, 26% have been withdrawn or deemed unsuitable; 32 are shared properties and a further 32 are located in rural areas where own transport is required.

To date, 10 properties have been tenanted, providing medium term accommodation for 29 clients and all pledged properties are expected to be utilised by the end of July.

#### **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 is in the process of

- Identifying vacant units which can accommodate 30 plus persons which are currently vacant. Our roles involve scoping out the works that are required to reach a minimal standard, costing same, facilitating works and then liaising with the Department of Housing for sign off before progressing.

**Permanent Accommodation:** The issue of permanent accommodation is being addressed at Departmental level and is likely to involve the OPW .



## CORPORATE SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

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

### Directorate Priorities

#### Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Clonmel Civic Offices and via Zoom. The following items were discussed:

- Cyber Security Audit Recommendations Update - Ger Lynch
- Internal Audit Update Plan and Recommendations- Sandra Maher
- Procurement Compliance Audit Recommendations Update - Sandra Maher

- TCC Management Letters Update 2019 and 2020, Liam McCarthy
- Draft AFS 2021, Liam McCarthy
- NOAC Annual Report 2021 – Sandra Maher
- VFM Report – An Overview of Road Maintenance (Regional and Local Roads in Local Authorities
- National Auditor Network Meeting Update – Sandra Maher
- Management Reports to Council, March, April 2022 – Sandra Maher

#### Service Delivery Plan 2022:

The service delivery plan for 2022 was adopted by the Council at their meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022, a copy of which is now available to view on the Council’s website.

#### Annual Report 2021

The Annual Report 2021 was adopted by the Council at their meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. A hard copy of the report has been circulated to each member of the Council. The Plan is also available to view on the Council’s website and at each of the Council’s Municipal District Offices and Library branches.

#### Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 28<sup>th</sup>

July 2022:

Pothole - 45

Public Liability - 33

**Total Claims – 78**

### Electoral Reform Update

The Electoral Reform Bill is a significant piece of electoral reform legislation and includes provisions delivering on a number of Programme for Government commitments, not only in respect of the registration process. The Bill provides for:

- The establishment of a statutory independent electoral commission
- The modernisation of the electoral registration process
- The regulation of online political advertising
- Measures to facilitate the holding of elections when public health restrictions, such as those related to Covid-19, are in place.

An Electoral Commission will be established as an independent, specialist body with a broad remit in electoral oversight to inform the evolution of the electoral system. The new Commission will assume a number of functions, including the work of:

- The Referendum Commission;
- The Registrar of Political Parties;
- The Constituency Commission; and
- Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees;

The framework for the modernisation of the electoral registration process provides for rolling, or continuous registration, which will standardise and simplify the process.

Transparent data-sharing and the use of PPSNs will enable data checks to protect and improve the integrity of the register. This will also enable online applications in most circumstances. Local Authorities will retain their existing responsibilities for maintaining and updating the register but the Bill provides for the designation of a single registration authority to manage a shared database for all local authorities to use in their registration duties. The process will be supported by new provisions for reporting to,

and oversight by, the Electoral Commission, which is empowered to make recommendations and set standards in relation to the register and its process.

To support greater participation, several additional features are also provided for, including the facilitation of anonymous registration for persons whose safety may be at risk if their names are published in the register; provisions to enable pre-registration for 16- and 17-year olds; arrangements for those with no fixed address; and bringing better and more flexible options for people who – because of mental health difficulties – are not able to attend polling stations to vote.

The Bill was published on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and is available at:

<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/bills/bill/2022/37/>

It has passed report and final stages in the Dáil on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June and has now moved to the Seanad for second stage, which allows for a debate on the general principles of the legislation. This will be followed by a section by section consideration of the Bill along with any amendments submitted by Senators or the Minister, at Committee stage. The Bill has been amended since initiation in respect of the modernisation of the electoral registration process:

- Section 83 - The annual re-registration requirement has been removed;
- Section 105 which amends the second schedule:
  - Rule 29 has been amended to clarify the process for application;
  - Rule 31 has been amended to include a process for the consideration of applications for a change of citizenship to a state other than Ireland.



### Communications & Customer Service

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

Media releases issued during **May-June** include:

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- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction
- Nenagh Tourist Office – official opening

- Development of a new fire station Cashel

### Digital and Social Media

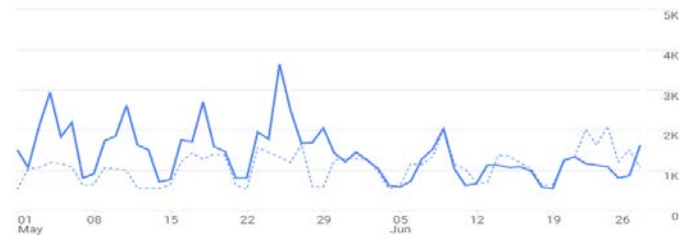
The communications team monitors and updates social medial channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council. From **May-June** the following was posted.



[www.tipperarycoco.ie](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie)

### Website audience overview May-June

Users	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Session Duration
60K ↑37.5%	92K ↑25.9%	44.78% ↑17.5%	1m 48s ↓15.0%



1 May 2022 - 27 Jun 2022

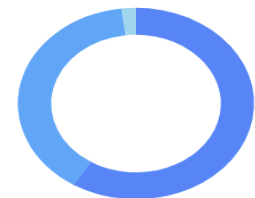
AUDIENCE OVERVIEW >

What pages do your users visit?

What are your top devices?

Page	Page Views
/	24,910
/planning/record-base...enquiry-system-eplan	9,679
/planning/category-search-planning-records	8,474
/planning	6,014
/your-council/all-current-vacancies	4,950
/pay-for-it	3,202
/content/library-assistant	2,883
/clonmel-pool	2,864
/swimming-pools/nenagh-leisure-centre-0	2,421
/housing	2,132

Sessions by device



Mobile	Desktop	Tablet
58.9% ↑9.3%	39.1% ↑62.3%	2.0% ↑36.7%



### FACEBOOK



### May-June

Content

Sort by: Likes and reactions



Mon Jun 27, 7:25am  
At Annual General Meeti...  
Post  
Reactions 48



Thu Jun 23, 10:52am  
Tipperary Civic Receptio...  
Post  
Reactions 32



Fri Jun 24, 8:19am  
A few photos taken at th...  
Post  
Reactions 29



Thu Jun 9, 6:41am  
Tipperary County Counci...  
Post  
Reactions 28



Fri Jun 24, 7:58am  
What a great evening wit...  
Post  
Reactions 25



Mon Jun 27, 1:11pm  
Untitled  
Post  
Reactions 24

### TWITTER



### May

**Top Tweet** earned 712 impressions

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project: Public Display of the Preferred Transport Solution continues Thursday 26 May 2022 from 1pm to 8pm, in the Great National Ballykisteon Golf Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co. Tipperary. Visit [n24cahirlimerick.ie](http://n24cahirlimerick.ie) for more info. [pic.twitter.com/8HUWV5oyu](https://pic.twitter.com/8HUWV5oyu)



**Top mention** earned 551 engagements

**Tipperary Studies**  
@TippStudies - May 4

Nice bit of #GAA nostalgia in the slide collection I'm scanning. A Limerick v Cork game from the 70s in #Semple stadium with cars parked where the new stand is now.  
[@TipperaryCoCo](https://twitter.com/TipperaryCoCo) [@TippLib](https://twitter.com/TippLib)  
[@gaanostalgia](https://twitter.com/gaanostalgia) [@DammitMarty](https://twitter.com/DammitMarty)  
[@GAABanter](https://twitter.com/GAABanter) [pic.twitter.com/m11tc4ltx](https://pic.twitter.com/m11tc4ltx)



### June

**Top Tweet** earned 560 impressions

Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District offices supporting World Haemochromatosis Awareness Week 2022 by lighting up in red [@IrishHaemAssoc](https://twitter.com/IrishHaemAssoc)  
[pic.twitter.com/JQeKm5hWrK](https://pic.twitter.com/JQeKm5hWrK)



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**Top mention** earned 495 engagements

**david dunne**  
@thesuir - Jun 16

Honoured and humbled to be the new chairperson of the Carrick-on-Suir municipal district [@sinnfeinireland](https://twitter.com/sinnfeinireland) [@TippFM](https://twitter.com/TippFM)  
[@TipperaryCoCo](https://twitter.com/TipperaryCoCo)  
[pic.twitter.com/F1XHYYRvK9](https://pic.twitter.com/F1XHYYRvK9)



Achievements May-June 2022

May	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fire and Rescue Services</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Video home fire safety for Ukrainians</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Archives/Tipperary Libraries and Tipperary Studies</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Leeann Lane lecture 'Towards an understanding of Mary MacSwiney'</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sports Partnership</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bike Week</p>



Community and Enterprise

Cycling without age



Clonmel BD



Local Enterprise Office

**NATIONAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2022**

Local Enterprise Office  
TIPPERARY

**PREMIER FIRE PRODUCTS LTD, T/A WAXIES**

Local Enterprise Office  
TIPPERARY

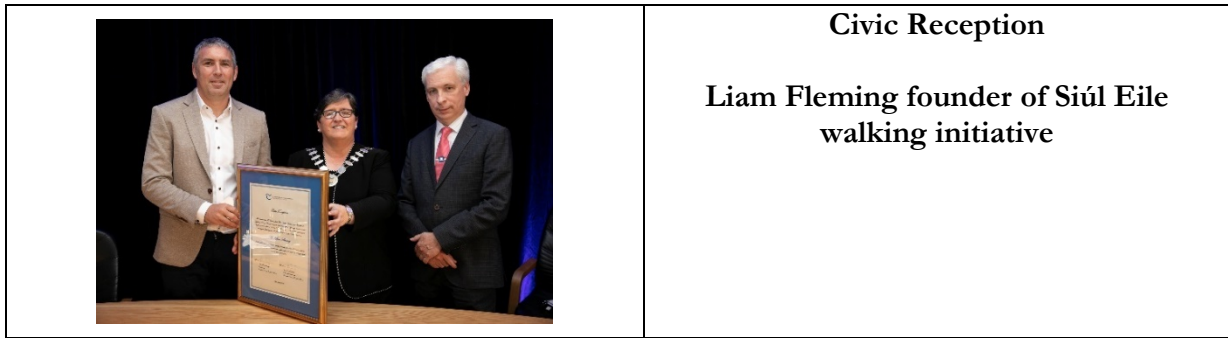
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#NEAwards  
#MakingItHappen

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tipperary Tourism</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dutch Ambassador cycles the Suir Blueway</b></p>
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June			
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	<p><b>Nenagh CastleFest</b></p>
	<p><b>Carrick on Suir Tudor Artisan Hub</b></p>
	<p><b>Opening of Liberty Square Thurles following enhancement works</b></p>
	<p><b>Cloughjordan Active Travel</b></p> <p>900 metres of footpaths complete with increased connectivity and permeability to school and train station including new and improved footpath link to Townfields Estate, Templemore Road</p>
	<p><b>Energy in Agriculture Sponsor</b></p>



Communications focus	Summary of some items Planned for promotion July - September 2022
Month	Title
July	Your Council Day
August	Heritage week
September	World Suicide Prevention Day
September	Ploughing championship
September	Culture night
September	Carbon monoxide awareness week
September	European week of sport
September	Upcycling Challenge

Customer Service Activity

Period 24 April – 26 June 2022 (8 week period)

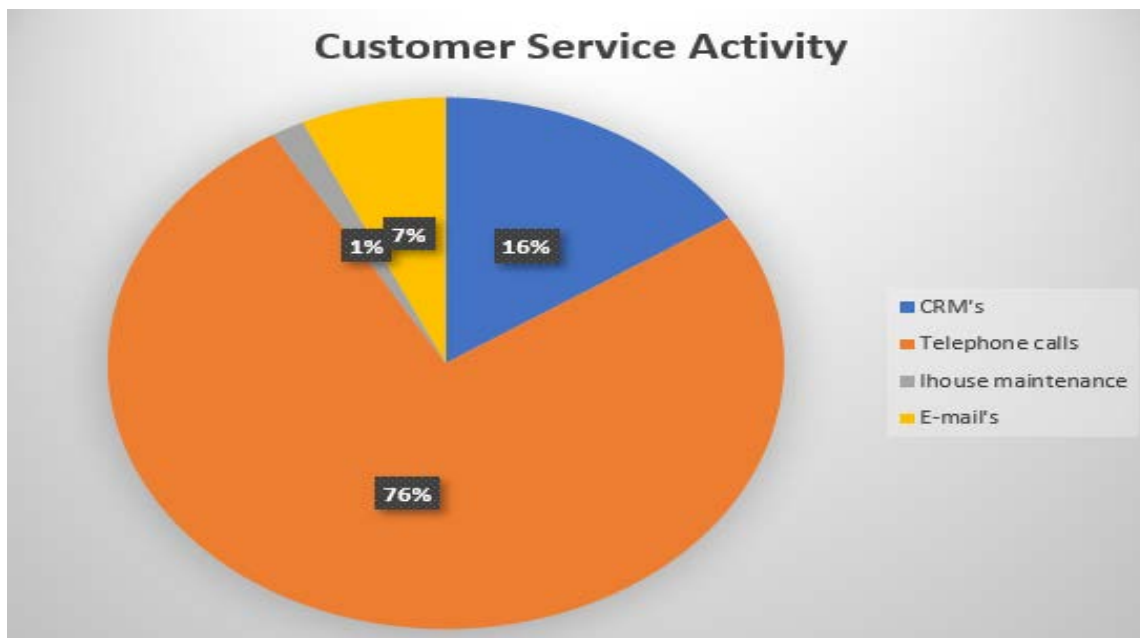
CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries:

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

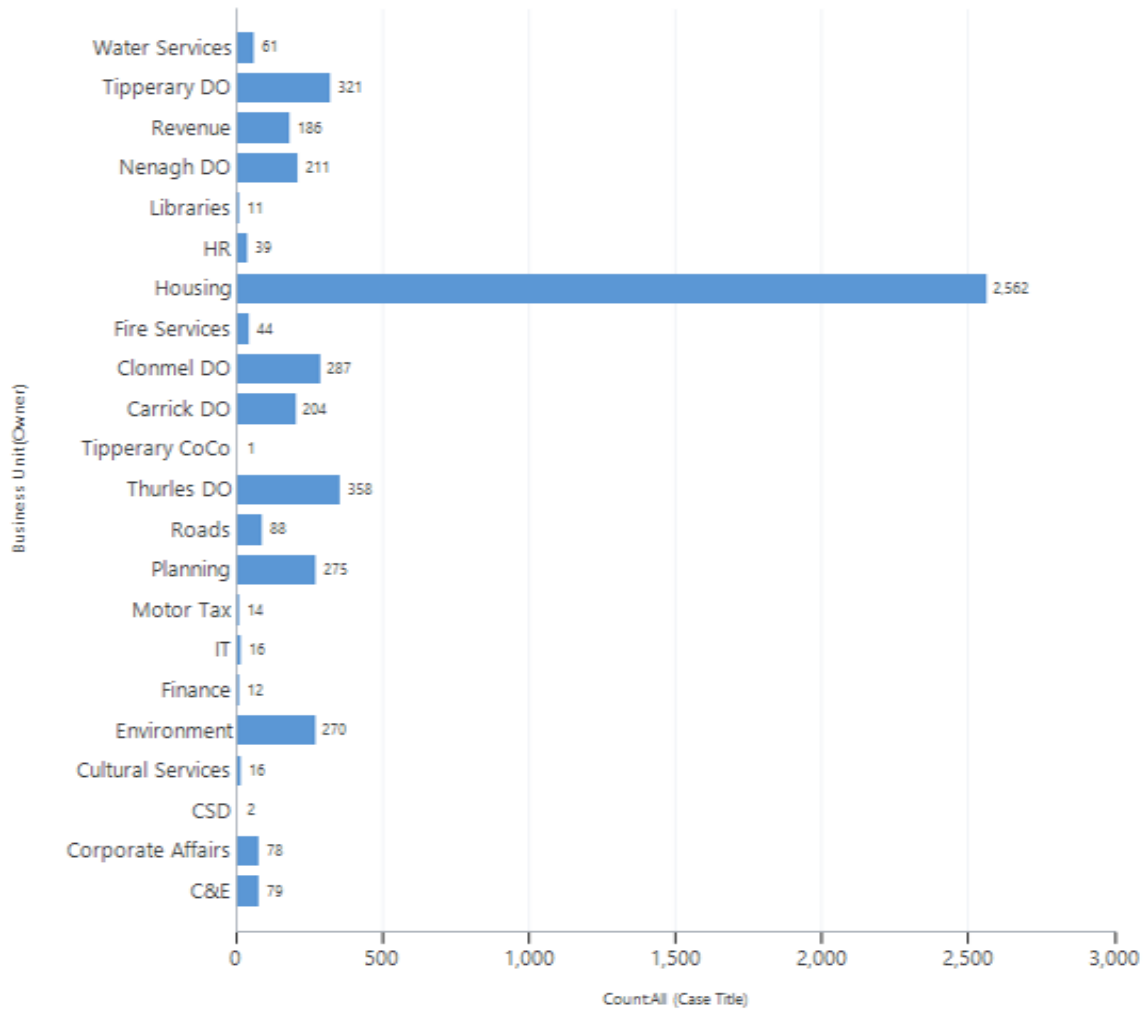
**Customer Service activity – CSD staff**

CRM's	5,136
Telephone calls	24,614
Ihouse maintenance	517
E-mail's	2,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,530</b>



CRM – Customer Relations Management System – breakdown per Section

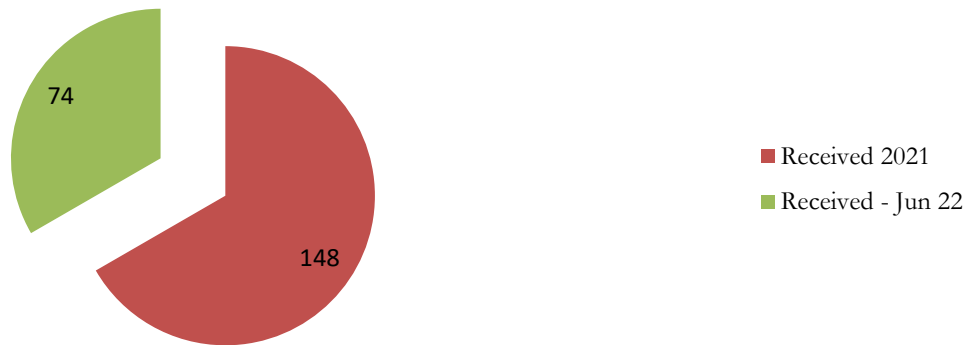
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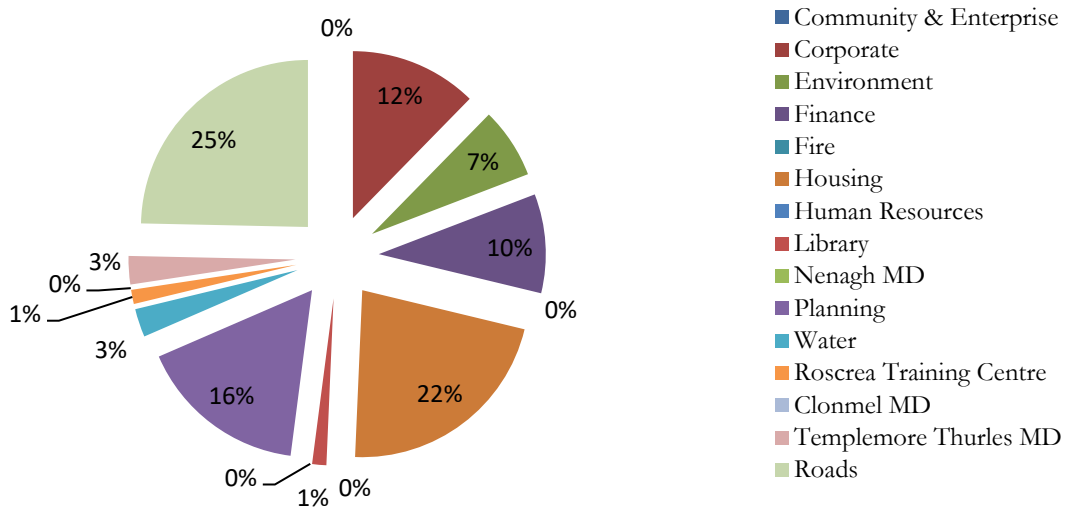
C&E	79	Housing	2563	Thurles DO	358
Carrick DO	204	HR	39	Tipp DO	321
Clonmel DO	287	IT	16	Tipperary CoCo	1
Corporate	78	Libraries	11	Water	61
CSD	2	Motor Tax	14		
Cultural Services	16	Nenagh DO	211		
Environment	270	Planning	275		
Finance	12	Revenue	186		
Fire Services	44	Roads	88		

**Information Management**

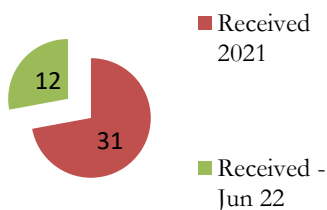
### FOI - Freedom of Information



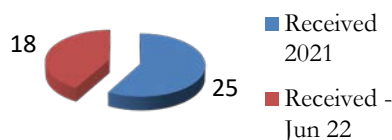
### FOI Analysis by Directorate



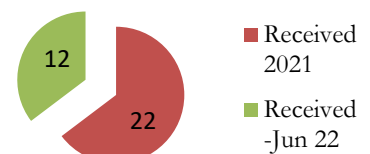
### Ombudsman



### AIE - Access to Information on Environment



### Data Protection



### Property Management

Central Property Unit has 183 active Transaction as of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, i.e., matters relating to letting, disposal or acquisition of Council's Land or buildings.

New Transaction opened in 2022	Transaction closed in 2022
73	50

Land Disposal - Section 183 Resolutions as of 24/06/2022			
Year	Approved	Outstanding	Resolved
2020	24	4	20
2021	30	2	28
2022	7	4	3

#### Schedule of Property Transactions o/s

No. 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town
Knockmorris, Cahir
Callan Street, Mullinahone
The Mall, Templemore
Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel
Old Motor Tax Offices, Banba Square, Nenagh
Loughtagalla, Thurles
Clonakenny
Clonmel Garden Depot Melview