



Management Report to Council



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<u>9</u> 10 am TCC Plenary Mtg	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> AILG Webinar – Module 2	<u>13</u>
<u>16</u> 10:30am Thurles MD Mtg	<u>17</u> 10am Planning & Emergency Services SPC Meeting	<u>18</u> 11am Clonmel BD Mtg	<u>19</u> 10am Nenagh MD Mtg	<u>20</u>
<u>23</u> 11am Tipp/Cahir/Cashel MD Mtg	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 2pm Carrick-on-Suir MD Mtg	<u>27</u> 10am: AILG Webinar 4 – Active Moderation & connecting with constituents
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**Community and Economic Development Directorate
(LEO & TOURISM)**

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

LECP

The Guidelines for the Development of the LCDC were published by the Department of Rural and Community Development in December 2021. The Guidelines recommend a Framework documents with annual/biannual actions plans. An Advisory committee has been put in place to oversee the development of the LECP which must be in place by 2023. The process is ongoing.

County Tipperary Digital Strategy - RESET:

The rate of change to all aspects of our lives in this digital age continues to astound us. Digital transformation accelerated during the recent Covid pandemic. Covid 19 has had a profound impact on the working environment with the move to remote working being deemed as transformative in Ireland, as in other countries, during this period. The need to harness the potential of an electronic-based society was identified by Tipperary County Council and its stakeholder partners in the County Tipperary Digital Strategy 2018 – 2023. An emphasis on the four key areas of Infrastructure,

Enterprise, Education and the Citizens, enabled a strategic focus that would position the county to seize the opportunities presented for digital transitioning.

In light of the very considerable changes to the digital landscape in the past year, Tipperary County Council considered it necessary to conduct a review of the Tipperary Digital Strategy, published just 3 years ago. This review involved research conducted with stakeholders across the county including interviews and online focus group discussions. Research into the changes brought about by the pandemic, both global and national impacts, and research in to the opportunities now available including the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility were undertaken.

This *RESET* of the Tipperary Digital Strategy has resulted in many of the actions in the original Tipperary Digital Strategy 2018-2023 being updated. Those that have been completed in the period 2018 to 2021 have been noted and a number of the original actions remained, in some cases, having been updated. Along with this a number of new actions have been added. This includes the action to develop a County



Tipperary Remote Working Strategy for Businesses. The potential benefits of Remote Working have not gone unnoticed at national government level. The recent rural development policy document 'Our Rural Future' highlights remote working's central role in enabling rural regeneration, particularly in towns and villages and this publication has been followed by a National Remote Working Strategy 'Making Remote Work' Preparatory work is currently being undertaken to develop a Remote working Strategy for County Tipperary that will highlight the suitability of the County as a location for working remotely. This strategy document will look to ensure the county capitalizes on the good progress made already in creating an environment supportive of remote working. The strategy will also help Tipperary to continue on its digital path, to build on the success it has had already as an attractive remote working location and to maximize its potential in future

Whilst Covid-19 hindered progress across a wide range of everyday activity, it turned the slow transitioning digital evolution into a digital revolution. As County Tipperary accelerates its digital capabilities we will see growth and intensity of many new opportunities that will place County Tipperary as a fore-runner in addressing this digital change.

Digital Hubs, Enterprise Centres and Shared Spaces

There has been ongoing development across the county to create or support availability of Enterprise Centres, Digital Hubs and shared work spaces in the light of the need for remote working and digital hubs.

Cloughjordan	Cloughjordan Eco Existing facility, training space, Fab Lab, Workshop and manufacturing unit and Co-working space	part of Cloughjordan Eco village. clients working on electronic kit design, smart digital displays, in the education sector and also some providing CAD services to industry
Nenagh	Nenagh Digital Hub:	Sheahans Hardware building / former Rialto cinema building. granted €1.2million RRDF in December 2021

Clonmel	Digital Hub – Clonmel Centre	Funding was applied for and awarded under Enterprise Ireland under the Feasibility Study Grant. Clonmel Business Development Park will lead the project.
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Carrick	Stable Lane Digital Hub and Enterprise Townhouse; Repurposing of floor 3 in Carrick MD Civic Offices to a shared work space and the adoption of Townhouse in New Street to independent offices.	Stable Lane Digital Hub is a Co-working Hub located at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Offices, New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Clients are provided with a flexible and cost-effective workspace with high speed broadband connectivity, along with access to a conference/meeting facility in a collaborative work environment.
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Templemore	Town Hall - Repurposing to cultural enterprise Centre	Architects EML have been appointed to progress the design in line with the Part VIII approval. Following on from this they will prepare the tender documentation and procure a main works contractor. The design is well progressed at present and would hope to finalise the design shortly.
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Tipperary Town	Digihub Precursor to Tipperary Innovation Engine.	Centre closed whilst renovations in Tipperary Innovation Engine are being completed. Any clients have been accommodated elsewhere while work is ongoing.
	Tipperary Innovation Engine Repurposing of the Tipperary Technology Park to co-work spaces	Len Gaynor has been appointed as the contractor for the work which commenced in December 2021. Aim to complete works by Q2 2022. Manager commenced their new role in March and has begun branding, marketing and securing clients immediately.

Remote Working Strategy for Business

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Retail Supports Update

Painting and Enhancement Scheme



The Painting and Enhancement scheme provides visible positive impact on the participating towns and it acts as a catalyst for the delivery of enhancements to the aesthetics of the towns and villages across the county. It also generates positive relationships with the town's retailers. The allocation for 2022 is as follows:

Municipal District	Cashel Tipperary	Clonmel	Templemore Thurles	Nenagh	Carriock on Suir
Grant allocation €	4317	5695	5092	2980	1960

Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme



The brand that was developed for the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme is now being used to market and promote the scheme.

A database of all the auctioneers, solicitors and accountants in the county has been developed to promote the scheme directly to as these are key contacts to new businesses in many cases. Dedicated posters have also been developed to be placed on vacant premises by auctioneers to promote identified properties.

A training program was under taken to inform all relevant staff of the detail of the scheme and promotional documentation is prepared for finance staff to issue to the new rates clients.

Branding

The use of 'Branding' has proved to be a positive initiative in Thurles. The brand was adopted by the Municipal District and is used to promote the town in positive ways.



Town Centre Initiative – Templemore

Work commenced in 2021 with developing a Town Centre Forum in Templemore. A working group has been established to focus on a single project as a pilot before establishing a formal group.

The initial work is based on developing a Brand for Templemore town. The branding project involved consultation with the community and businesses of Templemore. On May 19th the official launch of the brand will take place in Templemore.



Shop Local Tipperary Campaign

There were 213 posts on Instagram and Facebook promoting Shop Local Tipperary.



Continued engagement with over 1500 followers is driving the shop local message. Facebook posts reached have approximately 2500 'followers' and 'likes'.

Broadband

Initiative 1 - the delivery and implementation of the rollout of the National Broadband Plan (NBP)

Where possible, overhead lines and existing poles will be used to lay/hang the fibre cables. This is a sustainable approach which saves time and money as only 12% of the project will be new build.

New networks, like the NBP are based on optical fibres as it future proofs the network.

In total, there are 29,759 premises in 21 NBI™ deployment Fibre rollout area's in Tipperary which includes homes, farms, commercial businesses and schools. This equates to 35% of all premises in the county. Under the National Broadband Plan, Tipperary will see an investment of €117M in the new high-speed fibre network.

In June, 2021 - the large-scale Fibre cable roll-out of the State Intervention NBP commenced in County Tipperary and the current Estimated delivery time-frames for the 21 NBI™ Deployment Area (s) are as follows;

Deployment Area	Estimated Time for Connection
Ballinamult	February 2023 -April 2023
Ballinderry	January 2025 - December 2026
Banagher	January 2025 - December 2026
Birr ³	January 2025 - December 2026
Cahir ³	January 2023 - December 2024
Carrick-on-Suir ³	January 2023 - December 2024
Cashel ³	April 2023 -June 2023
Clonmel ²	May 2022 -July 2022
Hollyford	January 2025 - December 2026
Hospital ³	April 2023 -June 2023
Johnstown ³	January 2023 - March 2023
Littleton	January 2025 - December 2026
Mitchelstown	January 2025 - December 2026
Mullinahone ³	January 2023 - December 2024

Nenagh ³	January 2023 - December 2024
Newport (Ty)	January 2025 - December 2026
Ogonnelloe	January 2025 - December 2026
Roscrea ²	October 2022 - December 2022
Tallow ³	April 2023 -June 2023
Templemore	January 2025 - December 2026
Tipperary ¹	December 2021 - February 2022

note¹:-Deployment Area (completed) and these Eircodes/ premises can order an HSB Fibre service.

note²:-Deployment Area (is near completed) and these Eircodes/ premises can pre-Order HSB services.

note³:-Deployment Area (Eircode delivery at survey/or MRL – Licence Stage/ or MD Works commenced)

NBI™ has engaged the services of the following named Companies to deliver/ build the NBP IA in County Tipperary -

- 1) **ACTAVO** (Survey/ Fibre design and build) are currently delivering the Johnstown & Cashel DA's.
- 2) **KN circet** are currently delivering the underground Drop customer connections in the Tipperary DA
- 3) **TLI** are currently delivering the Roscrea and Clonmel DAs.



To date, TCC Roads Section has determined a total of **20 T1 Road Opening Licence Applications** submitted on behalf of **NBI™** and together with the Planning Authority - they have also determined **21 Section 254 Over-head Fibre cable and Utility Pole Licence Applications**.

In addition to the aforementioned **NBI™ applications** - TCC Roads Section has also determined a total of **20 T1 Road Opening Licence applications submitted on behalf of EIRCOM LTD (Trading as Eir)** in order to progress the initial Fibre Make Ready (FMR) works.

NBI™ has advised that given the scale and complexity of the project, the turnaround of s254 and Road Opening Licencing approvals are considered to be amongst the most significant risk to the project.

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

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



- 1) **ROSSMORE COMMUNITY HALL, ROSSMORE, CASHEL, CO. TIPPERARY, E25D429**
- 2) **DROM COMMUNITY HALL, DROM, BORRISOLEIGH, THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY, E41X285**
- 3) **CURREENEY COMMUNITY HALL, CURREENEY, KILCOMMON, THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY, E41XC62**
- 4) **AGLISH COMMUNITY HALL, AGLISH, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY, E53E132**
- 5) **KILLURNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLURNEY, BALLYPATRICK, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY, E91H7W4**
- 6) **MOYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, MOYGLASS, FETHARD, CO. TIPPERARY, E91WK25**
- 7) **KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLOSCULLY, NEWPORT, CO. TIPPERARY, V94FK20**
- 8) **KILLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLEA, TEMPLEMORE, CO. TIPPERARY, E41T6Y0**
- 9) **THE PAVILLION, BALLINDERRY SPORTSFIELD, BALLINDERRY, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY, E45 F627**
- 10) **BALLINAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROSSFINCH, BALLINAHINCH, BIRDHILL, V94 CVCO**
- 11) **BOHER PARISH HALL, BOHER, BALLINA, V94 EY06**
- 12) **FANURE COMMUNITY HALL, FANURE, ROSCREA, COUNTY TIPPERARY E53 AE02**
- 13) **KILCOLEMAN COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE, BURGESS GAA CLUB, PAIRC NA NGAEL, KILCOLEMAN, NEWTOWN, NENAGH, E45 YH76**
- 14) **THE APPLE CAMPING & CARAVAN PARK, MOORSTOWN, CAHIR, E21 YX33**
- 15) **DONASKEAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, DONASKEAGH, E34 AK24* (as NBI Fibre is available in this area – the HSB connection to this building will be using a “Fibre” HSB connection)**
- 16) **TERRYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, TERRYGLASS, NENAGH, E45 FC42**
- 17) **BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUB, BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUBHOUSE, KILROE, BALLYLOOBY, E21 TA47**
- 18) **LATTERAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SALLYPARK, LATTERAGH, NENAGH, E45 EF68**
- 19) **GURTAGARRY COMMUNITY HALL, GORTAGARRY, TOOMEVARA, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY E45 FA43**
- 20) **LISMACKIN COMMUNITY HALL, LISMACKIN, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY E53 Y589**
- 21) **NORTH TIPPERARY FOOD WORKS, MAIN STREET, REARCROSS, NEWPORT, COUNTY TIPPERARY V94 YW08***

* Not yet connected to HSB per (26/4/2022)

Connected hubs Funding in the amount of €250,000 was received from the DRCD in

September 2021. This funding aims to support and complement the development of remote working facilities, which are part of the Broadband Connection Point Initiative, into more active **“Remote Digital Hubs”**



This Funding seeks to support the Broadband Connection Points Network in County Tipperary and help Maximise their Potential for Remote Working with the following measures and Improvements to specific BCP locations;

- a) New/ Expansion of existing remote working infrastructure.
- b) Installation of privacy booths in existing hubs.
- c) Installation of access control and security systems (Liaise with the Western Development Commission to ensure their chosen provider has an Application Programming Interface (API) that would allow integration into the -

National Hub Network booking system currently under development)
- d) Conversion of existing open plan space to modular offices.
- e) Audio Visual upgrade facilities.
- f) Building Control Systems.
- g) Energy Efficiency Upgrades.
- h) Disability Access Upgrading
- i) IT Network upgrades, wiring, access points and a secure control system.

- j) Innovative measures to assist existing hubs to deal with COVID-related challenges.
- k) Boher BCP requires structural works, in order to deliver on its potential for remote working capacity.

These publicly-accessible BCP sites are providing free Wi-Fi internet connectivity to our remote rural locations, pending the full rollout of the NBP to those areas.



In the longer-term, it is envisaged that many of the BCPs will act as a central point for the provision of digital services in the local community. Supported by appropriate infrastructure and facilities, remote working can encourage more people to live in our rural areas while working in good quality jobs, no matter where their employer is based. They will enable many people to work locally and offer new or expanding companies the opportunity to locate in rural areas, either as primary locations or advance second sites.



Photograph 1 – view of **KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE BCP, V94FK20**

Historical hall in Killurney is connecting to the future



Designated Remote Working Hub now available in west Tipperary village



Rossmore Hall is now a Designated Remote Working Hub.

The BCP Network - Project Activities Planned for 2022 include;

- 1) **“Remote Digital Hubs”** – each with 4 Remote Working Spaces
- 2) **Our Kids Code – in association with Trinity College, Dublin**
Families are required to complete this Programme – includes new wearable devices – Killurney BCP Pilot completed.
- 3) **Hi Digital - in association with Vodafone and Active Retirement Ireland** in 7 BCPs in County Tipperary including Rossmore, Curreeny, Killurney, Moyglass, Kiloscully, Fanure and Gurtagarry BCPs.
Hi Digital Training Programme to older people in the community
- 4) **Microsoft Dream Space Den** - An space for young people to engage with all available Dream Space content without the need for an educator or facilitator.

A Digital Skills amenity and resource for all members of the community (Teachers, Parents, Young People, etc.)

Pilot in Rossmore, Gurtagarry and Killurney BCPs

- 5) **KINIA**
Youth Work Ireland Tipperary are one of our partners and we see real potential for building in BCP sites with youth services across the county as one aspect to an overall approach.
- 6) **Our Rural Future: Digital Initiative Programme 2021 – Smart Skills for Farming Communities (Tipperary)**

with the support of the IFA and the Connected Communities – Broadband Connection Points, the Department of Rural and Community Development in the use of new digital technologies in Irish agriculture in rural County Tipperary and is based upon the Departments BCP Thematic programmes.

- 7) **DRCD/ Irish Film Institute** – Special Screening of Irish Films which were nominated for “Oscars” will be shown throughout the “**Tipperary BCP Network**”

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

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

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

Initiative 4 – to support Commercial Operators in delivering their plans to deliver high speed Fibre broadband services in Urban locations in County Tipperary.

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

In October, 2021 **SIRO** announced a €620 million upgrade and expansion of its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) Network, which will nearly double its reach to 770,000 homes and

businesses. Under this Programme Fibre deployment will commence in the towns of **Thurles, Cashel** in **2022** and **Tipperary** town in 2023.

In June 2019, **Eir ltd** commenced the build of their IFN Project which will cover all Urban areas in the county with greater than 1,000 urban premises. They recently delivered 3,000 premises in **Tipperary town** in 10 weeks.

In addition, Eir ltd has now also passed 7, 900 premises in the following towns namely **Nenagh, Ballina, Templemore and Cahir.**

In March, 2022, **Eir Ltd** completed the delivery of their IFN FTTH build delivery Programme in the town of **Thurles** and works are due to commence in the town(s) of **Clonmel** and **Fethard** in 2022.

Open eir recently completed the deployment of high-speed broadband FTTH to 16,000 rural premises in the National Broadband Plan - Intervention Area “rural area” in County Tipperary - under its Commitment Agreement with the State.



In total, **Eir Ltd** has now passed **28,000** premises in County Tipperary with high-speed Fibre broadband - including **16,000** rural premises delivered in the **National Broadband Plan – State Intervention Area.**

eNet has over 133 Metropolitan Area Network fibre optic Connection (s) across the eight (8) Urban eNet Networks in County Tipperary and these are either operational or in the process of coming on stream. Their

end users are a real mix of life in Business in the county made up of Schools, Bank Branches and Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and State Agencies (Hospitals/Garda Stations etc)



Initiative 5 – to support the Mobile Network Operators and Mobile Infrastructures Providers to continue to carry-out coverage and capacity wireless Improvements to 2G, 3G, 4G, 4G plus and 5G and future technologies in County Tipperary.

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

Eircom ltd, Vodafone Ireland and Three Ireland continues to upgrade their 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G infrastructure in County Tipperary.

Three Ireland recently deployed the following “5G” locations in County Tipperary

Site Name
Poppyfield Retail Park
Fethard - Goodbody Farm
Towercom - Carrigadoon
Ninemilehouse
Cashel Firestation

Cashel SC
Cloughjordan
Borrisokane
Carrickbeg Hill
Gortnageragh
ESB Nenagh
Springfort Retail Park
Killenaule Quarry Cellnex
Rathcunikeen
Cashel ESB
Stakelum Office Supplies, Thurles
Brittas GF
Commons Lisnagongue Cellnex
Clougheen
Cranavaneen
Borrisoleigh
Keeper Hill Coillte
Portroe
O Briens Farm
Mantlehill GF A

Vodafone Ireland has identified over 30 locations that require network improvements and plans are at an advanced stage to progress a number of these.

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



<https://getconnected.ie/>

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

The Borrisoleigh, Borrisokane, Terryglass, Lorrha, Portumna areas and many townlands in between went live recently.



High-speed broadband connectivity is now available across Nenagh, Borrisokane, Borrisoleigh, Carrigrohig, Terryglass, Lorrha and Portumna. Pictured in Terryglass are Tipperary Broadband Officer - Simon Howe, Tipperary Community & Enterprise - Marie Cox, Head of Enterprise at Tipperary County Council - Anthony Fitzgerald, Imagine Community Engagement Manager - Sandra Dinan, Cllr Gerard Darcy, Cathaoirteach Cllr Michael O'Meara and Cllr Joe Hannigan.

High-speed broadband for Tipperary

Initiative 6 – to complete the installation and maintain a fully supported Free Wi-Fi Network across public Access Points, at designated locations (six (6) towns) in County Tipperary, under the European Commission WiFi4EU Programme.

What is it? The Wifi4EU Scheme is an initiative of the European Commission and match funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development - which provides funding to local authorities to provide free Wi-Fi services in public places such as main streets, public parks, museums, arts centres and other public areas.

The European Commission “Tipperary Free Wifi4EU Network” has been deployed in the following towns;

Tipperary (14 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)

Nenagh (11 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)

Roscrea (6 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)

Thurles (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)

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

Clonmel (5 Free Wifi4EU Access Points)



Photograph 2 - The recent Launch of the
“Nenagh WiFi4EU Network”

The “Tipperary Free WiFi4EU”
Sign-in Landing Page



WiFi4EU - Event Analytics:

Nenagh Wifi4EU Network -
95 Customers used the Nenagh Network
on April 2th, 2022 including -
10 New Customers
85 Returned Customers

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

What is it? In order to carefully manage roads networks and reduce major disruption resulting from multiple road openings, it is

considered that local authorities will need to work closely with the telecommunication industry during the development and deployment phase of telecommunications underground infrastructure, and future over-ground technologies, in delivering more enhanced connectivity service experiences to urban areas, which will result in protecting our new footway and road surfaces, and deliver the Economic benefits of these future technologies.

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

Tipperary County Council is trialling new technologies with Industry as part of the Liberty sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project and innovative uses of existing technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government’s Digital Innovation Programme – including the development of pilot Shared underground

SIRO, Virgin Media and NBI has shown an interest in using this new Underground Infrastructure in 2022 and a Code of Practice is being developed with Industry and Others in the use of same.

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

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



Project 2: Shared Telecoms Infrastructure (Tipperary)

Stream: Innovation

Funding awarded: €48,000

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

Project 3: Smart Skills for Farming Communities (Tipperary)

Stream: Innovation

Funding awarded: €24,000

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

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

(Remote Working, Digital Skills and Education, Arts and Culture)

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

Others, including the ICMSA, Teagasc, Macra, TFM (John Deere Machinery) and the Local Enterprise Office have also agreed to participate in this Pilot.

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

TOURISM

Blueways Accreditation

The first Blueways in the world to achieve accreditation were officially launched on April 5th, two of only three Blueways accredited are located in county Tipperary - Suir Blueway Tipperary and Lough Derg Blueway.

The Blueway accreditation has been developed by Fáilte Ireland, Sport Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland. An official accreditation will ensure all Blueways will be developed to a consistent high standard from a technical and safety perspective and will deliver best in class sustainable visitor experiences.

This accreditation designates our Blueways as best-in-class destinations for water-based and water-side activities.



Photo 1: Suir Blueway Tipperary



Photo 2: Lough Derg Blueway

ORIS Application

An application was submitted for ORIS 2022 Measure 1 on behalf of Tipperary Tourism. The application is for a Tipperary Angling & Accessible Outdoor Recreation Activities Development and Promotion Project for 2023.

South East Food Trail

Work is ongoing with colleagues in the South East Development Office and the local authorities in the South East to develop a food trail across the region. The new initiative is called South East Food Stories and the launch is due to take place in June.

Tourism Impact Assessments – Carrick on Suir & Cahir

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

Rose of Tralee International Festival

Tipperary County Council is collaborating with the Rose of Tralee International Festival to leverage positive domestic and international promotion for county Tipperary through associations with the festival. The county Tipperary Rose selection night took place at the Anner Hotel on March 13th, attended by Cathaoirleach, Cllr Marie Murphy and Anthony Fitzgerald, Head of Enterprise.



Photo 1 – Cathaoirleach Cllr Marie Murphy with the 2018 Tipperary Rose Laura Durkin and Anthony Fitzgerald, Head of Enterprise.



Photo 2- 2022 Tipperary Rose Aisling O'Donovan

Tipperary Tourism

Leader Funding

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

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

Tipperary Tourism Membership

A restructured Tipperary Tourism membership scheme was launched on the 15th of February. Guest speaker Nicola Brady, travel writer, presented how the tourism businesses can leverage the excellent publicity destination Tipperary is currently receiving. An extensive intercounty PR campaign accompanied to promote the launch includes

multiple editorials testimonials by existing members.

Membership will remain open until the 31st of May. Details are available here <https://tipperary.com/membership/>

Tipperary Marketing & Promotion

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

Brand Refresh: Tipperary Tourism refreshed the destination brand in alignment with current post-pandemic trends. The refreshed brand is more fluid and incorporates more outdoor elements while celebrating Tipperary's rich heritage.



Industry Training:

Training was provided for tourism businesses to leverage the long term marketing assets created by Tipperary Tourism in 2021. All tourism-related businesses in the county were encouraged to attend; the training included:

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

Industry Networking

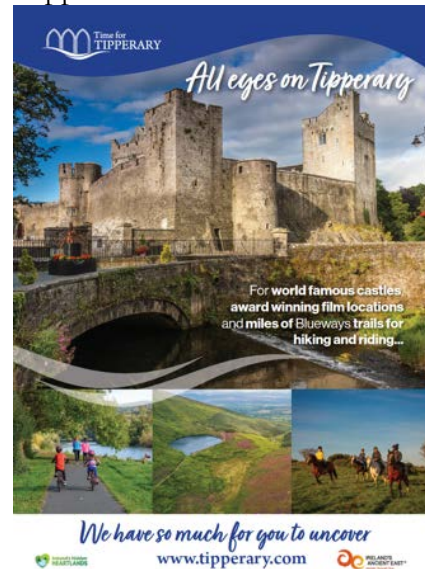
The first of three Tipperary Tourism Networking events is scheduled for the 11th of May at Marlhill Open Farm.

All Eyes on Tipperary Marketing Campaign.



- **Radio:** An inspirational radio advert has been created, and this will go live on 98Fm and Today FM in May, this will be accompanied by a competition and homepage takeover on Today FM.
- **Digital:** Tipperary's always on digital marketing campaign has created almost 1.4 million impressions in 2022 thus far, and an audience growth of 5%. This campaign will intensify over the coming months and include competitions and sponsored posts for hikes.
- **Content Creation:** an action plan has been created for content creation for hiking images, golf and racecourse video footage. Two videos have been published digitally in 2022 under the *All Eyes on Tipperary* campaign.
- **Print:** brochure packs have been prepared and are being dispatched to tourism businesses.

- **Printed Media:** Full page adverts were commissioned for Go Rail for the Spring/Summer editions and The Examiner and Irish Times Staycation Supplements



- **PR – Print, Radio and T.V.** coverage has been extensive for Tipperary in Q1 including positive coverage of the British Royal Visit. US T.V coverage includes an episode with *Ireland with Michael* filmed in March.



Munster Vales

Munster Vales rolled out a **Community Engagement Programme** which was aimed at upskilling communities to welcome and

retain tourists, enhancing the relationship between active community groups and Munster Vales. The programme highlighted common objectives and valid suggestions in enhancing community tourism. This programme featured 5 workshops across the Galtee and Knockmealdown areas and culminated in a final in person review and forward planning workshop held in Ardfinnan on March 30th.

The Munster Vales PR value for the year reached over €360,000. Further familiarisation trips are planned for Q2 of 2022 along with releasing key press releases that will entice visitors to Munster Vales.

Munster Vales launched the **Taste the Vales** Food trails highlighting great food experiences within the region sample including Cahir House Hotel, Mikey Ryans and Galtee Bees.

Munster Vales launched the **Slow Adventure Campaign** which highlights 20 different itineraries appealing to visitors that enjoy a mix of adventure and culture. The itineraries showcase tourism experiences that fall within the region highlighting attractions and activities including the Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle, Swiss Cottage and Glen of Aherlow walks and Suir Blueway Tipperary.

Munster Vales launched an **interactive map** which showcases walking routes and heritage sites within the region. The map showcases trails within the Glen of Aherlow and Cahir walks like Scaragh Wood Trails.

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

Munster Vales held a training workshop on social media for businesses across the region on April 4th. Further training is planned for Q2.

Destination Lough Derg **Blueway Accreditation**

Lough Derg Blueway was one of the first three Blueways in the world to achieve accreditation on the 5th of April. Working is ongoing with Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland on developing marketing and networking training for tourism businesses to leverage off the Blueway proposition.

Marketing;

Lough Derg's digital platforms are performing strongly with a growth of 11% and 1.1 million impressions thus far in 2022.

Quest Lough Derg



This event will take place on the 10th of September and Destination Lough Derg are supporting the event with marketing.

Dromineer Watersports Activity Centre

The planning application for the watersports amenity centre in Dromineer is almost ready for submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Print

Full page adverts were commissioned for Go Rail for the Spring/Summer editions.



ORIS Application: An application was submitted for ORIS 2022 Measure 1 on behalf of Destination Lough Derg. The application is for further development of the Adventure Lough Derg App.

Meitheal



International tourism buyers from across the globe experienced some of the best Co Tipperary has to offer as Fáilte Ireland showcased the unique experiences such as Nenagh Castle and The Pantry, Nenagh,

Killaloe River Cruises and The Lakeside Hotel, before they took part in ‘Meitheal’, Ireland’s biggest tourism trade show in Killarney.

Local Enterprise Office

Quarter 1 metrics on table no. 1

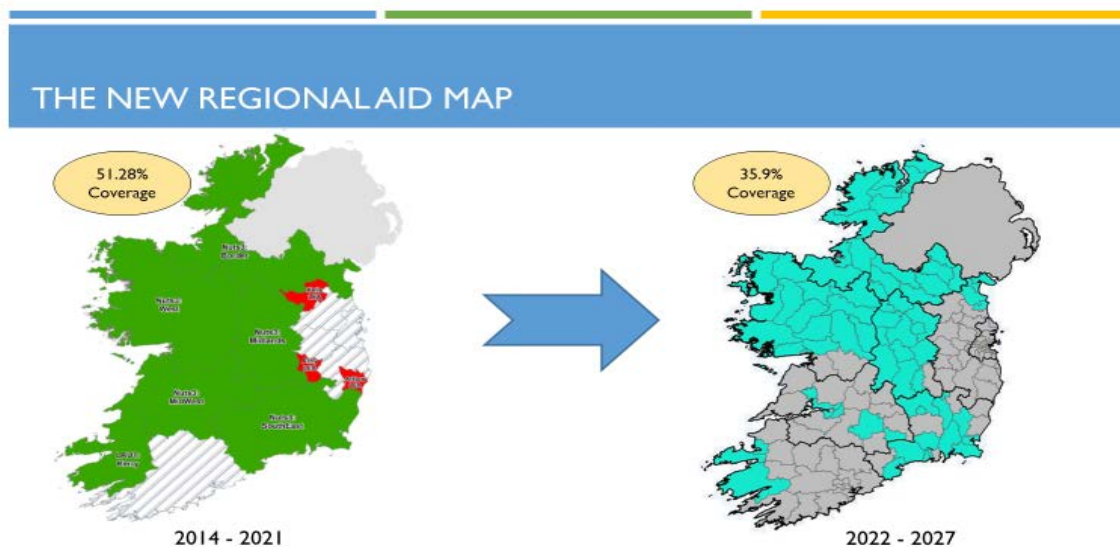
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LEO Tipperary – 2022 Quarter 1 Metrics						
		CoE Band Target	Annual Target	Q1 Performance	% +/- Annual Target	
1			30	7	23%	
2		1	1	0	0%	
3		300	300	169	56%	
4		1,500	1,500	327	22%	
5		150	150	37	25%	
6		75	75	21	28%	
7		1,275	1,275	269	21%	
8		15	10	0	0%	
9		17	8	1	13%	
10		13	13	3	23%	
11		38	38	12	32%	

The main metrics are on target for the full year. We are well ahead on mentoring assignments but need to up the level of response on the number of lean for micro projects. The strategic priorities for 2022 – 24 as directed from Enterprise Ireland are sustainability, digitalisation for business and development of export markets.

Ireland New Regional Aid Map to 2027.

A new Regional Aid map has recently been published for Ireland which provides a definition of areas in the country that will qualify for regional aid for the period 2022 to 2027. Regional aid governs where the State can support investment enterprise and can be an influencer in the attractiveness of a location. It allows aid to support company investment in infrastructure, employment grants, etc. If a project is located outside of the designated areas, the project will not be eligible for Regional Investment Aid (although other aid is available in R&D, environmental and training grants and projects <€200k over 3 years remain eligible under de minimis).

The new Regional Aid map for Ireland has recently been approved and published by the European Commission following its submission by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. It is understood that the map was prepared on the basis of certain criteria following consultation with State Enterprise Agencies. Under the terms of Regional Aid, regions covering 35.9% of Ireland's population are to be designated as *assisted areas* for the period 2022 to 2027. This is a reduction of 15.38% from the period 2014 to 2021. The following maps set out the changes between the two periods



For Tipperary, the area of the county that will now qualify for regional aid (employment grants) has been significantly reduced to include only the broader Clonmel and Cashel areas (see green areas on map located to the right above). While the inclusion of these areas is welcome, the level of grant aid at 10% will be less than many towns of similar size to Clonmel, for example, Athlone, Portlaoise, Kilkenny and Sligo which qualify for 15% grant aid.

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

Policy Changes & Updates

The Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee convened on the 26th April in Cabragh Wetlands Eco Centre. Presentations were given on Source Water Protection and Climate Action Initiatives. The PPN representatives gave an update on topics raised at the PPN Environment pillar meeting held on the 9th April, these included the use of herbicide sprays and the alternatives, septic tanks, tree strategy and Suircan Citizen Science project of rare species in the river Suir.

The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy is currently being drafted and briefings in the format of workshops will be arranged in the coming months A progress update was circulated to the elected members.

Public Awareness Initiatives

Play It Again Musical Instrument Project



The Section is currently running the "Play It Again" Instrument Project. Members of the public can donate old or unused musical instruments at any of the 5 Civic Amenity Sites. The instruments will be repaired by local musicians, who will be engaged to check and test

the instruments before they are passed on to their new homes. The section will be distributing the repaired instruments to schools and other community organisations.

Tipperary Countryside Wild on Flowers Initiative

Free wildflower packs and flowers were distributed at the following Farmer's Marts:

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

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



Aine Brett, Environment & Climate Action at the Thurles Mart

Spring Clean

The National Spring Clean in conjunction with An Taisce, is currently taking place and 291 groups from across the county are registered to take part in the event. Pictured are members of the BallinaBoher tidy towns out litter picking during the early morning.



Food Waste Workshops



In conjunction with the Tipperary Education Training Board, the section will be organising Food Waste Workshops with the users of the Resource Centres. Practical demonstration will take place and participants will be given helpful tips on how to cut back on food waste. The dates of the proposed workshops are:

1. Knocknarawley Resource Centre – 10th June from 9.00am to 2pm.
2. Cashel Resource Centre – 01st June from 9am to 2pm.
3. Clonmel Resource Centre – 8th June from 9.00am to 2pm.

Trees on the land Project and National Tree Council of Ireland



5,440 trees were distributed to 91 Tidy Towns Groups and 20 Group Water Schemes in March. Tree Council of Ireland distributed 1200 saplings to 120 Tidy Towns Groups/Schools and Resident Groups. 120 packs of wildflower seeds were also distributed.

Silverarch Resource Centre

In collaboration with the Tipperary Education Training Board, a Grow Your Own Veg seminar with Albert Nolan, will be commencing on the 23rd April.

Dog fouling initiative Cashel

It is proposed to run a dog fouling awareness campaign in Cashel. Staff members will distribute dog fouling bags and advise the public of their responsibilities with regard to cleaning up after their dogs.



Community Services

Burial Ground Maintenance Grants 2022

An invitation was published to apply for the 2022 Burial Ground Maintenance Grants Scheme in the Nenagh Guardian, the Nationalist and the Tipperary Star. The closing date for completed application forms was the 25th March 2022 and 265 Burial Ground grant application forms were issued. Grants will be awarded on the basis of the number of applications received and the funding available and will be administered by the municipal districts.

Tidy Towns Grants 2022

Tidy Towns/ Community Groups are invited to apply for funding under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme for projects or works which will enhance the appearance of their local areas, village and towns. Tidy Town Grant application forms have issued to 126 groups. The closing date for completed applications to be sent to the Municipal District was 25th March and all projects should be completed by the 16th September 2022.

Veterinary Services

Horses

10 horse queries were reported, which resulted in 4 horse pickups to date.

Dogs

A total of 106 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to date. Of this number, 27 dogs were re-homed, 28 dogs sent to Rescues and 24 dogs were reclaimed. The number of dog licenses purchased to date is 1,785. The section continues to work with the animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs and is supported by two dog shelters in Clonmel and Knockalton.

Abattoirs

Bovine	Ovine	Porcine	Caprine	Turkeys	Deer	Abattoir Visits
536	1351	35	10	2770	393	246

Solar powered, compacting litter bins



All 32 solar powered, compacting litter bins funded under the Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme, are now installed at the following locations:

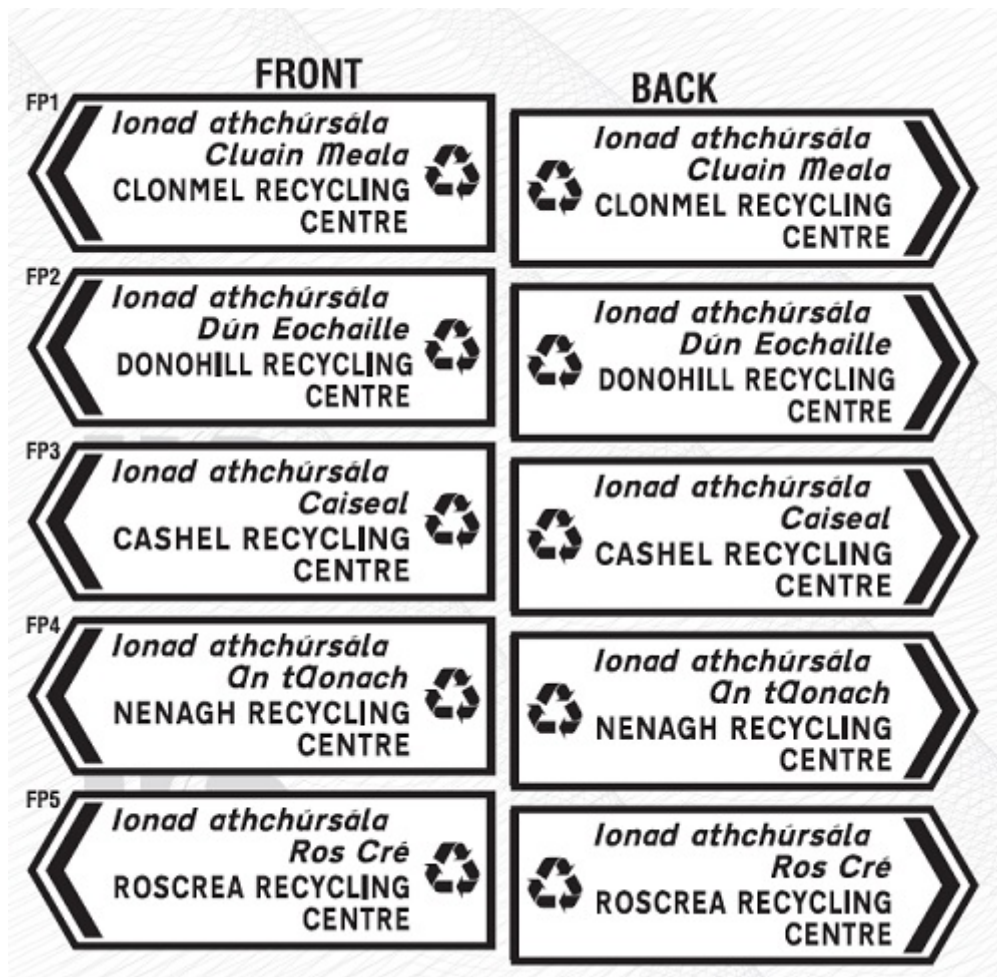
The bins were uniquely branded by each municipal district and feedback to date has been very positive.

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

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

Directional signage to the civic amenity sites will be erected at the different locations shortly.



Fingerpost signage for the recycling centres

Customers

Waller's-Lot	7,547
Carrigeen Clonmel	8,247
Nenagh	7,591
Roscrea	7,122
Donohill	4,083

A total of 34,590 customers used the services in the first quarter of the year.

Derelict Sites

The derelict site register was last updated on the 1st April 2022 and lists 42 properties. To date two properties have been registered as derelict and a further three have been removed from the register following remediation. The section engaged with 99 owners in relation to remediating their properties.

Municipal District / Borough Council	Number of properties engaged with during 2022 <i>(pre-Section Notice being issued)</i>
Tipp/Cashel/Cahir	42
Nenagh	14
Clonmel	20
Carrick-on-Suir	7
Thurles	16
Totals	99

Burial Ground Development/Upgrade Works

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



Nenagh Lisbunny	Nenagh MD to commence with the installation of a surface water drainage network. The demolition and rebuilding of the Historic Masonry wall was completed.
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Waste Management and Enforcement

Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site):	8	5 for illegal clothes banks, 1 dumping of waste which is closed, 1 farm plastic, domestic waste dumped – escalated to legal proceedings 1 for waste on a vacant property, privately owned – escalated to legal proceedings
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Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022

Project applications to the value of €82,000 were approved by the department. The delivery of these projects will involve collaborations with the Community Liaison Officer for each MD and also a household hazardous waste amnesty day for Roscrea and Waller’s Lot CAS.

Household Waste Inspections

The Section will commence in person household waste inspections in the coming months, this is in line with new procedures to issue fixed penalty notices and legal proceedings against householders who fail to comply. Since the beginning of the year, 49 initial letters were issued to households requesting evidence of their service provider be produced, of which 59% complied.

Litter Fines

	Tipperary/Cahir /Cashel	Thurles	Nenagh	Clonmel	Carrick-on Suir	Total
Fines Issued	6	6	22	3	1	38
Cancelled	1	0	2	3	0	6
Paid	2	3	10	0	0	15
Outstanding	3	4	10	0	1	17

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.
- 1 case Litter Fine Prosecution – successful (€250 fine plus €750 awarded for investigative costs) with 8 months to pay fine and costs.
- 5 Cases escalated to legal proceedings for illegal dumping under Section 32 of the Waste Management Act, currently awaiting court dates.

Climate & Energy



The Machinery Yard is trialling the use of hydro-treated vehicle oil instead of fossil fuel in vehicles which will contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Electric Vehicle Charging policy document was completed. The Energy in Agriculture event takes place on the 19th July in Gurteen College. The Annual energy action plan is agreed with TEA and energy audit and feasibility studies are scheduled for a number of sites. The section is working with TUS to deliver a Climate Leadership Training Program for community leaders called Remarkable. The community based virtual power plant (cvPP) has received an EU Sustainable Energy Award for the use of a battery storage facility to store electricity from PV panels which was installed in the Roscrea Leisure Centre.

Landfills

MD	Update
Cashel/Tipperary Donohill	Civic Amenity Site is open and remained fully operational throughout this Covid-19 crisis. The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing.
Nenagh Ballaghveny & Rathcabbin	Ballaghveny: The monitoring of the landfill is in compliance with its waste licence conditions. Approx. 25,483 tonnes of waste were accepted at the landfill in the first quarter of 2022. Rathcabbin and 8,875 tonnes of waste were removed from Rathcabbin
	Historic Landfills
Tipperary Cashel Cahir	The monitoring of the Donohill Landfill is ongoing to ensure compliance with its waste licence conditions.
Tipperary Cashel Cahir	Tier 2 & Tier 3 Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at the historic closed landfill sites at Dundrum and Knocklofty are complete. Applications for a Certificates of Authorisation (CoA) were submitted to the EPA for the Coole closed landfill.
Thurles	Tier 2 & Tier 3 Environmental Risk Assessments at the historic closed landfill sites at Brittas road and Monanearla are complete. Applications for Certificates of Authorisation were submitted to the EPA for Brittas Road and Monanearla.
Carrick-On-Suir	A Consultant was appointed to carry out the landfill remediation design and ecological surveys in preparation of the Natura Impact Statement for submission to the EPA and An Bord Pleanála

Environment Protection

Water Pollution /Agriculture

- Approx. 250 samples were taken as part of WFD sampling programme
- 1 Section 4 Discharge Licence Application was completed and 20 monitoring samples were taken and analysed.
- 12 Farm inspections performed
- 3 Source Protection investigations performed
- 1 Section 12 Notice under the WPA 1977 - 2007 was served (Agri Related) and 1 recommendation for Legal Action arising from non-compliance.
- 3 Cross reports to DAFM (2 related to Slurry spreading in closed periods)
- 24 Nutrient Management Plans submitted for assessment, 16 approved, 2 rejected, 6 awaiting assessment.
- 93 Drinking Water samples taken as part of the Rural Water Programme
- 2 On site Drinking Water Audits performed (Small Private Supplies)



Planning Referrals

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

Air & Noise Pollution

- 1 noise survey was assessed as part of a Planning application and reported on.
- A traffic emissions study is on-going in Tipperary Town

Rural Water Programme

The Rural Water programme transferred to Environment and Climate Action in January 2022. The implementation of the programme is a statutory requirement under the Drinking Water Regulations. Tipperary County Council is currently the drinking water regulator for private water supplies in the county, responsible for enforcing the Drinking Water Regulations for Group water

Annual Maintenance Subsidy

- 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for AMS 12/01/2022, closing date 30/06/2022;
- 11 applications have been received; reminder sent 31/03/2022.
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Current Capital Projects:

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

Private Well Grants: 27 Applicants in year to date, 13 since 28/02/2022; 25 Grants Awarded year to date, 18 since 28/02/2022.

Septic Tank Grants: no new applications; 2 payments, (€10,000)



Lead Piping Grants: no new applications or payments

Landfills

Open/Closed Complaints

	Tipperary /Cahir Cashel		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Carrick-On-Suir	
Complaint Category	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Air	3	5	2	3	1	5	1	4	1	2
Animal	2	58	2	13	1	23	4	25	3	16
Infrastructure	4	4	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1
Litter	1	84	13	25	10	60	11	80	7	35
Noise	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	1
Waste	3	12	2	6	3	24	3	8	2	2
Water	1	4	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	0
Total	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
	16	167	21	50	19	117	23	119	21	57
	Tipperary /Cahir Cashel		Clonmel		Nenagh		Thurles		Carrick-On-Suir	
Total	183		71		136		142		78	

WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2024:

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3) to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This incorporates Irish Water's Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. The CRU's determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled *Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024)*.

This Decision Paper was issued against the backdrop of the new funding model for Irish Water brought about by:

- the Water Services Act 2017;
- the publication by Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, of the Water Services Policy Statement on 21 May 2018, and
- his approval of Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan 2019-2024 on 08 November 2018.

The Decision Paper was accompanied by Irish Water's Updated Investment Plan 2020-2024, entitled *Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 to 2024 Updated Investment Plan for CRU Review*, submitted by Irish Water in November 2019 to the CRU for review.

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

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

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, www.cru.ie.

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

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

Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary:

B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design	Contract Name	Current Scheme Status
Clonmel WRZ WP1 – Remedial Action List (RAL) and Boil Water Notice (BWN) Project	<p>– Upgrading and expansion of existing Monroe Wellfields; and</p> <p>- Construct Pipelines from Monroe to Clonmel and on the Mountain Road, Clonmel.</p> <p>This will increase water supply into Clonmel and allow for the removal of the Boil Water Notice on Mountain Road and the rationalisation of Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant.</p>	<p>Nicholas O’Dwyer Consultants appointed to the project.</p> <p>Preliminary surveys ongoing at Monroe Wellfields.</p>
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future 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. Scope of works under review.
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.

CLONMEL TOWN AND RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Water Services holds quarterly meetings with senior management from Irish Water to review progress on the delivery of major drinking water and wastewater projects in County Tipperary. The most recent such meeting took place, via Zoom, on 21 April 2022 and was attended by Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive.

Arising from that meeting, the following is the updated position on the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme:

Clonmel Town and Regional Water Supply Scheme:

(i) Long term:

The Draft National Water Resources Plan for the South East will set out the long- term strategy to sustainably meet demand for Clonmel town and a number of smaller local supplies from a new abstraction from the River Suir and Water Treatment Plant.

(ii) Medium Term (10+ years) - Monroe Groundwater Project:

The medium term (10+ years) is to develop the Monroe Groundwater Project.

The interim plan to increase the abstraction at the existing Monroe wellfield is proposed to deal with the needs of Clonmel Town for the next 10+ years. The progress on the additional groundwater at Monroe to date is as follows:

- The first stage to test and evaluate the existing source has been completed and has indicated that a significant groundwater yield is present.
- Irish Water is now commencing the next phase to drill new trial boreholes so that an accurate determination of this yield can be made. This work is scheduled to take place over the next 12 months.
- Following yield confirmation design and sizing of treatment, borehole pumping, interconnecting mains and pumping stations can be completed. Statutory and consultative process timelines associated with the acquisition of land and securing planning permission have also been factored into current projected delivery timelines, which are beyond the direct control and influence of Irish Water.
- Irish Water will review all possible means to accelerate the construction process once all statutory consents are secured. Irish Water will review the possibility of increasing throughput using existing infrastructure to provide some additional supply in a shorter time line.

While the timeline for the completion of this project has been given as 2026, Irish Water is currently evaluating ways to see if this delivery can be accelerated. However, it must be acknowledged that, while Irish Water can look at ways to accelerate the construction phase, the early stages involving the development of groundwater and the planning approval process do pose risks that are outside of its control. If minimal delays are experienced with the earlier phase of this project, it may be possible to reduce the timeline by 12 to 18 months.

(iii) Short term:

Short term proposals consist of the following:

(a) Clonmel Poulavanogue Boil Water Notice – Mountain Road pipeline:

This project will transfer customers on the Mountain Road onto the Glenary Water Supply Zone to address the remaining Boil Water Notice and regular outages at Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant (which is switched off during periods of heavy rain). Site investigations works have been completed. Irish Water intends to submit a planning application for the required booster station later in May 2022. Assuming planning permission is granted, then works are scheduled to be completed in 2023.

(b) Glenary Water Treatment Plant Upgrade:

Irish Water plans to undertake significant upgrades to Glenary Water Treatment Plant to improve resilience and ensure robust treatment barriers. Works will include upgrades of the clarification, filtration and disinfection systems. These works will not enable increased production as the plant is limited by the capacity of the existing surface water source. The scope of works is currently being defined, through workshops with Tipperary County Council. Timeframes for completion of works should be available by end Q2 2022.

(c) Watermain Rehabilitation – planned works:

The most up-to-date programme from the Irish Water contractor proposes the following:

- Bolton Street/William Street watermain rehabilitation to commence in September 2022;
- Albert Street/Western Park backyard services replacement to commence in January 2023; and
- over 1km of watermain rehabilitation to be carried out as part of Clonmel Public Realm Works.

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. It 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:

2022 Works:

Kilfeacle to Thomastown (6.6km), completed;
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.

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

3) Back Yard Services replacement in Cashel:

Irish Water has approved the commencement of design works to remove back yard services in Cashel in the following areas:

Árd Mhuire, Upper Friar Street, Cathal Brugha Street, McCann Street, Lacey Square and Abbey Side.

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

The removal of all the 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. A hard copy of the documents associated with same is available for public inspection at the Planning Section, Civic Offices, Nenagh.

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

Irish Water 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.

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.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:

On 16 June 2021 Irish Water issued a note on the introduction of the new non-domestic tariff framework for Irish Water's business customers, which is to go live on 01 October 2021, with Irish Water issuing letters to customers to outline what changes they can expect to see from October. The decision to confirm the new date for implementation was taken by the regulator, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU). The changes were due to go live on 01 May 2020 originally but were deferred to 01 May 2021 and again to 01 October 2021 due to the considerable uncertainty for businesses under the essential Government public health guidelines due to COVID-19.

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

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

The new charges will be on a national basis, i.e. there will be no local variation and they will have a fixed and a variable element. Existing billing frequencies will remain as they are until Irish Water carries out a review. Details of the new charges are provided at <https://www.water.ie/for-business/billing-explained/charges/> and an executive summary is available at <https://www.cru.ie/cru-publishes-decision-on-new-tariffs-for-irish-waters-non-domestic-customers/>.



COUNCIL WORKSHOPS WITH IRISH WATER:

Workshops with Irish Water for the elected members have taken place at the Civic Offices, Thurles on 27 October 2017, 12 April 2018, 02 October 2018, 03 April 2019 and on 30 September 2019.

A series of workshops, conducted on a District basis, took place during the period from 28 September 2020 to 06 October 2020, with remote connection by representatives from Irish Water and the facility for remote connection by the elected members also.

A similar series of workshops, conducted by Zoom on a District basis, took place in the period 15 April 2021 to 29 April 2021. A further series of workshops, via Zoom, occurred, on a District basis, on 06 October 2021, 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. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading with the press release appearing under the Press releases heading.

The Policy Paper:

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

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



Watermain Rehabilitation Carrick-On-Suir

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

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	Meeting with KPMG re affordability constraint	Prepare affordable housing options proposal
Choice Based Letting	CBL is live	Continued monitoring to identify potential issues
Review of Housing Adaptation Grants	Applications to P1, P2 and P3 are now open.	Keep under constant review to ensure full allocation utilised
Housing for All	Housing Delivery Action Plans presented at the January Plenary meeting and submitted to the Department for consideration	Meeting to be arranged by the Department to discuss submission received
Disability Strategy	Strategy agreed at March Plenary Council meeting.	Objectives of strategy to be rolled out.
Own Front Door	Policy agreed at March Plenary Council meeting	Policy to be rolled out & 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>
Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir	30	Decision required on third river crossing	Stage 1 submission
William Street, Nenagh	7	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 to be submitted in May
Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Stage 1 Approved	Stage 2 to be submitted in May
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	Stage 2 Submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Ashbury, Roscrea	7	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Stage 1 Submitted	Stage 1 Approval
Glencarrick, Roscrea	46	Stage 1 Approved,	Stage 2 Submission
Church Street, Templemore	4	Part 8 Approved	Stage 3 Submission in May
Grove Street, Roscrea	7	Part 8 to be re-advertised in May	Part 8 Report to members for consideration
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 2 approved	Being reviewed due to complex site issues
Borrisoleigh	12	Stage 2 approved	Preparation of Part 8
Boherclough Street, Cashel	9	Stage 4 Review	Stage 4 Approval
Woodview Close, Nenagh	10	Stage 4 Approved	Contractor Appointment
Ardcrony	4	Contractor on Site	Completion 2022



Moyne	9	Contractor on Site	Completion 2023
Mill Road, Thurles	28	Contractor on Site	Scheme Completion Q2 2022
Cluid Ballycraig Road, Nenagh	5	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Portroe	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel	2	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
Ballyclerihan	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Bansha	14	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Donohill	8	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Two Mile Borris	23	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Cormack Drive, Nenagh	12	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Abbey Street, Cahir	10	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Ardfinnan	3	Part V	Delivery 2022
Focus AHB, Nenagh	16	CALF Approved	Partially Delivered, balance due 2022
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey, Works ongoing	Delivery 2022/2023
Mullinahone	10	Contractor on site	Delivery 2022
SPADE Deerpark Road, Cashel	2	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel	9	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Tuatha, Kickham Street, Carrick on Suir	13	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Ma Chaoín, Templemore	13	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022/2023
Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles	19	Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	29	Turnkey, Contractor on Site	Delivery 2022



Borrisokane	15	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Mulcair View, Newport	11	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Templetuohy	10	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Hazel Close, Carrick-on-Suir	14	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered
Ballycommon	2	Part V Delivered	Delivered
Mitchel St. Thurles.	1	Units Completed	Delivered
Cois na hAbhainn, Mullinahone	3	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered
Knockanrawley, Tipperary.	28	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Cloughjordan	2	Scheme Completed	Delivered
Glentara, Roscrea	2	Turnkey Delivered	Delivered

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

New RAS properties	2
New LTL properties	2
Rent Reviews carried out 2022	98

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up in 2022	62
Total active HAP tenancies	1785
Average weekly HAP set up	5

Energy Efficiency

Midlands Retrofit Programme

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

All 16 units in Gortnahoe are 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 at windows and doors installation stage. 5 units are fully complete. All Heat pumps have been installed and are in operation.

Phase 3 24 Units across Thurles, Templetuohy, Rathcabbin has moved to insulation works. 14 units are fully complete, and the remainder substantially complete.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

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

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

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

Approx. 45 houses have now been retrofitted substantially and remaining 15 are in progress. Works have progressed significantly in Derrynaflan Avenue, Littleton in the last few weeks. (18 Units)

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

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

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022



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

Procurement for Energy Consultant to carry out energy surveys, BER surveys & asbestos surveys have progressed and a suitable consultant will be appointed in due course.

Housing Grants

The Council has received confirmation that we are to be allocated €3,331,250 in 2022 for the funding of private grants. We have also received confirmation that we have been allocated €1,379,999 in funding for the provision of local authority grants.

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	€609,260	55
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€125,000	€37,927	12
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,087,500	€244,957	46
TOTAL	€3,331,250	€892,144	113
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,379,999	€1,145,869 ¹	49

Voids

The number completed from 01/01/2022 to 31/03/2022 is **24**.

Vacant Houses²

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ³
Carrick	355	19	0.4%
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	840	36	0.7%
Clonmel	696	11	0.2%
Nenagh	721	20	0.4%
Templemore/Thurles	894	41	0.8%

¹ Note: this figure is subject to change as this is the estimated costed amount for the proposed works

² Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

³ Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock



Total	3,506	127	2.4%
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Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	23	17	1	5	0
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	18	7	7	4	0
Clonmel	14	9	3	2	3
Nenagh	35	31	2	2	1
Templemore Thurles	34	22	3	9	2
TOTALS	124	86	16	22	6

Number of Housing Applications received

There were **468** housing applications received of which:

- 178 were found to be invalid
- 290 were found to be valid

Number of Housing Assessments carried out

Month	Number of Assessments
January	57
February	101
March	104
Total	262

Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Lettings (CBL) went live on the 29th March 2022.

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

To date 16 Properties have been advertised on the CBL website and up to 21st April, 2022.

The following properties have been advertised on the website.

Advertised between 29th March – 4th April

Address	Expression of Interest	Views on property	Accepted/Refused
79 B Main Street, Templemore	8	370	Accepted
7 The Crescent, Cappawhite	9	731	Accepted
No. 6 Burgess Hill, Ballylooby	16	577	Accepted
42 Hawthorn Drive, Thurles	19	475	Accepted
No. 40 Fr. Sheehy Tce, Clogheen	22	565	Accepted
103 St. Michaels Ave, Tipperary Town	25	487	Accepted
38 Sallygrove, Nenagh	24	636	Accepted

Advertised between 5th April – 11th April

Address	Expression of Interest	Views on property	Accepted/Refused
3 Kickham Place, Mullinahone	5	273	Pending
6 College Green, Thurles	10	287	Accepted
2 Pallas Street, Borrisoleigh	14	352	Accepted
4 Castleview, Ballyneale	21	448	Accepted

Advertised between 12th April – 18th April

Address	Expression of Interest	Views on property	Accepted/Refused
Apartment 2, St. Marys Court, Thurles	12	231	Offer made
15 Gleann Glass, Roscrea	19	312	Pending
4 Doncarrig, Ballycommon, Nenagh	38	680	Accepted

Currently advertised until 25th April 21

Address	Expression of Interest	Views on property	Accepted/Refused
20 The Crescent, Cappawhite	18	349	Currently advertised
39 Barnora Crescent, Cahir	33	456	Currently advertised

- 14 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 11 offers have been accepted and 3 offers are pending/made.
- There have been no refusals.

Homelessness

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

The total number of homeless presentations from January to March 2022 was 140 with breakdown as follows; 85 single presentations, 6 couples, 12 couples with children and 37 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 7 singles and 4 families in securing private rental HAP accommodation and thereby avoiding being placed in emergency accommodation.

With the assistance of the HAP Place finder 5 Single people left Emergency Accommodation and moved to HAP & AHB tenancies and 4 families with a total of 6 children left Emergency Accommodation and moved to HAP tenancies.

On the 31st March there were 32 single adults and 15 families (26 children in total) in emergency accommodation. The Homeless Team are working with the relevant services such as substance misuse and mental health to put in place exit plans for those in emergency accommodation.

There are currently 12 Housing First units available to accommodate the most complex of homeless cases with wrap around supports. An additional 18 HF units have been approved by the Department (6 units in the south and 12 in the north) and arrangements are underway to provide same.

A policy was considered and approved by the full plenary council in relation to the introduction of an Own Front Door Service (OFD) whereby B&B emergency accommodation for on-going repeat users will be replaced by short term managed emergency accommodation. To-date the council has entered into an agreement with Peter McVerry Trust to provide four OFD units.

The Council continues to support services to those clients with significant mental health challenges in sustaining their tenancies through both the START Programme in the south of the county (6 Clients). Agreement has been reached to provide a further START unit in Clonmel bringing the number to 7. The North Tipperary Intensive Supports programme 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	6
Total Value of Loans Issued	€399,135

Local Authority Home Loans⁴

Number of Applications Received	29
Number of Valid Applications Received	8
Number of Loan Applications Approved	5
Number of Loans Issued	0
Total Value of Loans Issued	0

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	15
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	11
Sales completed	9
Total proceeds of sales received	€570,800

⁴ 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"

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

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

Ukrainian Refugees

The war in Ukraine has created a steady stream of people seeking refuge in Ireland.

To-date, the housing section has been tasked with the following to assist this humanitarian crisis.

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. Housing staff have assisted in the identification and fit out of these centres as well as attending on site to assist with the registration of arrivals.

There is currently a rest centre in operation in Littleton which has accommodated in excess of 200 refugees to-date. The centre is being managed by an on-site facilities manager (Thurles Lions Trust). The Pat O'Callaghan sports centre in Clonmel has been identified as a second rest centre and this facility will be operational by the end of April. This centre will be managed by the Clonmel Rotary Club.

Semi-Permanent Accommodation

These are facilities that will be utilised for the next 3 – 12 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 10 plus persons and/ or family homes which are currently vacant. Our roles involve scoping out the works that are required to reach a minimal standard, cost same and liaise with IPAS for sign off before progressing.
- Looking for expressions of interest from B&Bs, Hotels, Holiday Home Owners and others for temporary type accommodation and liaising with IPAS in relation to same.

Permanent Accommodation; The issue of permanent accommodation is being addressed at Departmental level.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee Work Prog	Completed
SPC Scheme	Completed
Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Completed
Service Delivery Plan 2020	Completed
Annual Report	Completed
Communication Strategy Implementation	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 28th April 2021 online via Zoom. The following items were discussed:

1. Roads Directorate Update: Liam Brett, Michelle Maher
2. Audit Report - Approved Housing Bodies Funding Scheme: Cora Morrissey
3. Update on outstanding internal audit recommendations: Sandra Maher
4. Progress update internal Audit Plan: Sandra Maher
5. Final NOAC Public Spending Code Report 2019: Sandra Maher
6. VFM Fire Service Expenditure and Income Dec 2020
7. LGAS Overview Report for the year ended 31 December 2019: Sandra Maher
8. MTO Management Letter: Liam McCarthy
9. Annual Financial Statements Management Letter: Liam McCarthy
10. 10.Draft AFS: Liam McCarthy

The next meeting is scheduled for 1st July 2021 online through Zoom.

Performance Indicators 2021

The deadline for compliance with the submission of data to the LG Returns system in respect of the 2021 performance is Friday 29th April 2022. A report on the indicator outcomes will be presented to the full Council and the audit committee following publication of the NOAC report later in the year.

Annual Report 2021

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

The draft plan was presented to the Council at the April meeting and the final report will be presented at the June meeting.

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 20th April 2022:

Pothole – 32
Public Liability - 15
Total Claims – 47

Coroner Service

Statistics for period 1st January to 30th April, 2022

No. of death certs issued: 179
No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 48
No. of Undertaker Removals: 30

Archives

In conjunction with the National Archives touring exhibition ‘The Treaty 1921, Records from the Archives’ Tipperary County Archives have organised a free public talk by Dr Leeann Lane, Dublin City University, on Mary MacSwiney, which will take place on 10th May in The Source Gallery, Thurles. Dr. Lane intends to publish her biography of MacSwiney later this year and continues to serve as an active member of the Expert Advisory Group on the Decade of Centenaries, to which she was appointed by the Taoiseach in 2012.



• Digitisation

As part of the Decade of Centenaries, the LGMA are supporting the digitisation of all County Council minute books for the period 1912 – 1923. We have been preparing the books for this and plan to carry this out over Q3-4 2022

To further advance the digitisation of our collections, the archive function has been engaged in the purchase of a heritage scanner and it is planned to have this operational by the end of June.

• Acquisitions of Note

We have continued to accession material from St. Luke’s Hospital and this project will continue for the rest of the year

• Records Management

We have been working on developing an e-learning module on what will be the council’s approach to records management and plan to commence roll-out to all staff in Q.3.

Communications

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 **March - April** include: -

- Centre of excellence Nenagh
- Ukrainian Refugee Crisis
- Promotion of Treaty Exhibition in Tipperary

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 **March - April** the following was posted.



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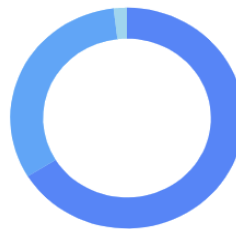
www.tipperarycoco.ie

Website audience overview March-April



What are your top devices?

Sessions by device



Mobile	66.2%	↓ 13.5%
Desktop	32.0%	↓ 31.9%
Tablet	1.8%	↓ 39.2%

What pages do your users visit?

- /planning/record-base...enquiry-system-eplan
- /planning/category-search-planning-records
- /housing/choice-base...ettings-new-approach
- /user
- /planning
- /your-council/all-current-vacancies
- /housing
- /housing/category-cbl
- /pay-for-it

FACEBOOK



March-April

Facebook Mapalerter campaign ran from 26 February – 12 March, target audience men and women aged over 40, which lead to 270 new subscribers. Tipperary County Council now has 2435 subscribers, this campaign resulted in a 10% increase in total subscribers to mapalerter

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📱🗺️📢 Stay up to date with local information through MapAlerter.ie 📱🗺️📢

MapAlerter.ie is a FREE service that delivers localised alerts and notifications for residents of Tipperary. Register to receive SMS, email and app notifications on the following

- 📱 Severe Weather Warnings
- 🗺️ Roa... [See more](#)

MAPALERTER.IE
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Top videos viewed

Virtual Senior Footballers

Virtual Rachel Blackmore

Video

- MapAlerter - FREE Council...**
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- Tipperary County Council Virtual...**
Tipperary County Council
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- Tipperary County Council Virtual...**
Tipperary County Council
01:33:44
- Are you registered to vote? The...**
Tipperary County Council
0:23
- The Draft Tipperary County...**
Tipperary County Council
0:46



TWITTER



March

MAR 2022 SUMMARY

Tweets	Tweet impressions
60	20.3K
Profile visits	Mentions
5,321	387
New followers	
28	

Top Tweet earned 3,171 impressions

What a great day for the premier county #Tipperary in #Cahir and #Cashel #RoyalVisitIreland
Lots of fun, laughter, dancing and song, a proud day for one and all. A huge thank you to all who participated.
#VisitTipperary #AllEyesAreOnTipperary @tippfood #CeoltasCeoltoiriEireann
pic.twitter.com/Locw0Mj3Be



Retweets: 1, Likes: 15

[View Tweet activity](#)

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Top mention earned 1,282 engagements

Gemma shouts for Tipp/Mayo/Wexford @wexfordhoney · Mar 1
I met a Mink on the Blueway in Carrick on Suir this afternoon.
@CarlowWeather @SuirBluewayTipp @PureRadioTipp @VisitTipp @TipperaryCoCo @PureRadioTipp #wildlife #wildlifephotography
pic.twitter.com/UA3BJ9m0YK



Retweets: 5, Likes: 9

[View Tweet](#)

April

APR 2022 SUMMARY

Tweets	Tweet impressions
31	8,056
Profile visits	Mentions
2,320	199
New followers	
18	

Top Tweet earned 380 impressions

Material Amendments (Stage 3) Draft #Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028. Review & make comments on the Material Amendments until 4pm Tuesday, 3 May 2022. Documents are available in local library, at municipal districts, civic offices and online
tipperarycoco.ie/cdp
pic.twitter.com/NRnb60VD3x



Retweets: 2, Likes: 3

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Top mention earned 530 engagements

Thurles Hour @ThurlesHour · Apr 18
Looks like lots of tarmacadam to be laid down along the bank of the River Drish. @npwsBioData recommend other materials be used close to water bodies. Walkers that want to enjoy nature probably expect @TipperaryCoGo to respect it.
#Ladyswell #Thurles
pic.twitter.com/O3pXOSqik



Retweets: 7, Likes: 12

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Achievements March- April 2022

March	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tipperary Tourism Promoting Terryglass</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Clonmel BD Powerwashed '98 man'</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Thurles MD New picnic tables at Templemore Park</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Sports Partnership Women in sport week</p>

	<p>Thurles MD</p> <p>Splash of colour Liberty Square Thurles</p>
<p>March</p>	
	<p>Fire and Rescue Services</p> <p>Test it Tuesday – Smoke Alarm</p>
	<p>Clonmel BD</p> <p>Stone bench installed on Blueway near Bulmers Clonmel</p>
	<p>Tipperary Studies</p> <p>Launching 'County Tipperary 1921-1923 – a history in 60 documents'</p>
	<p>Service of Remembrance in Holycross</p> <p>Remembering all those who died during the pandemic and those working on the frontline</p>
	<p>Promoting Tipperary Tourism in New York</p>

 <p>Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council</p> <p>Play It Again Instruments Project Have you got unused Musical Instruments at home, in your attic or your garage? Why not donate them to our Instruments Project!</p>	<p>Environment and Climate Action initiative</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p>	
	<p>Fire and Rescue Services</p> <p>TY Students participating in Youth Fire Service Programme</p>
	<p>Tipperary Age Friendly</p> <p>Business awareness and Dementia awareness training in Thurles</p>
	<p>Tipperary Arts</p> <p>Prism by Spraoi at Kickham Barracks Clonmel</p>
	<p>Thurles Municipal District</p> <p>New Tourism sign</p>

	<p>Thurles Municipal District</p> <p>New picnic tables at the Glebe Roscrea and composite benches and picnic tables in Toomevara</p>
	<p>Tipperary Sports Partnership</p> <p>Funding Opportunities for Sports Clubs & Organisations in Tipperary</p> <p>1) Coaching and Development Fund 2) Covid 19 Return to Sport Fund</p>
<p>April</p>	
	<p>Thurles MD</p> <p>Roscrea Tidy Towns busy at work</p>
	<p>Tipperary Arts Office</p>
	<p>Thurles MD</p> <p>Smart bins at Templemore Park</p>



Communications focus

Summary of some items
PLANNED for promotion
May - August 2022

Arts/Events/Festivals/Heritage
/Museum



Environment and Climate Action



Tidy Towns



LEO Tipperary



<https://mailchi.mp/96e622bec6f7/whats-happening-in-leo>



Fire and Rescue Services



Tourism



Promoting tourism in Tipperary



Libraries

Something for everyone



Roads



14-22 May





August bank holiday weekend



Customer Service Activity

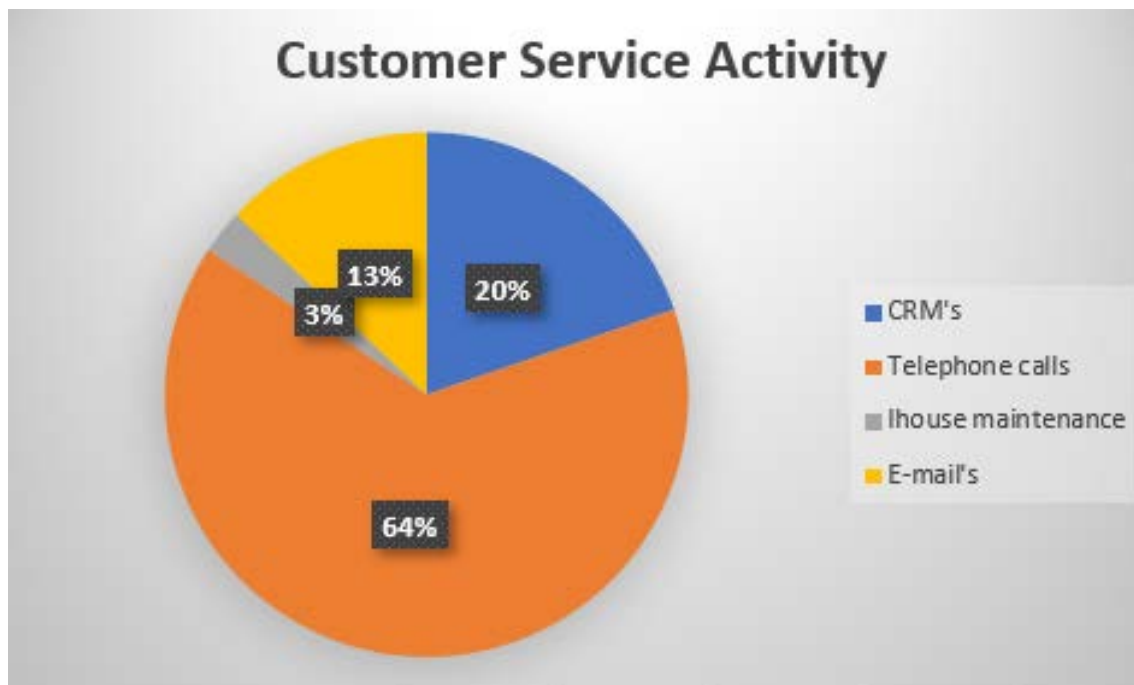
Period 1 March – 23 April 2022

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

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

Customer Service activity – CSD staff

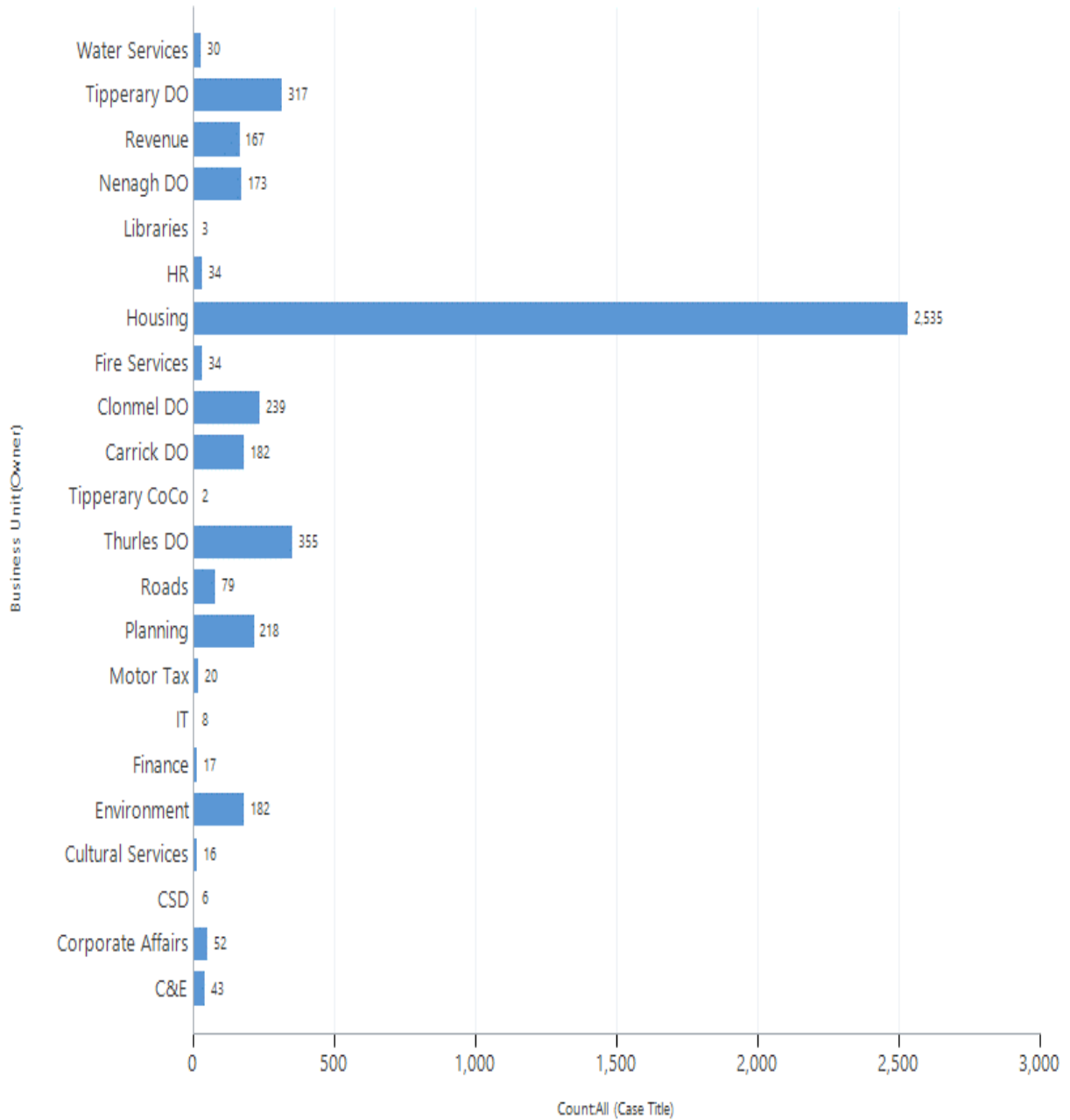
CRM's	4,704
Telephone calls	15,388
Ihouse maintenance	645
E-mail's	3,089
Total	23,826





CRM – Customer Relations Management System – breakdown per Section

Period 1 March – 23 April 2022



Youth Graduate Programme

A group of Irish students participated and completed a 20 week citizenship and democracy programme run by Graduate.ie and sponsored by Tipperary County Council, the winners of this programme were lucky enough to win a free 4 day educational trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg.

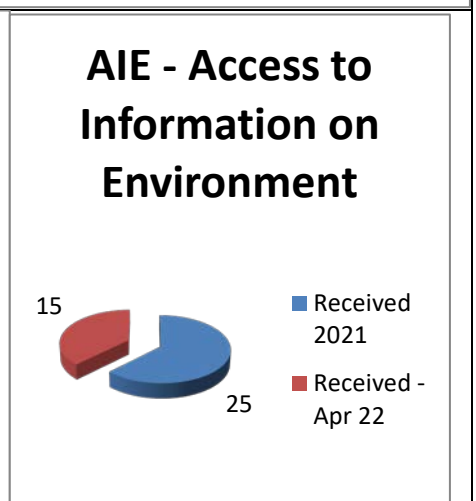
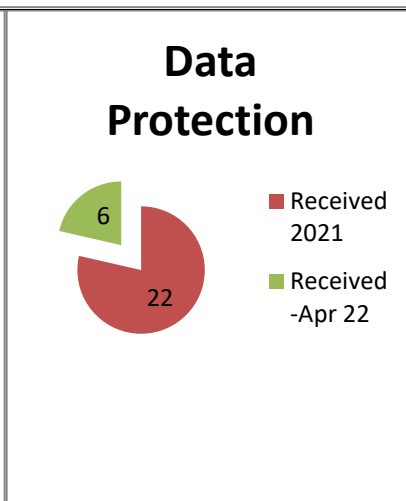
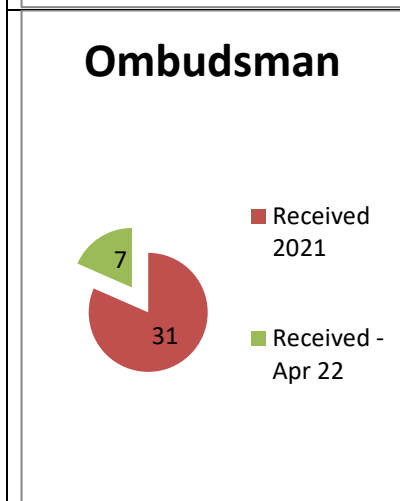
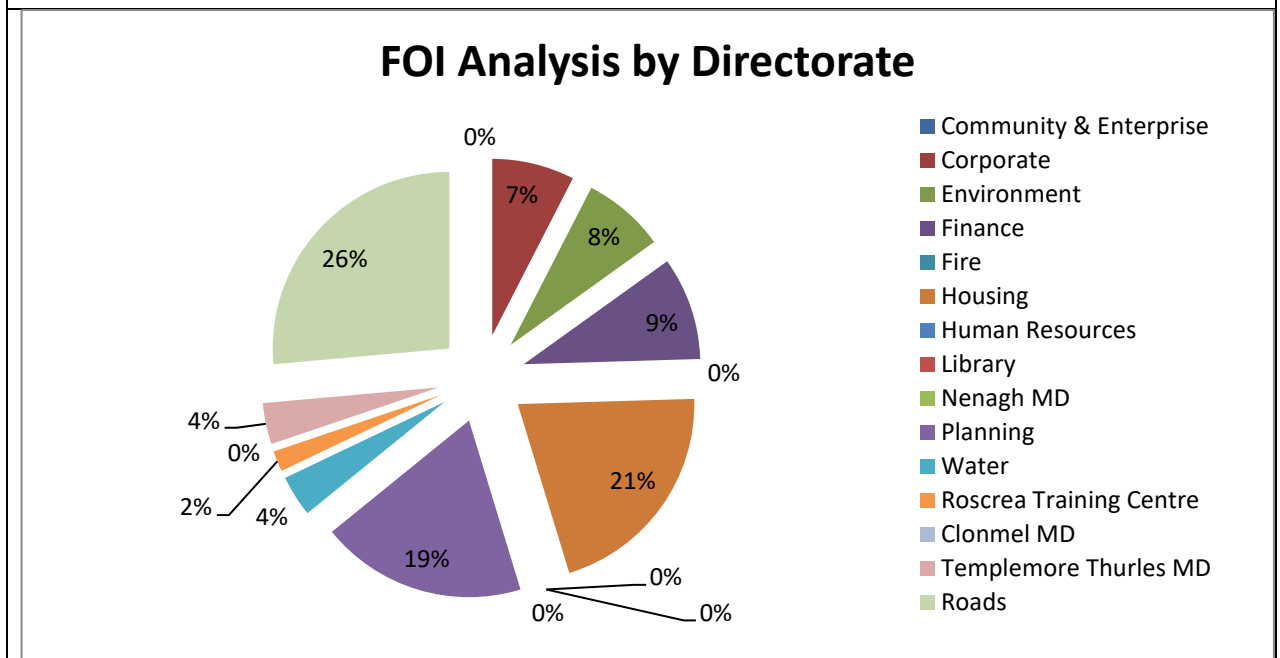
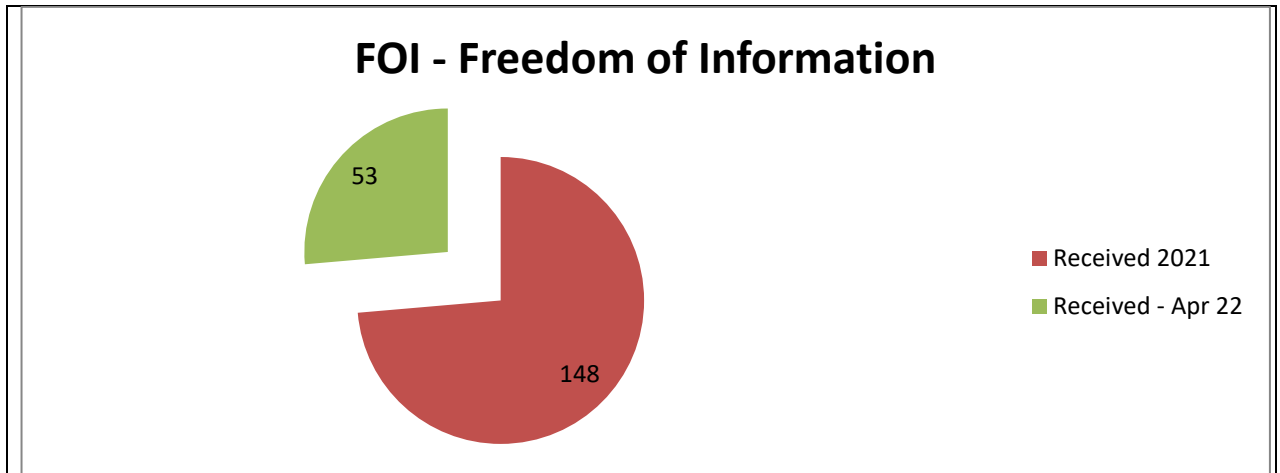


Tipperary was represented by Ms. Laoiseach Kinsella student Loretto Secondary School, Clonmel.

The highlight of the trip was one full day at the European Parliament in Strasbourg where they met with Sean Kelly MEP and they participated in a packed agenda with meetings on Ukraine, youth issues, mental health etc. The European President Roberta Metsola MEP also spoke with the group during their visit.

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí!

Information Management





Property Management

Central Property Unit has 197 active Transaction outstanding as of 26th April 2022, i.e. conveyance in relation to letting, disposal or acquisition of land or building.

Year	Transactions opened	Transactions Resolved
2020	131	144
2021	170	231
2022	55	34

Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council as of 26th April, 2022 (Disposals by transfer or letting where term is over one year)

Year	Approved	Outstanding	Resolved
2020	24	5	19
2021	30	7	23
2022	14	10	4



Schedule of Outstanding Section 183's

Year	Date	Address	Purchaser (Title)
2017	11/12/2017	Burgagery Lands East , Clonmel	Clonmel Business Development Park CLG
2020	13/07/2020	No. 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary	Timothy Sweeney
2020	14/09/2020	Knockmorris, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	Solar Sense Ltd, Roughty House, Park Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry
2020	12/10/2020	Callan Street, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary	Catherine O'Shea, Kilvemnon, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary
2020	12/10/2020	The Mall, Templemore	Donal Comerford, The Mall, Templemore, Co. Tipperary
2021	11/10/2021	Dromineer, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	Shannon Sailing Ltd
2021	11/10/2021	Dromineer, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	PJ Slattery and Sally Slattery
2021	13/12/2021	Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh	Spiltstone Ltd, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
2021	13/12/2021	Castlewaller, Newport, Co. Tipperary	Noel O'Gorman
2021	13/12/2021	Burgagery Lands East, Clonmel	Clonmel Business Development Park Ltd
2021	13/12/2021	Old Motor Tax Offices, Banba Square, Nenagh	Foróige - a youth development organisation
2022	14/01/2022	Loughtagalla, Thurles	Loughtagalla Park and Residential Association
2022	14/02/2022	Cahir Tourist Office, Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	National Tourism Development Authority T/A Fáilte Ireland
2022	14/02/2022	Clonakenny Playground, Clonakenny, Co. Tipperary	Clonakenny Tidy Village Group
2022	14/02/2022	Garrynatineel, Ballina, Co. Tipperary	John & Elizabeth Young
2022	11/04/2022	The Ragg, Bouladuff, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	William F. Callanan
2022	11/04/2022	Clonmel Garden Depot, Melview, Clonmel	Sonas Asset Holdings Ltd
2022	11/04/2022	Church Street, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary	Mr. Allan O'Rourke
2022	11/04/2022	The Ragg, Bouladuff, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	Mr. William F. Callanan
2022	20/04/2022	Church Street, Toomevara	Mr. Allan O'Rourke, 50 Glenville, Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15
2022	20/04/2022	Clonmel Garden Depot, Melview, Clonmel	Sonas Holdings (Dermot Dougan)