



Management Report to Council







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<u>16</u> 10:00 LCDC Mtg 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting	<u>17</u> 10:00 Cllr Workshop Uisce Éireann – Civic Offices Nenagh	<u>18</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting	<u>19</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting	<u>20</u>
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Economic Community and Rural Development Directorate

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues:</u>		
Policy Changes/Updates	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Local Economic and Community Plan	The Initial Implementation plan for the LECP is finalised and the the first monitoring period is from May 2024 to October 2024	
<u>Directorate Priorities</u>		
Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Funding announced for 16 projects, totalling €987,845 under the CRF		
Funding of €608,000 announced under ORIS Measure 2 and 3		
Students from Tipperary were awarded four national prizes winning 1 st place in the Student Enterprise Programme		

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC is delighted to welcome two new members Cllr Ryan Shiner and Cllr Murphy members. A new Chairperson will shortly be elected to replace the outgoing chairperson Mr Eoin Wolahan who has been in place since 2021 and who has done an excellent job. The LCDC members have finalised implementation of the previous LEADER programme and new projects under that programme will be coming to the LCDC in Q4

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The new SICAP programme commenced in January 2024 and a mid-year review was carried out in June. To date in 2024 the Development companies have supported fifty community groups and 679 individuals. Both companies have a target of 37 community groups to work with and a target of 486 individuals to work with by year end. The SICAP programmes North and South have a combined budget of €1,569,438 for 2024 with additional €251,412 for new arrivals (combined)

Local Economic and Community Plan

The LECP Plan was launched on June 19th in Thurles



The monitoring framework is in place at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/LECP>

The first reporting period is October 2024. Monitoring of the actions within the implementation plan will take place biannually after that. The LECP Advisory group will stay in place to oversee same.

Printed copies of both the LECP framework and the implementation plan are available to anyone who requires them.



Tipperary LEADER programme

The LEADER programme was officially launched for County Tipperary on April 22nd in Cabragh Wetlands.

Independent Evaluation Committees are now in place and both South

Tipperary Development Company and North Tipperary Development Company are actively seeking projects for the programme.

Local Enhancement Programme

€213,655.17 was awarded to Tipperary under the 2024 Local Enhancement Programme. The 291 successful community groups are in the process of carrying out their projects with many now complete.

Community Recognition Fund

In August, funding for 16 projects, totalling €987,845 was announced by the Department of Rural & Community Development for the County under the 2024 scheme. This major investment will support a diverse range of projects such as upgrades to sports facilities, community centres, parks, walking tracks, theatres and community gardens. The projects will be rolled out between 2024 and 2026.

In January 2025 a new funding window will open for applications to take into account new areas of need arising.



Upgrade of Templemore Playground recently completed under the 2023 scheme

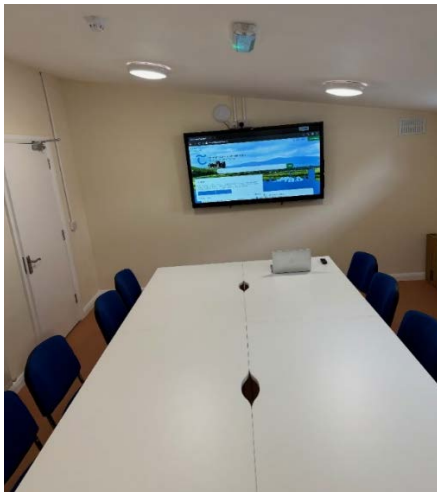
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023

On the 4th June the successful applications were announced under Measure 2 and Measure 3 of the 2023 ORIS scheme as follows:

- Lough Doire Bhile Enhancement Works €108,000
- Widening and Signage Improvements along Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway €500,000

Town and Village Renewal

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2024 will be announced in Q4 2024. Drawdown of projects funded in previous years is progressing well with some excellent projects being delivered through both the Municipal Districts and community groups.



Meeting room in the Digital Hub Mullinahone

(T&V funded- community led)



Viewing platform at Marfield provides beautiful views of the lake from a raised site (T&V funded and Clonmel BD led project)

Clár 2024 Funding

The Council submitted 15 applications under Clár Measure 1 Developing Community Facilities and Amenities or consideration by the Department of Rural and Community and Rural Development. Funding announcements on these projects are expected in October 2024.

Drawdown of projects funded in previous years is continuing with some fabulous projects being delivered by the Municipal Districts and community groups.



Community Ball Wall and 3G astro turf delivered by Knock GAA – Clár funded



Upgrade of Clogheen Playground delivered by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD – Clár funded

Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership



Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO 20th June

On Thursday 20th June Tipperary Age Friendly were delighted to host its annual Age Friendly EXPO in the TUS Campus in Thurles.

This is the 3rd Age Friendly EXPO held at the college campus. It featured 64 information stands ranging from Council Services including Community, Local Enterprise Office, Tourism, Sports Partnership, Fire Service, Libraries and Museum, Health, Housing, Technology, Family Resource and Community and Voluntary Sector.

We were delighted to have a brilliant range of speakers also on the day with diversity of topics. Speakers this year included John Lynch Solicitor, Aldo Matassa UPMC Medical, Ciara Farrell Age Friendly Ireland, Richie Molloy Family Carers Ireland, John Lonergan Tipperary Age Friendly Ambassador, Martin Moore Tipperary Fire Service,

Neil Dennehy Mindfulness, Tom Quinlan, Affordable Live in Homecare, Michelle Lonergan Irish Cancer Society, Mary D'Arcy FraudSmart and Pat Jones Circle of Friends Tipperary.

This event is the highlight and main activity of Tipperary Age Friendly annually. This event is arranged by the Age Friendly Programme Manager but with strong input from the Executive of the Older Peoples Council.



Migrants Integration

Diverse Tipperary-the Migrant Integration strategy was launched in 2023. All action leads were asked to provide a progress report on their action in May 2024. Actions are progressing across a number of areas including migrant participation and training.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel





Substance Use Action Plan updates

1) **Community Conversations**

Substance Use Subgroup meeting held on Monday 24th June. Dr Marie Walsh gave a presentation on the coded outputs from the 4 Community Conversations with an explanation of how the coding and findings of data was collated. She is currently working a further breakdown of data, mapping data to the action plan.

2) **Planet Youth Project**

- Partnership Agreement with Tipperary County Council and Icelandic Partners signed.
- Local SLA signed with local agencies TETB, CYPSC, SHCP, HSE, YWIT
- Planet Youth Iceland presented to wider stakeholders and schools providing overview on the 15th May 2024
- 16 currently schools signed up to Planet Youth to commence this year, anticipate that this will increase before rollout in Q3 2024.
- Plan to have Planet Youth host a joint Wicklow/Tipperary CYPSC & LCDC briefing session September 2024.
- Plan to have Planet Youth host a joint Wicklow/Tipperary briefing session for all newly elected Councils in September 2024.
- Tipperary Planet Youth promotional video recorded on 26th & 27th June with key stakeholders.
- Planet Youth Launch date 23rd September 2024.

3) **Youth Prescriber**

LDO met with Barnardos on the 9th July in relation to pilot for youth prescribers for 6- to 10-year-olds. Slaintecare LDO is working on a draft SLA for this pilot.

4) TUS Student Council Youth Festival will take place in September 2024.

5) **Drugs Rehabilitation CE Scheme**

STDC have specified an interest in becoming an implementing partner for Drugs CE scheme in Clonmel. A meeting was held on 22nd May with Community Employment, STDC, SERDATF and LDO to discuss scheme. STDC and Slaintecare LDO visited Kilkenny Special Drugs CE scheme on the 11th July. STDC will present the Special CE Scheme to their Board on the 1st August.

6) **Children & Young People's Consultation**

TCC submitted the Children & Young People's Consultation for quality of life in Clonmel to Tusla's Child and Youth participation awards. The application was shortlisted and some of the children and young people met with the participation officer on the 8th July. Following on from this meeting, Tusla's Participation Officer forwarded a report to the evaluation committee the end of July.

7) **Social Inclusive Network**

- The group agreed to look at a targeted campaign/programme which will address the barriers to clubs and organisations in

Clonmel including young people with additional needs in their clubs, such as fear, insurance and building accessibility.

- Derek, Rona (Volunteer Centre and Stephen (Sports Partnership) will work on this together.
- Derek will focus on non-sporting clubs with a view to addressing the above-mentioned barriers, and include an educational piece delivered by someone with lived experience.
- Following the planned 'integration training', those clubs and groups will be invited to a fair to showcase (September) what they have to offer. This will allow for the clubs and groups to be in one location, available and accessible.
- Music generation TETB we are ready to roll out a session to trial their research, they have decided to start with young people with Autism, and to focus on one group in the community at a time to assure meaningful provision and outcomes. They will run two workshops, one for under 8-12, and another for 13 and over.
- STAC have organised 6 x 1hr weekly sessions on Saturdays (September) for children and young people with disabilities.

through the Healthy Ireland funding in the Clogheen area and the health indicator been funded is to increase the social activity levels of people aged over 50+. Vee Valley Day Care in Clogheen is one of the delivering partners and a Karaoke machine was purchased as this is an activity that the participants enjoy and the Day care Centre were renting a machine which was not sustainable long term.

- Chair yoga classes and weekly physiotherapy classes were also funded through the healthy Ireland fund and the main aim is to increase the numbers engaging with the day care centre and also increasing their weekly social activities.



Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025

- Examples of some of the programmes been delivered

Healthy Tipperary and Tipperary PPN Health and Wellbeing Roadshow:

- Healthy Tipperary and Tipperary PPN are partnering up to deliver Health and Wellbeing roadshow across all 5 MDs. The roadshows are open to all community groups, and members of the public and at each roadshow there will be stands from people and agencies working in the health and wellbeing industry.
- In Each MD there will be a facilitation process where we will gather input and feedback from the public as to what Health and Wellbeing initiatives and what they would like the vision around health and wellbeing for the County.



Please Save the date
Tipperary County Council, Healthy Tipperary & Tipperary PPN are hosting:
Health and Wellbeing Roadshows
across the County on the following dates

- TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER IN THURLES
- TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER IN CASHEL
- TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER IN NENGAH
- TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER IN CLONMEL
- TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER IN FETHARD

more info to follow
www.tipperarycoco.ie
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Period & Hygiene Poverty

- Tipperary County Council has been awarded €15000 from the Department of Health for Period Poverty. Tipperary County Council will partner with the Tipperary County Library Network and the 3 Local Authority managed pools to provide funding to purchase period poverty products for their Facilities.
- 8 of the Family and community resource centres and 4 of the local youth service's and local development companies will also receive funding from Tipperary County Council.
- Expression of interest forms were sent out via e mail to all elected members and post put up on social media requesting groups to send in EOI forms deadline is 30th August. All EOI forms will be assed and funding paid out to groups in next few weeks.

Tipperary Mental Health Week 2024.

- Tipperary Mental Health Week will take place from 7th October to 13th October. This committee is made up of voluntary and statuary agencies that come together each year to highlight the services and work that is been done in the Mental health area.
- Each agency and groups involved put on different events and programmes across the week and the main event that will take place is a talk by John Longeran in TUS Thurles Campus on 9th October.

- The Launch of Tipperary Mental health Week will take place on 27th September @10.00am in Tus Thurles Campus.
- More info can be found on Social Media sites “Tipperary Mental health week” on Facebook and tippmhw on Instagram and on X @TippMHW

Make Way Day 2024



- Make Way day will take place on 27th september 2024. “Make Way Day” is a campaign that brings the disability and wider community together to consider the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces.
- It is led by the disability federation of Ireland and is a unique collaboration across Ireland and the Voluntary and local government sectors. But most of all it's about people with disabilities.
- The point of the day is to make the public aware of an issue that is fully within their power to change and highlighting how the misuse of disabled parking spaces can impact on the everyday lives of people with disabilities.
- This year Tipperary County Council will partner up with the Irish Wheel Cahir association

Tipperary Branch and each year a different town in a different MD is picked to hold the campaign in this year it will be in Carrick On Suir.

Comhairle na n-Óg

New Theme- Vaping and Drug were selected as the theme for the 2023-2024 term so work on defining and deciding how to action this is ongoing and forms the current work plan. New links to experts in this field are being established for 2024, including An Garda Síochána.

We have four subgroups reflecting the MD areas.

Tipperary/Cashel – This group is working on the issue of vaping and creating some social media and factual content on the issue and have done a survey with peers. Creating factual information about the issue is also planned.

Nenagh/Roscrea – This group will work on the issue of weed – full plan to still be decided. Other issues with the group have recently taken priority but hopefully they will return to this issue in the autumn.

Thurles/Templemore – This group are looking at festival drugs and hope to do a tips flyer on the risks involved and how to stay safe at social events. They will also be working on the AGM for 2024.

Clonmel/Carrick /Cahir – This group are planning an event to highlight the dangers and facts about cocaine use – **Still awaiting a meeting with HSE Drugs worker.**



Decision makers work:

Members from the Tipperary/Cashel subgroup again linked with Planet Youth to make a video following on from local consultations. This will be launched by Planet Youth in September.

4 members attended the Munster networking event in Limerick on 4th July to meet with other Comhairlí to share work and ideas.

Olivia Darcy took over from Jack Ryan as our National Delegate for the next 2 years in May and has attended two meetings to date.

Comhairle continues to link with and respond to any requests for consultations from CYPSC in Tipperary and our representatives attend CYPSC meetings.

The Comhairle link with Mental health week through Healthy Tipperary will happen again in September and October 2024.

Abigail Strappe is our National Assembly member from Tipperary and attends online and in person activities on our behalf. She will attend the upcoming Youth Assembly in September on Gender Equality in Dublin Castle.

Member Eoin Torpey was selected to join a Youth Advisory Group working on Education for Sustainable Development, He travelled to Dublin in July to attend his first meeting.

Olivia Darcy has been linking with Cllr. Andy Moloney in Cahir and from that the South Tipperary members will now be involved in the Community Day in August in Inch Field and will oversee a fun *Colour Run* and information staff for young people at the event. This link to Macra na Feirme in Tipperary is a new one for Comhairle.

The strong Comhairle link with Tipperary PPN continues and an input on Community Champions for Climate Action will happen at the September meeting.

Tipperary Children & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)

Tipperary CYPSC continues to implement and progress the Children and Young People's Plan 2022-2025, through its membership of over 31 statutory and non-statutory agencies and services across the county.

The following are some key areas of work currently in process:

1. Planet Youth Tipperary, as a partner for implementation Planet Youth is progressing positively.
2. Progressive Pathways Fair, there are plans for a Progressive Pathways Fair for November 7th 2024, 10am-1pm. It will be held in the Talbot Hotel Clonmel. The fair is for information on pathways to further education, training and employment for young people with additional needs and or a disability.



Speakers will include employers, young employees and training and education centres, the DSP and Occupational Guidance service.

3. Tipperary Parent Hub website will launch on the 23rd September. The Tipperary Parents Hub website will replace the Tipperary CYPSC website. It will include the Tipperary Services Directory, Resources, News and Events for parenting and family life across the county. There will be further information on accessing advice and services for support available through contacting the North and South Tipperary Parent Hub Workers based in Barnardos in North and South Tipperary.

There are many other initiatives underway through Tipperary CYPSC and for any further information you can contact Tipperary CYPSC Coordinator, stephanie.ocallaghan1@tusla.ie

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The full Local Authority Integration Team has been established with Lindsay Cleary as Coordinator, Gráinne O'Malley (South) and Orla McNamara (North) as Integration Support Workers, and Vivienne O'Donnell as Admin Support.

Integration Clinics are being held on a weekly basis in congregated settings across the county, meeting with and providing information to International

Protection Applicants (IPs) and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs), and signposting them to the relevant services.

Two new Integration Working Groups, north and south, are being established in the coming months representing agencies working with IPs and BOTPs in the county, and reporting to the Community Integration Forum. The purpose of these Working Groups is to provide a space for collaborative inter-agency work, avoid duplication, and identify gaps in services.

Ukraine Response Team

The Ukraine Response Team formerly sat under the Housing Section and are now being coordinated by Lindsay Cleary alongside the LAIT. The focus of this team is on the administration of the Offer A Home pledge programme and the wrapping up of the Refurbishment Programme for Ukrainian emergency accommodation.

An Information Note relating to the accommodation of BOTPs and IPs in Co. Tipperary, and in particular on the decision-making and communication flow of same, was circulated to Elected Members in May. **A copy of this Information Note is included on pages 35-37 below.**



Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership has developed and is implementing its 2024 Operational Plan. To date, TSP has successfully secured over €626,000 for the development of sports and physical activities in the County for 2024.

In May and June 3 Activator Walking programmes were completed in Cahir, Nenagh & Fethard with 45 participants engaging in the programme which took place over 6 weeks.



Activator Pole Walking in Nenagh

In May, TSP is linked with Cycling Clubs across the County to deliver activities for BikeWeek 2024 which took place from 11th to 19th May. 13 groups were supported to deliver 19 cycling activities in Carrick, Cahir,

Clonmel, Cloughjordan, Nenagh, Kilsheelan, Tipperary Town, Upperchurch and Roscrea. 465 people took part in activities throughout the week. TSP ran 3 online initiatives through social media. Ballycahill NS won the Schools Bike Week Competition.

Paddles Up Schools Programme was delivered in the Hub in Clonmel, 142 students took part from 4 Secondary Schools in Clonmel. An Integrated Paddling Programme was delivered in Cahir with Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, 62 students taking part. An 8 week Inclusive Paddling Programme was delivered in Cahir, 29 young people with disabilities took part. An Inclusive Paddles Up programme was delivered with 15 participants from the National Learning Network in Clonmel.

A 6 week 'Intro to Kayaking' for adults was delivered in June/July in Kilgarden Quay on Lough Derg with 12 participants.



Intro to Kayaking, Lough Derg

On the 15th June, 'You Can Move It' Day was supported with Canoeing Ireland, Clonmel Canoe Club & Cancer

Care. 15 Cancer Survivors took part in the initiative.

In July, TSP and Canoeing Ireland delivered 4 Summer Camps 'For the Love of It' in Clonmel with 41 participants. The camp included kayaking, slalom, freestyle and stand up paddleboarding activities.



'For the Love of It' Summer Camp

Support is been provided for a new Canoe Club in Carrick on Suir. TSP linked with Canoeing Ireland and facilitated a Teen Connect Activity in May.

In August, TSP is currently planning 'Paddle Sisters' Kayaking on Lough Derg, Into To Mountain Biking, Dragon Boat Taster and Into to Mountaineering in Clonmel as part of Her Outdoors Week 12th – 18th August.

TSP supported Fethard Town Park & Fethard Athletic Club to establish a Junior Park Run. The first event took place on the 17th June with 70 children taking part. The event takes place every Sunday morning at 9:30 in Fethard Town Park.

In July & August, TSP working with Tipperary Revitalisation group delivered a 6 week activity programme on the MUGA in St. Michaels Ave in Tipperary Town. 38 young people from the area engaged in Soccer, Basketball, Rugby & GAA.



MUGA Programme, Tipperary Town

A Boccia programme was delivered in Nenagh for 2 older adult groups, Capporoe & Ballymackey Womens Sheds and completed in June.

The rollout of the Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike programme continues. 3 Rounds of the programme has been delivered to 18 Preschools across the County with 485 toddlers taking part to date.

A School Olympic Handball Blitz was held on the 5th June in the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre with Olympic Handball. 105 participants from 4 schools – Kiladangan NS; Monestary CBS; St. Josephs Girls NS & Aille NS took part on the day.

TSP is working with Clonmel Rowing Club and Rowing Ireland, to date 7 Schools have participated in the 'Get Going Get Rowing' from the Clonmel area, 235 young people took part.

A Summer Sports & Wellness programme is currently running with Foroige in Nenagh for 6 weeks.

An 8 week Boccia programmes was delivered in BorrISOleigh with over 60 service users taking part.

In June/July a 5 week 'Swimming Women Midlife' programme was delivered in Ballina Outdoor Pool with 29 participants.



Women's Midlife Outdoor Swimming

The Annual Older Adult Festival took place on the 13th May in the Anner Hotel in Thurles with 47 older adults attending. A series of 6 Go for Life Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) Workshops was delivered in Thurles.



Older Adult Festival

A 6 week Walking Football Programme in partnership with the FAI was delivered with Cashel Mens Shed.

Tippfm teamed up with TSP to promote a Couch to 5k Initiative, 5 listeners joined Tipp Fm's Stephen Keogh on an 8-week journey to achieve 5k which was ran in Templemore Park.

In July, linked with TRTP to provide Handball programme for traveller men in the Canon Hayes Sports Centre. It is expected further programmes will commence in the coming weeks.

TSP have planned 6 Safeguarding 1 and Safeguarding 2 & 3 Workshops for the Autumn. Registration is now open

TSP Coaching & Development Fund for Sports Clubs closed on the 16th May. 53 clubs were allocated funds, €43,560 awarded.

Through funding from Dormant Accounts, TSP purchased a hoist for Clonmel Pool along with Sports Wheelchairs which will be placed in Fethard Town Park and Clonmel Sports

Hub and a handcycle for use on the athletic track in the Hub to support people with disability to be active.

TSP and Tipperary Council successfully applied for funds to develop a County Outdoor Strategy for Tipperary. A working group is in place and the process will commence soon.

All TSP activities are promoted on social media channels, Facebook, X and Instagram.



This report is an update on football initiatives and development within Tipperary between June and August 2024. Following on early 2024 we have continuing to implement and support of programmes, clubs and leagues to continue to grow football participation for all in Tipperary and engaging heavily on a new FAI Football Pathways Plan.

FAI FOOTBALL PATHWAYS PLAN.

The football pathways plan is based upon a 12-year vision with clear actions in both the short and long-term. The strategy has been informed by a deep analysis of benchmarking data, comprehensive research, and a detailed consultation process. The three core areas of the strategy focus on Participation, Pathways and Performance.

The goal is to increase the number and quality of participation experiences for all; to develop clearer, stronger, and more rewarding pathways and to produce players, teams and coaches, at club and country level, for boys and girls, men, and women, that are as successful as they can be.

The Football Pathways Plan was launched in February and development offices have since been working with the leagues and clubs in the county to support the delivery of the new plan.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

FAI Club Mark

The FAI Club Mark is a series of accreditation awards for grassroots clubs based on best practice in the governance, management and administration of a club. To achieve the award(s) a club must complete a list of criteria that fall under the headings of:

1. Club Governance and Administration
2. Player and Coach Development
3. Creating Opportunities for Underage Players

Clubs are assisted through each part of the process by supporting documents, club meetings and provision of coach education and safeguarding training.

Having completed the FAI One star award Moneygall FC were invited to participate in the pilot programme for the new FAI Club Mark Two Star award, the club has since met the criteria for the Two Star award making



them one of the first of only 8 clubs in Ireland participating in the pilot phase of the programme. To meet the criteria for the Two Star Award, Moneygall have now put measures in place to improve operations at the club including:

- Development of a strategic plan
- Club based referee.
- Appointed a Head of football
- Appointed a Head of Goalkeeping
- Provide recreational football opportunities.
- Community Engagement
- One first aider per team
- Proof of sustainability/ renewable technology at the club
- Multiple UEFA Licence coaches
- Gender balance across the club (teams / coaches & committee)

Lough Derg FC have achieved the One-star award.

Meetings were held with 26 clubs in Tipperary in April to support their application.

(Arra Rovers, BT Harps, Cloughjordan FC, Knigh Utd, Nenagh Celtic, Newport Town, Rearcross FC, Shinrone FC, Borrisokane FC, Clodiagh Rangers, Nenagh AFC, Ardcroney FC, Peake Villa Silvermines FC, Slievenamon Celtic/kilsheelan United, Clonmel Town FC, Suirside FC, Clonmel Celtic FC, Old Bridge FC, Mullinahone FC, Ballingarry Albion FC, Killenaule / Moyglass Ladies FC, Cashel Town Schoolboys/Girls FC, Tipperary Town FC, Suirside FC, Rosegreen Rangers FC)

All of the above clubs have registered for the entry level award and working towards achieving the award.

In addition Nenagh Celtic are also at the advanced stages of the application process and are expected to complete the process in the coming months whilst Birdhill FC, Ballymackey FC, Killavilla FC, Holycross FC, Moneygall, Lough Derg, have now all achieved the entry level award.

Club Project

Club project is a new initiative to further support clubs who have completed the club mark award or have applied for the club mark. Development officers will run a series of programmes throughout the year to support clubs with their development. This includes workshops, practical sessions, assistance with governance, volunteer training and committee support.

Club project workshops to date:

Club Mark / Governance and child welfare club support workshop – 19 clubs in attendance

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Ballymackey FC, Moneygall FC, Peak Villa FC and Cahir Park AFC Football for all club programme continues a weekly basis providing opportunities for players with disabilities to play regular football. A 6-week programme with participants in St Cronans in Roscrea ran in April/May in conjunction with Moneygall FC to promote the clubs Football for all section.

Football For All sessions also continue weekly in Clonmel Town FC with Rehab Care Clonmel, Bridgewater Clonmel &



Journeyman Program from Carrick on Suir. Ongoing support will also be provided to clubs who currently have FFA Club sections and to those setting up FFA Club sections.

2024 FAI Football Camps

The INTERSPORT Elverys FAI Football Camps programme have grown to become the largest programme in the Grassroots Department of the Football Association of Ireland.

In total twenty-one FAI Summer Camps took place over July and August in (Peake Villa FC, Moneygall FC, Arra Rovers FC, Shinrone LFC, Borrisokane FC, Arra Rovers FC, Rearcross, Newport Town AFC, Clodiagh Rangers FC, Killavilla FC, BT Harps FC, Birdhill FC, Slievenamon Celtic Kilsheelan United FC, Galbally United FC, Clonmel Town FC x 2, St Michael's Schoolboays FC, Two Mile Borris St Kevin's FC, Shanbally United FC, Cashel Town FC and Cahir Park AFC.

Over 60 staff were recruited and trained to work on the camps for 2024.

UEFA DISNEY PLAYMAKERS

Peake Villa, BT Harps, Birdhill FC, Nenagh AFC, Moneygall FC, Cloughjordan FC, Cahir Park AFC, Slievenamon Celtic/Kilsheelan Utd, Killenaule Moyglass Ladies FC and Galbally United, Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC ran block 1 of the Playmakers programme. Preparations are underway for block 2 of the programme which will see Borrisokane FC, Rearcross FC and Clodiagh Rangers FC and Tipperary Town FC join as

additional clubs running the programme.

Training will be provided for the new and existing clubs for block 2.

KICKFIT

Kick Fit is a fun, non-competitive social programme for women with the primary aim to keep fit and create a social group, while encouraging recruitment of coaches and players to clubs. It is managed by each club and supported by FAI Development Officers and FAI Women's Football Programme Coordinators.

BT Harps, Moneygall FC, Nenagh Celtic FC, Birdhill FC, Peake Villa FC, and Clonmel Town FC ran the programmes for 8 week blocks over the summer months. Planning is underway for club blitzes between the groups with the first blitz being held in BT Harps at the end of August. The programme will also continue to be club led after the 8 week blocks.

WALKING FOOTBALL

The Brothers of Charity and Cashel Mens Shed / Spafield Family Resource centre participated in blocks of Walking Football at the Tipperary Sports Hub, Tipperary Town and Cashel respectively.

FAI COACH EDUCATION & SAFEGUARDING

- PDP 1 x 4 (48 participants)
- PDP 2 x 4 (50 participants)
- PDP 3 x 1 (Scheduled August 31st)
- 1 x GK Fundamentals (21 participants)

- 1 x Coach & Parent Volunteer Coach Workshop (21 participants)
- 1 x Referee Beginners Course (20 participants)
- Safeguarding 1 Course x5 (147 participants)
- 1 x Safeguarding 2 Course (20 participants)
- Awareness and coaching disability football (15 participants)

Female Only Coach Education

- Female coach education was held in 2024 on the PDP 1 and PDP 2 with courses held in Nenagh AFC for coaches across Tipperary.

EMERGING TALENT PROGRAMME (ETP):

ETP league squads have been supported at both boys' and girls' levels from U12-U16. In addition, Tipperary boys and girls have been supported within Regional Centres of Excellences on a weekly basis.

YOUTH & OUTREACH

In July a block of sessions at St Michaels Avenue MUGA pitch in Tipperary Town in collaboration with Tipperary Sports Partnership, Tipperary Sports Hub, An Garda Siochana, Tipperary Town Revitalisation, Knockanrawley Resource Centre and Three Drive Family Resource Centre took place with children aged from 5-8 and 9-12.

TOURISM



Networking

Almost 30 representatives from tourism businesses across County Tipperary gathered in Carrick-on-Suir in July for a novel, engaging and active networking occasion. The event combined historical exploration, refreshments, lively discussions and getting active outdoors, designed to foster collaboration and strengthen local tourism business connections.

The itinerary included an OPW hosted guided tour of the historic Ormond Castle, refreshments at the Carraig Hotel and an hour-long cycle, including a few electric bikes, along the scenic River Suir Blueway, facilitated by Tom Treacy's Blueway Bike Hire. This showcased the Blueway as a valuable local asset for promoting wellness and tourism.

This networking event was one of a series of opportunities organised by Tipperary Tourism. The next Tipperary Tourism networking event is planned for Tuesday 17th September, convening at Cloughjordan House followed by a local walk. 14 people have already registered to attend this.



Industry Training

Smartphone Photography Course

Two full-day, hands-on photography workshops with professional photographer Eugene Langan were organised at the start of July. Eugene tailor-made the courses for tourism businesses needing improved indoor and outdoor images for social media, websites, and other uses.

The strong interest in this topic aligns with the needs highlighted during Tipperary Tourism's Training Needs Assessment conducted last year. County Tipperary Skillnets provided financial support in running these workshops, which took place at the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina, and the Minella Hotel, Clonmel.



Enhance Your Digital Marketing Skills Programme

This course aims to enhance digital marketing skills and is tailored for the tourism sector, commencing on Friday afternoons from September 6th. Organised by Tipperary Tourism, delivered by The Marketing Crowd, and subsidised by the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office (LEO), this six-week online programme promises invaluable insights and guidance on honing digital marketing skills. The course is already fully booked, with a wait list – once again reflecting the demand for digital upskilling amongst tourism operators.



Ryder Cup Accommodation Briefing

While the Ryder Cup is somewhat in the distance, the Tipperary Tourism Officer recently attended the 2027 Ryder Cup Accommodation Briefing at the Limerick Strand in June. At the event, the Ryder Cup Director highlighted the global significance of the event, sharing impressive statistics from the 2023 Ryder Cup in Rome and emphasising the critical role of

accommodation availability in the planning process, even three years out.



Media Coverage

Extensive coverage in Irish Times over the summer, promoting Tipperary attractions, courtesy of journalist, John G. O'Dwyer.

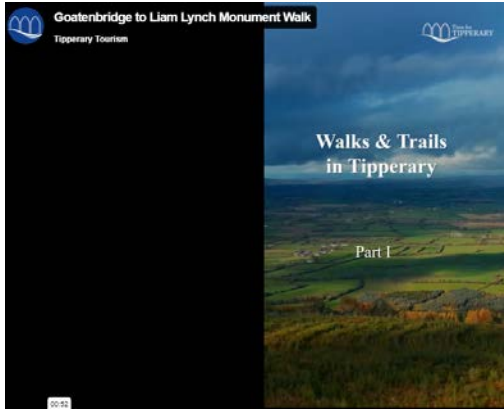


Content Creation

The Tracks and Trails programme aired earlier this year on RTE, with hugely positive feedback and impressive Exposure for Walking in Tipperary. It continues to be viewed daily on RTE Player & YouTube.

Incorporating some of the footage captured for this programme and footage from previous programmes aired on RTE, three walking trails videos were commissioned for use on Tipperary Tourism's social channels. The 3 short walking themed videos included:

- Graves of the Leinstermen to Toutinna
- Goatenbridge to the Liam Lynch Monument
- Coronation Walk: Cahir to Swiss Cottage



St. Declan's Way

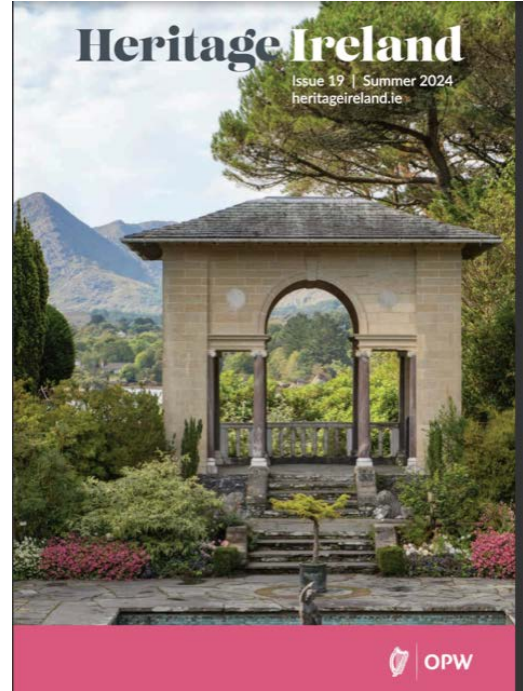
A group of St. Declan's Way stakeholders met with a representative who chairs a federation of councils on the Camino Ingles in Galicia in Spain, in Mount Melleray in August. The Spanish authorities have agreed that 25km can be walked in Ireland or the UK and can be combined with 75km from Ferrol to Santiago to qualify for a pilgrim compostela or certificate at the end of the route. St Declan's Way is a qualifying route for the Irish 25km.

OPW Collaboration

Tipperary Tourism supported OPW recently in the promotion of the Butler Trail and subsequent publication of an article in their Summer publication Heritage Ireland.

Prizes were also secured towards the organisation by OPW of a competition based on visiting Tipperary heritage

sites and staying in Tipperary.



Feature

Explore the medieval heartlands of Kilkenny and Tipperary to discover centuries of drama, romance, intrigue and deadly rivalries as you follow in the footsteps of the powerful Butler dynasty.

The Butler Trail

Maele Champenois and Peter Kenny



As the main Irish residence of the Butler Family, Kilkenny Castle is deeply intertwined with the story of one of the most powerful dynastic families in Ireland. The Butler Family left a tangible legacy within Kilkenny city and county but also beyond in the neighbouring county of Tipperary.

Arriving in Ireland with Prince John in 1185, Theobald Walter, founder of the powerful Butler family, was granted the *Pincuma Domini* Comis Moretonise in Hiberna, the hereditary office of Chief Butler of Ireland, as well as a sizeable amount of land in North Munster. This land later developed into the Palatinate of Tipperary which was granted by Edward III to James Earl of Ormond in 1328.

The Butler Family had an immense influence in Tipperary and left marks of their heritage with multiple castles and buildings that can still be visited today as part of the Butler Trail. The trail provides a unique opportunity to learn about Irish history through the stories of the Butler family and highlights the connections and shared stories between Kilkenny Castle and other OPW sites.

Kilkenny Castle
Credit: Flickr Ireland

Butler Genealogy
Credit: Office of Public Works,
Kilkenny Castle Collection

The Main Guard Courthouse,
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Credit: Tipperary Tourism



James Butler, First Duke of Ormond, who transformed Kilkenny Castle into a French chateau at the restoration of the monarchy, is responsible for the present Main Guard. At the height of his political power, James commissioned this elegant building in 1674 to serve as the courthouse of the Palatinate. In March 1689, it had hosted James II who rested here on his way to his reception in Dublin. The Main Guard had multiple functions over the centuries and its name is a reminder that the building was once upon a time used as an army barracks.

The Main Guard, Clonmel

Brochure Distribution

Several times over the summer, a delivery of tourism brochures was made to key accommodations and tourist offices, including the Tipperary Tourism membership stickers.



Littleton Labyrinth

The Littleton Labyrinth walkway/ cycleway runs through the Littleton Bog through Bord na Mona peatlands. The track follows the old peat rail line that was used to transport peat during peat production. The project is funded by EU Just Transition Funding and Tipperary County Council. It commenced in November 2023 and is 7.2Km long and runs from the existing Loch Dhoire Bhile lake to Derrynaflan. This section is now 100% complete. The Littleton Labyrinth branding was funded via Leader, and this is now present on signs that have been installed at the starting point.

Thoroughbred Country

A recent Interim Review on the Destination and Experience

Development Plan took place. The Tourism Officer attended a workshop to identify a strategy for development of a calendar of incorporating Equine-related events, such as horse-racing along with other Kildare and Tipperary festivals and events.

EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator

The EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator is in place to support tourism start-ups and existing providers in the Just Transition Territory of Carrick and Thurles Municipal District by igniting potential tourism projects in communication campaigns via in-person events or online, advocating the capabilities of tourism development among potential applicants and ensuring tourism providers apply to Scheme B under the Just Transition Scheme.

The Tourism Activator has been working with potential applicants to elicit quality project proposals and grant applications through the devising of detailed business, project and visitor experience plans that resonate in increased dwell time, sustainable practices where there is enough for visitors to experience ultimately creating a revenue generator for private and community SMEs.

Information Webinar

An online Webinar took place on the 10th of June 2024 which provided an overview of Scheme B Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs under the Fáilte Ireland Regenerative Tourism and Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026 as part of the EU Just Transition Fund.

There has been a positive interest from potential tourism providers and existing businesses in developing visitor experiences including activities, and eco-friendly accommodation.

The Tourism Activator has been working on the ground with the trade harnessing sustainable concepts within tourism.

The Expression of Interest stage closed 02nd of July 2024. To date, over 30 Expressions of Interest have been submitted. Applicants deemed eligible are invited to Phase 2 of the application process. The EOI approved and invited to the application stage projects seeking €50,000 to €1.7m from activity enhancement to accommodation development. The EOI process takes 6 weeks to evaluate by Fáilte Ireland.

The Tourism Activator is working with each applicant to ensure that each element of the application process is to a high standard and submitted promptly through the Fáilte Ireland Portal. The application stage closes on the 13th of January 2025 and applications are assessed on a strict criterion and a first come first served approach.

Marketing 101 Webinar

The Tourism Activator conducted a marketing webinar on the 6th of August to support Just Transition Applicants whom are applying to scheme B.



→ **Marketing 101 Webinar**

→ **Tuesday 6th of August @ 3PM**

Marketing Webinar to support applicants at Phase 2 of Scheme B of the Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs, co-funded by the Government of Ireland.
Practical information to support your Sales and Business Plan in the following areas:

- Market Segmentation
- Target Market
- Digital and Traditional Marketing
- Action Plan
- Tool kits

Please register directly with mairead.winters@tipperarycoco.ie



The webinar was rolled out to all applicants across the Just Transition region with positive attendance and feedback on the information required to ensure a strong marketing and sales plan. The information communicated provided tools that will assist the overall understanding of the sales and marketing element of the business plan and that of marketing in general to support their application and thus business in the process.

Sustainable Tourism Networks

The Tourism Activator along with Tipperary Tourism Marketing Officer and Munster Vales Destination Manager attended a workshop on 08th August hosted by Fáilte Ireland to analyse stages of existing tourism networks within the county and to look at ways of strengthening existing networks and identify gaps in tourism networks. The next stage will involve the Tourism Activator mapping out these networks across Tipperary ensuring that Just Transition applicants are leveraging from these essential tourism networks.

Littleton Buscraft Feasibility Report

The inception meeting of the feasibility report relating to the development of the Bushcraft Survival and Activity

Centre took place on July 31st with the consultants appointed Nicholas de Jong Associates and Repucon Consulting. The steering group consists of stakeholders Bord Na Móna and TCC representation in ensuring that the feasibility report captures the brief and aligns with recreational and regenerative tourism objectives.

Explore Carrick

The Explore Carrick brand launches during Heritage Week on August 17th with a full day of fun-filled community activities to support the official launch of the brand designed to showcase Carrick and the hinterland as a tourism destination. There has been significant work implemented to develop the brand and enhance the tourism prospectus in Carrick On Suir.



Marketing

Public Relations

Munster Vales has held three press trips between April and August with high profile content creators from Cork, Tipperary and Dublin. They visited a total of 24 businesses. The content that was produced from these trips reached over 400,000 people and made them aware of this destination and influenced them to book their staycations in the Tipperary and wider Munster Vales region. There are three more press trips planned for the coming months which will focus on the Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Fethard, Cashel and Tipperary tourism attractions and walks.



Social Media

The most recent analytics on the Munster Vales social media channels has shown that our market is 89% Irish with the main demographic aged between 35-55 years old with 72% of followers being female. The main focus



has been on rolling out a number of content series, showcasing things to do and businesses to support in the Tipperary and Munster Vales region. These series have consistently performed well, building anticipation and engagement as followers look forward to recurring themes.

New Images & Videos

Munster Vales recently commissioned local photographer Tommie McDonnell to capture content in the Galtee Mountains as recommended by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland.



Discover Lough Derg Website

Website build.

DLD has sought tenders for the build of new website after securing funding from Fáilte Ireland. This website should be commissioned December 2024.

E-Bikes Feasibility Study

E bike feasibility study commenced at the end of May. The report has been completed and will be presented to the board of Destination Lough Derg in early September. This report aims to develop a safe e-Biking route (c.160km) that optimises the beauty & diversity of Lough Derg.

Lough Derg Legendary Food Trails



Funding has been secured for an extension of the Lough Derg Legendary Food Trails program under the Agri food tourism scheme, recently evaluated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland and Bord Bia. Following on from 2023 Project it is hoped to further expand the food trail and incorporate several new businesses further expanding the scope for tourism clusters in the region. Matched funding of 9% required to complete this project.

In 2023, Destination Lough Derg initiated the Lough Derg Legendary Food Trails program with the backing of the Agri-Food Tourism Initiatives under the 2023 Rural Innovation and Development Fund (RIDF). The pilot programme successfully brought together six food businesses and six supporting businesses to craft three legendary food trails.

Gaelforce

The Gaelforce Lake Fest took place on Lough Derg in Mountshannon, Clare from July 12th to 13th, 2024. It was a celebration of open-water swimming in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands which attracted 358 swimmers on the day and several others registering on line but not showing up on the day. In addition to the swimming there were many other attractions at this festival.

GAELFORCE LAKE FEST - LOUGH DERG, MOUNTSHANNON - 12 & 13 JULY 2024



Resonance Festival

Resonance: This micro-festival is back for a second year. It promotes innovation, creativity and sharing ideas will take place in Ballina/Killaloe on September 4th and 5th, this festival sold out last year and this year offers an expanded programme of art, live music, and innovative thinking, thought provoking workshops converge against the backdrop of Lough Derg's serene landscapes.

Dromineer

Planning has been approved for accessible changing area on the original footprint of the changing area. Services room has relocated to an area adjacent to this building.

Consultant has been appointed. Project will be carried out in two stages – stage one is demolition of the existing facility, stage two construction. Stage one will commence September 2024.

RV Site needs to be designed and planning applied for which will likely involve An Bord Pleanála as this is a special area of conservation. A consultant needs to be procured for

the project. Waterways Ireland and Fáilte Ireland are due to launch new national strategy for RV sites. Application will need to be adjusted to include recommendations.

Waterways Ireland Shannon and Shannon-Erne Waterway Interpretation Scheme

Discovery Points (Tandem Update)

Waterways Ireland Shannon and Shannon-Erne Waterway Interpretation Scheme

Discovery/Signature points are agreed and a product launch of the style, Interpretation scheme, standards and branding took place in the Hudson Bay Hotel on Wednesday 07 May 2024.

In addition to the Signature points there will be one artistic installation per county. The location for Tipperary will be the lookout.

Details of artistic installation for each county currently under discussion with all 9 counties councils' Arts officer.

Information Sharing

Age Friendly Expo

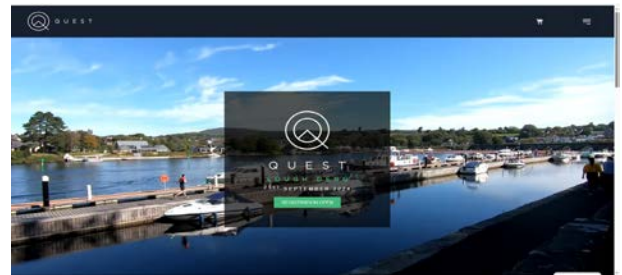
Destination Lough Derg. Took part in the age friendly expo which took place in the Tus campus in Thurles. This was a very busy event with great interaction from attendees.

Quest Lough Derg.

Destination Lough Derg Group, Tipperary County Council & Fáilte Ireland will provide funding for Quest 2024. This is the final year in a 3-year funding agreement. Quest Lough Derg needed to change the date of their

event, due to the fishing competition on the 14th September. Quest Lough Derg will on the 21st of September.

Additional Temporary Accommodation will be provided through the provision of a temporary RV park a casual hotel in the form of cruisers and a pre-pitched camping site.



Destination Lough Derg will promote the region via a tourism information desk at the Quest Lough Derg registration on September 20th.

Projects for Q4 2024

Industry Engagement Plan Q4

3 x HTML Newsletters to be issued to stakeholders commencing August Week 2.

New Social Media campaign launched on 22/07/2024 new content will be created and posted across all sites,

Training stakeholders to use apps correctly and use Social Media for maximum impact.

Inform stakeholders how to market smaller events such as live music, yoga practices, saunas etc. with live updates on the website and social media.

Continued promotion of Festievents schedule.

Industry Networking in person event. September/October.

Set up 2 further cluster groups for mentorship.

Launch Adventure Lough Derg App.

The adventure Lough Derg App has now been revised and all remaining bugs have been fixed. This App is currently live and will be launched to the industry in January 2025.

Festivals and Events DLD area

1. Resonance Festival in Killaloe & Ballina on 4th to 5th. September.



2. Shoreline Arts Festival in Portumna on 12th. to 15th. September



3. Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival in Dromineer and Nenagh on 10th-13th Oct.



4. Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival in Nenagh on 29th.Oct. to 02nd. Nov.



Economic Development

Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

The Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee concluded its five year program on May 7th 2024.

During the term of the SPC a range of topics and strategies were impacted upon through input from the SPC Committee.

Cllr Marie Murphy has been appointed as **Chair Designate** for the incoming Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. The SPC will have its first meeting in Autumn.

Work Wise – Live Life

Marketing of County Tipperary as an ideal Remote Working Location.

The **WorkWise; Live Life @ Tipperary** campaign offers a playful insight into the benefits of remote working and the enjoyment of work/life balance in all that Tipperary has to offer.

The billboard Campaign - Phase 1 'A Board Meeting'



This element of the campaign ran during weeks May 8th - 21st in

Clonmel



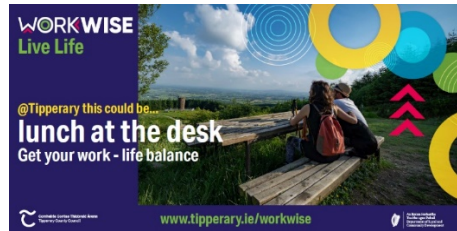
Roscrea



Nenagh



Phase 2



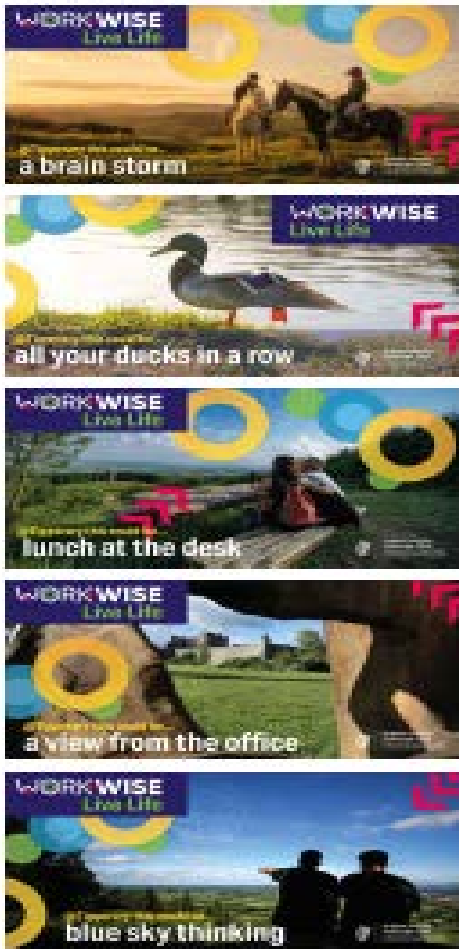
Locations for phase 2 are in the towns of Cashel, Carrick On Suir, and Thurles. These commenced on July 17th and were in place for the Munster Feadh in Thurles.

Socials Campaign

An organic social campaign on Facebook and Instagram using the channels available to Tipperary County Council, namely Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Shop Local, Destination Lough Derg and Tipperary Tourism. Achieving over 9,000 impressions / reach resulted in a very successful launch.

A paid campaign in Phase 2 will achieve greater reach and have a further positive impact.

Some of the Socials posts:



<https://tipperary.ie/workwise>

Republic of Work
Complete



Nephin Gas
To be completed



Rebecca & Len
In production



Watch out for the other elements of the campaign over the current and upcoming period. These will include:

Video Campaign

This element of the campaign includes the creation of short videos from the perspective of *a remote worker*, *a hub owner* and *an employer* within the county outlining their personal views of the benefits they have experienced from working remotely in Tipperary.

The 2 minute videos have taken three different perspectives of remote working and are now launched on the workwise home page:

Advertising and promotional press releases and publication in the Nenagh Guardian, The Nationalist and The Tipperary Star.

Podcasts

Fergal O’Keefe will create two podcasts by interviewing David Anchell, MD of Camida and Eimer O’Keefe, who is a consultant who works for companies like News Corp, Bord Gais Real Estate Alliance, Wee Ireland and Bord Gais

Each podcast would be 20-30 minutes long and each will be hosted on Acast and released to all the podcast platforms. A embed player will be

provided of the podcast for the tipperary.ie website and two promotional audiogram will be used to promote it on social media.

Radio Campaign



With fantastic listenership figures Advertising on Tipp FM will bring the message directly to the population and this will be backed up by an interview with Len and Rebecca who tell the story of why they are located in Tipperary and how it has benefited their work, personal and social life to be here.

Our media campaign is an important way to promote Tipperary in so many ways but your engagement to help spread the word is very important!

ABS BUILDING BALLINGARRANE

- Pratum have reviewed the pre planning application pack and made comments
- RPS to amend site drainage base on site investigation results
- Planning application submission mid Oct with grant by Q1 2025

BIOECONOMY DEVELOPMENT IN TIPPERARY

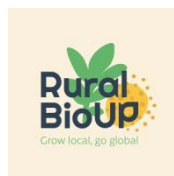
Biomethane
for Carbon and Community

Tipperary County Council (**Lead**) and its partners the Technological University of the Shannon, the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation and the Tipperary Energy Agency recently launched this collaborative project that will see a new Biomethane Development Office (BDO) ultimately centred on the National Bioeconomy Campus at Lisheen, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.



The project was officially launched at the Energy & Farm Diversification Show 2024 in Gurteen on July 18th.

Collaborative EU Bioeconomy Projects: Rural BioUp



For the remainder of 2024, the Rural BioUp project will focus on updating the RuralSpot platform with most recent information from research on biobased solutions for rural regions.

The Irish hub, in collaboration with CAP Network Ireland, organised Farm Innovation Visits during the summer months of 2024 visiting farms

implementing biobased and agri-tech solutions.

The hub will likely also be organising an event during Bioeconomy Ireland Week in October 2024.

Green Generation, Kildare.



Local Enterprise Office



LEO TIPPERARY METRICS	Target 2024	Output to date	% Comple	Value approved
Financial Support Packages	42	24	57%	€421,047
Lean	15	24	160%	€92,988
Green	17	6	35%	€13,284
TOV	38	31	82%	€66,218
Total Training	1200	964	80%	
Mentoring 1 to 1	390	393	101%	
Digital	6	5	83%	€17,220
MFI	11	20	182%	€251,900
Energy Efficiency	12	5	42%	€50,000

The Local Enterprise Office in Tipperary approved **24** Financial Support Packages todate valued at **€421,047** creating **31 jobs** (57% of target achieved). Funding involved the assistance of start-up companies and businesses over 18 months in operation with expansion grants

providing assistance towards employment costs of key personnel and Capital expenditure.

Strong focus for Q4 2024 / 2025 on Exports and supporting Companies to get Export ready through the **First Time Exporters Accelerator Programme** just launched.



Get Exporting is designed to support companies at every stage of your journey to achieving new export sales.

Through our Export Development Pathway, we aim to simplify the export journey and help you build the knowledge, confidence, and strategies needed to succeed in global markets.

The foundation for sustainable global success

31 Trading on line Vouchers approved to date valued at €66,218 (82% target achieved).

20 Micro Finance Ireland applications processed valued at €342,900 with €251,900 funding approved to date. (182% target achieved). Support will help create a further 19 jobs.

Finance available up to €25K in loan support to a business on favourable terms with 1% reduced interest rate applying through their Local Enterprise Office.



390 Businesses have availed for **1 – 1 Mentoring** support (101% target achieved)

49 Training Courses completed to date with **964 participants** – Male 365 Female 599 (80% target achieved)

High update of Productivity Supports with **24 Companies** availing of **LEAN/Digital for Micro** (160% target achieved) support valued at €92,988

Great article just recently in the **Sunday Times** 4th Aug highlighting 2 Tipperary Companies that have availed of Digital Supports to improve efficiencies in their Company – **Martin Everard, Everard Fire Ltd.**, Bouladuff Thurles and also **John Dillon, Dillon’s Joinery** Tipp Town.

Energy Efficiency Grant recently revised - 5 applications approved worth €50,000 (42% target achieved).

Grant support available of €10,000 or 75% of the eligible investment whichever is the lesser amount.



Mansion House Dublin 23rd May

Nutshed Limited, Promoters Evie & Eliza Ward who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, were winners at this year’s National Enterprise Awards.

Tipperary duo **Evie and Eliza Ward of Nutshed**, makers of award-winning peanut butters, took home the **South West Region Award** on the night.



Green for Business, 6 Companies approved to date valued at €13,284 (35% target achieved to date).

Digital Start, 5 Companies approved support to date valued at €17,220 (83% target achieved).





Students from Tipperary were awarded four national prizes winning 1st place in the following categories: **National Intellectual Property Award, Best Innovation National Award Intermediate and Best Innovation National Award Senior and National LCVP Challenge Award** at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals. Supported by Local Enterprise Office Tipperary, students from **Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry** won 1st Place in the **inaugural LCVP Challenge category**. The winning students were: Laura Butler and Jellyan Cantwel, who worked under the guidance of their teacher, Ms. Sheila O'Donnell.



Harry Butler, Padraic O'Halloran, H&P Engineering from **Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles** took the **Best Innovation National Award** in the Intermediate Category who were supported by the teaching team of Ms. Miriam Bergin, Ms. Elaine Molumby and Ms. Aine O'Brien. Their product is a multipurpose slurry tool designed to

work as an aid to help farmers manual handling tasks and as a cost saving device where a two-person job becomes one.



Seán Brett, from CBS Thurles took home **two prizes National Intellectual Property Award** presented by IPA and **National Senior Innovation Award**. His student enterprise is called: **'Tankit™'**, which is a portable steel cover for slurry pit manholes designed primarily to address multiple farm safety hazards. His teacher is Fergus O'Brien.



Energy & Farm Diversification Show Gurteen College - 18th July 2024

This year saw over 2,000 people attend. With over 90 speakers, 20 talks and 6 demonstrations, to explore opportunities in renewable energy, agri-tourism, alternative land use and climate solutions.



The LEO supported Farm Diversification in Panvillion 2 – Panel Discussion “**Financial Planning & Pensions to Futureproof your Business**”. Discussion facilitated by **Ivan Yates, Broadcaster & former Minister for Agriculture**

inspires female start-ups. The event will include a panel discussion featuring Business Ambassadors from Tipperary, Clare & Limerick. These are, from Clare, **Hannah Wrixon of Kella Leadership, Nell Stritch, Pressed Flowers by Nell** from Limerick and our very own **Claire Brett, Dublin Herbalist** from Drangan!



Upcoming Events:



National Women's Enterprise Day takes place this year on Thursday 17 October at Dromoland Castle, Co.Clare

Now in its 19th year, National Women's Enterprise Day celebrates the success of female entrepreneurs and



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Information Note

Accommodation of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and International Protection Applicants in Co. Tipperary

The role of the Tipperary County Council executive varies depending on the accommodation stream in question.

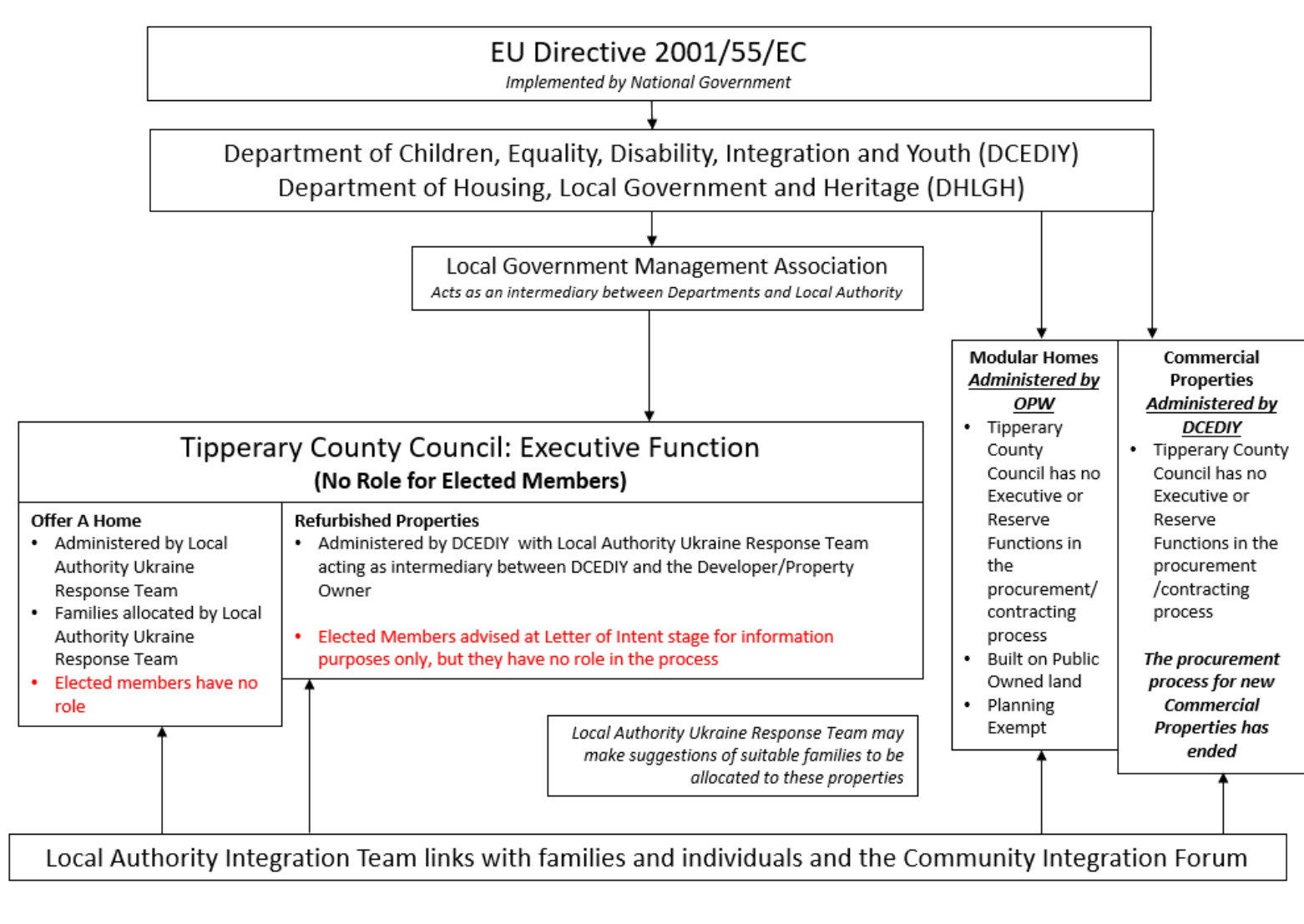
Elected Members have **no decision-making role** in the provision of accommodation for BOTPs (Ukrainian Refugees) and IPs (International Protection Applications) across the county.

Elected Members are notified in respect of the Refurbishment Programme, Modular Homes and IPAS Centres at a certain point in the process for information purposes only.

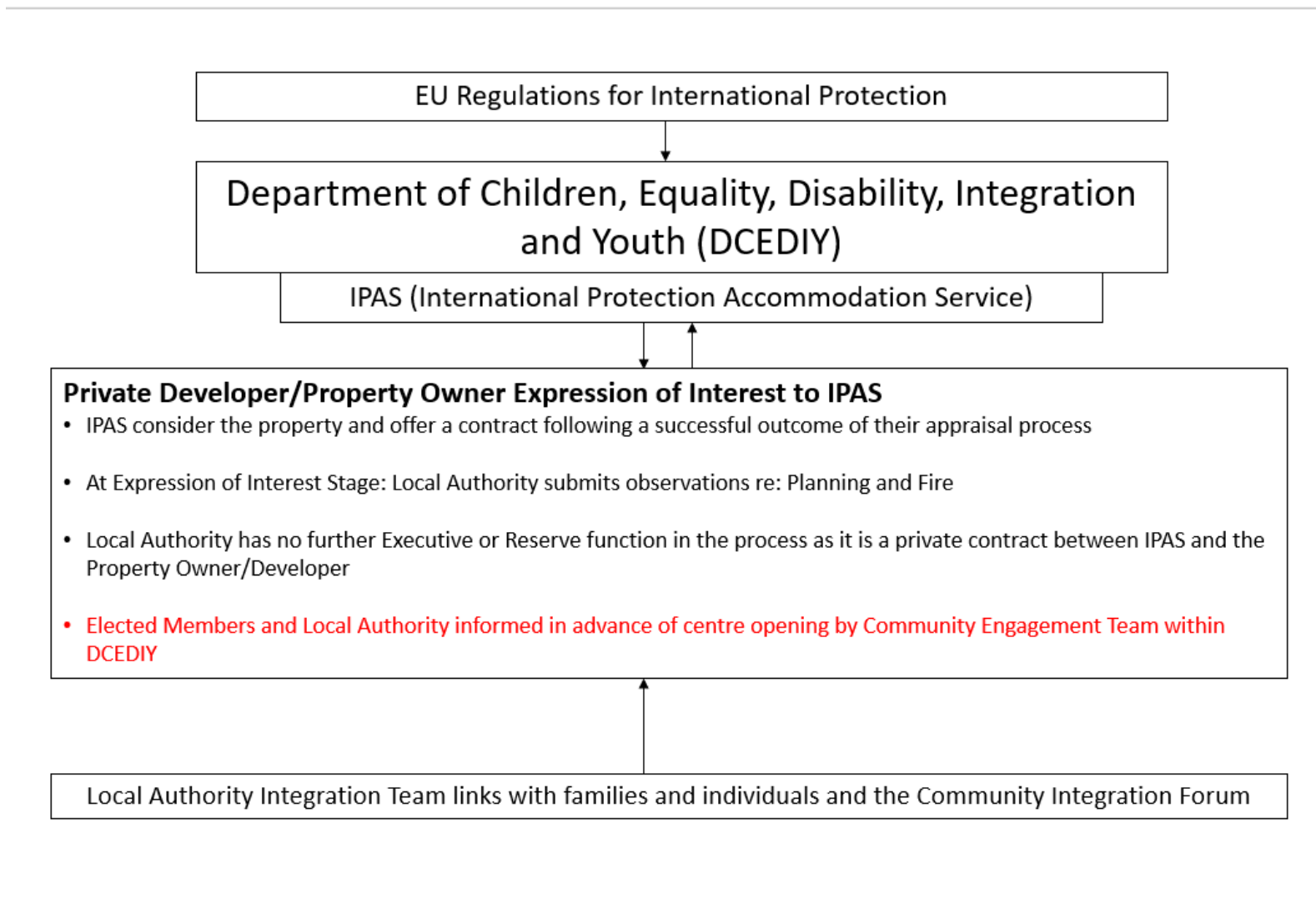
The flowcharts below outline the multiagency decision-making approach to the provision and information of different accommodation streams.

31/05/2024

Ukrainian BOTP Accommodation: Decision Making and Information Flow



International Protection Accommodation: Decision Making and Information Flow





Environment & Climate Action Section

Climate & Energy

Community Climate Action Fund

Approval was granted in August for 25 project applications totalling circa €750,000.

	Lead Partner	Funding Recommendation
Small		
1	Burncourt Community Council	€ 20,000.00
2	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€ 756.00
3	Thurles Mens Shed	€ 2,603.00
4	Roscrea Lions Club	€ 20,000.00
5	Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€ 13,486.00
6	Nenagh Lawn Tennis Club	€ 7,426.00
7	Rearcross Community Council	€ 7,738.00
8	Glengoole Tidy Towns	€ 5,939.00
9	Kilsheelan Tidy Towns	€ 5,840.00
10	Cannon Hayes	€ 14,092.00
11	Clanwilliam Rugby Club	€ 11,112.00
Medium		
12	Moyglass	€ 32,163.00
13	Clonmel Og GAA	€ 32,034.00
14	Castleineey	€ 25,328.00
15	Rockwell Rovers	€ 28,064.00
16	Boher Community Development	€ 40,512.00
17	Ballina Tidy Towns	€ 42,924.00
18	Eire Og Annacarty Donohill	€ 30,000.00
19	Knocknarawley Resource Centre	€ 24,774.00
20	Newcastle Community Council	€ 34,522.00
Large		
21	Borrisokane Community Sports	€ 62,257.00
22	Ballyporeen GAA	€ 73,640.00
23	Loughtagalla Residents Association	€ 90,178.00
24	Sustainable Project (Ireland)	€ 74,612.00
Shared Island Project		
25	Ballypatrick Sports Centre & Belfast Boat Club (Ballypatrick only)	€49,493.00
		€749,493.00

Launch of ‘Biomethane for Carbon and Community’ Project

The Council is the lead authority and partnered by the Technological University of the Shannon, the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation and Tipperary Energy Agency in the ‘Biomethane for Carbon and Community (BCC)’ project, funded through the EU Just Transition Fund Programme. The project

centres on the National Bioeconomy Campus at Lisheen and the Tipperary Decarbonising Zone and will lead to the establishment of a Biomethane Development Office which will act as an independent resource to support and enable communities, enterprises and the agriculture sector to develop an economically feasible biomethane concept with decarbonising at its core.



BCC Project Launch at the Energy and Farm Diversification Show in Gurteen on 18th July 2024

Public Awareness Initiatives

Green Schools National Awards 2024

45 schools received their Green Flag awards this year. We were delighted that amongst those schools there were 2 National Winners. Cappawhite National School was awarded Ireland's Travel School of the year for their participation and efforts in promoting sustainable and active travel modes to school in this year's Big Travel Challenge and The Sisters of Charity National School, Clonmel was awarded the first ever Green Schools Marine School of the Year for their outstanding work on the Marine Theme. A huge achievement for both schools' demonstrating the hard work and commitment of both Students and Staff.



Cappawhite N.S. Ireland's Travel School of the Year



Sisters of Charity N.S. Marine School of the Year

Re-Love Fashion Competition 2024/2025



This year the Section is supporting the “ReLove Fashion” Sustainable Fashion competition which will enable young people of secondary school age across Tipperary to enter the National competition. The competition is funded through a partnership between the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices, The Government of Ireland the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland’s National Centre for the Circular Economy. To enter the competition young people are challenged to explore their creative design skills to create a sustainable and re-wearable outfit using clothing from charity shops, swap shops or their own wardrobes. Registrations are open now on www.relovetofashion.ie with final entries due by 17th January 2025. Further details and links to the competition are also available on www.tipperarycoco.ie.

National Spring Clean

277 groups and an estimated 6,200 volunteers registered to take part in clean-ups throughout the County as part of this year’s National Spring Clean. The Section provided additional clean up supplies and arranged for collections of waste in designated Spring Clean bags.

Summer Events Promotion

The Section's Awareness Team attended a number of the events over the summer with their Food Waste Roadshow (supported by mywaste.ie) promoting the proper segregation of food waste and providing food waste recycling tips.

- Tipperary Age Friendly Annual Expo in the TUS College Campus Thurles – 20th June; Clonmel Show – 7th July; Queen of the Castle, Cahir – 4th August; Bansha Show – 22nd August; and Dualla Show – 25th August.



Members of the victorious Tipperary Minor Hurling Team visiting the Environment and Climate Action Awareness Stand at the Clonmel Show

Gum Anti-Litter Campaign

The National Gum Litter Task Force visited Cashel on 15th August. This interactive Roadshow works with local authorities and communities across the country to carry out fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives that demonstrate the proper means of gum disposal and raise awareness of the environmental and fiscal impacts of gum litter. Now in its 17th year, the campaign is a collaboration between Food Drink Ireland, the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the chewing gum industry and local authorities.



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Declan Burgess, Fiona Flynn and Denise Kearney Environment and Climate Action Section joined by Members of Cashel Tidy Towns, Cashel Community Employment Scheme Supervisors Eddie Fogarty and Diane Ryan and Richard Wood TUS at the Anti Gum Litter Roadshow in Cashel.

2024 Tidy Town Grants and Burial Ground Maintenance Grant Scheme

Grant applications are being processed and funding paid by the relevant Municipal Districts at various dates to October.

Derelict Sites

There are now currently 80 properties on the Derelict Site Register. A new Vacancy & Dereliction Regeneration Team is being established within the Planning Section's Town Centre First Office, who will, in an integrated manner, deal with derelict sites, vacant homes, etc.

Veterinary Services

Horses

16 horse queries were reported to the Section which resulted in 10 horse pickups to date.

Dogs

A total of 120 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to 15th August, 2024. Of that number, 66 were sent to rescue, 11 were reclaimed by their owners, 8 were rehomed and 24 were put to sleep. The number of dog licenses purchased to 15th August, 2024 is 4,942.

Abattoirs

There have been 456 visits to abattoirs and small food producers to date by the Veterinary Inspectors for the purposes of food safety inspections. From the 1st January 2025, this official food control function undertaken by Local Authorities will transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Circular Economy Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

A total of 74,394 customers used the services of the Council's five Civic Amenity Sites to the end of August 2024. As part of the Council's Anti-Dumping Initiative 2024 at the Civic Amenity Sites, mattresses will be accepted free of charge on Wednesday 11th in Nenagh and Roscrea and Thursday 12th September in Clonmel, Donohill and Cashel. This collection applies to mattresses from domestic households only and a maximum of 3 mattresses per household.

Burial Grounds Infrastructure

Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

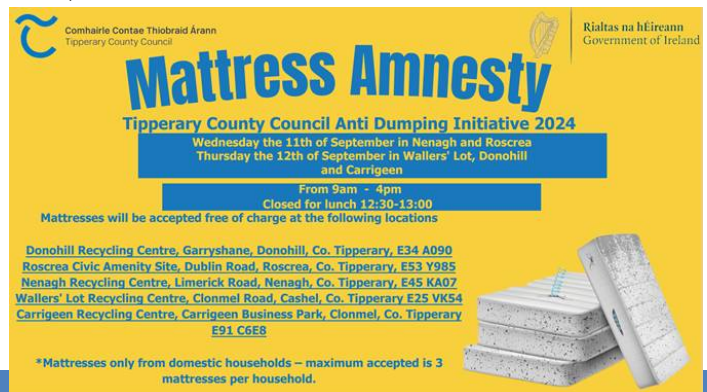
An extensive work programme across the county is ongoing. Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works (including site selection) continue at the following locations: Ballina (Boher), Fethard, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cloughprior, Solohead/Monard, New Inn, Borrisoleigh, Holycross, Killaghy-Mullinahone, Kilnarath, Clonmel (St Patrick's), Newcastle, Tyone and Lisbunny Nenagh.

Waste Management and Enforcement

To date, 53 Section 14 Directions (to remediate a site) have been issued.

Legal Proceedings

Since the last management report, 2 court cases took place in June. The first case was heard on the 19th June and took place in the High Court. Mr. Justice Hyland put the matter forward for



The poster is yellow with blue and white text. It features the Tipperary County Council logo and the Government of Ireland logo. The main title is 'Mattress Amnesty' in large blue letters. Below it, it says 'Tipperary County Council Anti Dumping Initiative 2024'. The dates and locations are listed: 'Wednesday the 11th of September in Nenagh and Roscrea' and 'Thursday the 12th of September in Wallers' Lot, Donohill and Carrigeen'. The hours are 'From 9am - 4pm' and 'Closed for lunch 12:30-13:00'. It states 'Mattresses will be accepted free of charge at the following locations'. The locations listed are: 'Donohill Recycling Centre, Garryshane, Donohill, Co. Tipperary, E34 A090', 'Roscrea Civic Amenity Site, Dublin Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, E53 Y985', 'Nenagh Recycling Centre, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, E45 KA07', 'Wallers' Lot Recycling Centre, Clonmel Road, Cashel, Co. Tipperary E25 VK54', and 'Carrigeen Recycling Centre, Carrigeen Business Park, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary E91 C6E8'. At the bottom, it says '*Mattresses only from domestic households - maximum accepted is 3 mattresses per household.' There is an image of a mattress on the right side of the poster.



mention in October following submission of affidavits by parties – the case is in relation to unauthorized waste activities. The 2nd case took place on the 20th June and involved a prosecution under the Litter Pollution Act for non-payment of a €150 litter fine. The judge imposed a penalty of €1,000 and €300 for costs, payable to Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary-Cahir -Cashel MD.

Update on the code of Practice for CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices

A report has been drafted for the Section to develop a committee to assist with the Organisation Oversight Board in relation to the use of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices.

Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) Issued

As at 14th of August 2024, a total of 97 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued.

Household Waste Inspections

165 household waste surveys have been carried in the county to date in 2024, of which there is a 91% compliance rate which exceeds the national average.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

- 299.5 tonnes of textiles collected to the end of August 2024. This represents a year to date increase of 4% compared to 2023 figures.
- 2,235.9 tonnes of glass collected to the end of August 2024. This represents a year to date decrease by 1% compared to 2023 figures.
- 52.760 tonnes of cans were collected up to the end of August 2024. This represents a year to date decrease of 26% compared to 2023 figures which can be attributed to the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme.

Certificate of Registrations/Waste Permits

There are 14 Certificates of Registrations, 30 Waste Facility Permits and 82 Waste Collection Permits currently active in Tipperary. The Council has achieved 100% of annual return reviews and data validations for 2023.



Landfills

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. To the 21st August 2024, the landfill accepted a total 39,573t of waste, this is 81% of our licensed intake limit.

Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin to Ballaghveny is almost finalised.

Closed Historic Landfills

Work progresses (at various stages) on environmental risk assessments and Certificates of Authorisation for closed historic landfills within the county at: Tipperary Town; Dundrum; Knocklofty, Kilsheelan; Killeigh and Caherabbey, Cahir; Deansgrove; Cashel; Connawarries, Carrick-On-Suir; Brittasroad and Monanearla, Thurles; Kiltillane, Templemore; Shesheraghscanlon, Borrisokane; Glencrue, Portroe; Grange, Ballina; Bawn and Rathnaleen North, Nenagh; Cooleen, Silvermines.

Environmental monitoring of these closed historic landfills is ongoing

Environmental Protection

Water Pollution / Agriculture

- The sampling programme pursuant to the Water Framework Directive (WFD) is ongoing.
- Farm inspections and notifications thereof continue.
- Other activities include assessment of Nutrient Management Plans, Septic Tank Inspections, Section 4 licence sampling and sampling pursuant to the Rural Water Programme.
- Contributed to an article in the Farmers Monthly in June and due to present at an event hosted by Arrabawn Co-op on a farm in the Ballyfinboy catchment on the 6th September.



Planning Referrals

83 Planning applications have been assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

Air

Inspections in relation to the solid fuel regulations continue.

Rural Water Programme

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026 projects submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 12th April 2024. The submission has moved to Stage 2 of the funding process and is with the Department's Expert Group for consideration. Activities ongoing include processing of applications for the annual maintenance subsidy, applications for private well grants and applications for septic tank grants.

Environmental Complaints

As of mid August 2024, a total of 1,154 environment complaints had been received by the Section, 87% of which have been dealt with and closed.

CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Directorate Priorities

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
Audit Committee	To be ratified
Audit Committee Work Prog	At Draft Stage
SPC Scheme	At Draft Stage
Corporate Plan 2024-2029	At Draft Stage
Service Delivery Plan 2023	Completed
Annual Report 2023	Completed
Communication Strategy Implementation	In Progress
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	In Progress

Circular Letters

- LG 06-2024 dated 2nd May 2024 re Increase to elected members annual remuneration on 1st January 2024 and 1st June 2024;
- LG 08/2024 dated 17th July 2024 re Guidelines for Local Authorities in the preparation of Corporate Plans 2024-2029;
- LG 10/2024 dated 12th June 2024 re Local Authority Members (Gratuity) Regulations 2024 S.I. No. 276 of 2024; This circular provides guidance regarding Gratuity Schemes of elected members. The new Gratuity regulations link the retirement gratuity payable to local authority elected members to their current annual remuneration payment and provide a revised formula by which the calculation of a gratuity to councillors on retirement is made. **All other terms and conditions applicable to the gratuity remain;**
- LG 11/2024 dated 24th June 2024 re Allowances and Expenses of Elected Members; This Circular

- updates and replaces LG 05/2022 and primarily reflects the changes made to the Local Representation Allowance (LRA) under the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. No. 283 of 2024);

Corporate Plan 2024-2029

The Corporate Plan is the Council's strategic framework for future action over 5 years and is a reserved function of the Council; It outlines our Vision for county Tipperary, the kind of Tipperary that we want to see in the future and describes the main priorities for the Council over the term of the Council from 2024 to 2029; What we will do with all of our stakeholders to deliver that Vision for the benefit of our communities; It also outlines the core values that will inform our work over that period.

The Council must draft and agree on the plan within 6 months of the date of the annual meeting i.e. on or before 9th December 2024; A working committee comprising various levels and grades of Staff has been put in place to prepare initial draft.

Timeline

Period	Action	
5 th July	CPG Consultation & Briefing	Complete
10 th July – 6 th Aug	Non-Statutory Consultation (On-Line Survey Platform) – Elected Members, Staff and the Public	Complete
2 nd Sept	Pre-Consultation Workshop with all Elected Members	
9 th Sept	Plenary Meeting - Approval to place the Draft Plan on public display	
Sept/Oct	Public Consultation Period (Internal and external stakeholders)	
November	CPG Members Workshop	
December	Present Draft Plan to the Elected Members for Approval at Plenary Meeting	

Ethical Framework

Annual Declaration

Section 171 of the 2001 Act requires that each councillor must complete and return an annual declaration setting out particulars of his or her declarable interests.

When must the annual declaration form be furnished in a local election year?

If you are elected to a particular local authority for the first time (i.e. you were not a member of that particular authority immediately before the local election in question) then you must return the annual declaration form no later than 6 weeks from the day you came into office i.e. 19th July 2024. (Regulation 6(2), Part 15 Regulations 2015). If you have been re-elected to the same local authority and therefore have previously completed your form earlier that year, you will not be issued with a new annual declaration form until the following January. It must then be completed and returned by the end of February in the normal course. Only councillors who have been re-elected to their 'own local authority' are not required to complete the annual declaration form mid-year in a local election year.

Donation/Election Expenses Statement

Section 13 of the Act requires that a written statement of all election expenses* (whether paid or not) incurred in relation to a local election must be furnished in person by a candidate to a local authority within 90 days after polling day at that election (i.e. on or before 5th September 2024). An unsuccessful candidate must also provide details of each donation over €600 received, to meet the election expenses.

The Act provides that the election expenses statement must be accompanied by a statutory declaration to be made by the candidate.

* Expenses incurred by persons authorised to incur expenses on behalf of a candidate must be included in the expenses statement of all candidates. Similarly, any expenses incurred by an organisation (a subsidiary of a political party or otherwise) connected with a candidate must be included in the statements of all candidates

Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029

Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, requires the establishment by resolution of committees to be known as Strategic Policy Committees. A new draft scheme has been prepared based on the Departmental Guidelines dated June 2024, which provides for the proposed number, policy configuration, the numbers and functions of each SPC, and an outline framework for sectoral representation on the 7 SPCs which the Council established at its Annual Meeting held on 1st June 2024, namely:

1. Economic Development and Enterprise
2. Housing
3. Infrastructure (to include Roads and Transportation)
4. Planning and Emergency Services
5. Environment and Climate Action
6. Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development
7. Library Services, Culture and Biodiversity

The draft scheme has been forwarded for consideration to the PPN and to the



appropriate contact points of the key national stakeholder pillars. The scheme has also been published in the local media and on the Council’s website allowing a period of up to one month for the making of submissions on the scheme.

The Chief Executive’s report on submissions received has been circulated to the members for their consideration and decision at the September meeting of the Council. Following the adoption of the scheme, it will then be necessary to write to the contact persons of the National Key Stakeholder Pillars and the PPN secretariat seeking the nominations of the pillars for their particular SPCs as outlined in the adopted scheme and allowing a further month to enable the selection process by the various sectors. It will be a matter for the Council to approve the new members of the 7 SPCs at its October meeting at the latest

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims

Period 27th August 2024:

Pothole Claims:	97
Public Liability Claims:	35
Total Claims:	132

Coroner Service - Statistics

Period to 21st August 2024

No of deaths reported: 526

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 112

No. of Undertaker Removals: 95

Electoral Reform Update

The Electoral Commission Constituency Review Report 2023 has recommended that the 5 seat Tipperary constituency be divided to become two new constituencies, Tipperary North and Tipperary South, both of which will be a 3-seat constituency. The new constituency of Tipperary North will include 13 Electoral Divisions from Co. Kilkenny. The breach of the Co. Tipperary boundary by the Limerick City constituency will be removed with the transfer into Tipperary North of 3 Electoral Divisions. These changes will come into effect on the dissolution of the current Dáil.

It is intended to amend the polling scheme, following the General Election, to reflect the changes proposed to the Tipperary and Kilkenny constituencies. The new polling scheme will be advertised, circulated and made available for public inspection in accordance with Art. 4 of the Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations, 2005 for a period of 4 weeks following which, a report will be prepared and submitted to the full Council for their consideration and approval.



Updates to the Register

The total number of electors on the Register as of 27th August 2024 is 136,668 with the following details populated:

<u>Tipperary</u>	<u>Sept 2023</u>	<u>Aug 2024</u>
Total	128,558	136,668
<u>Electorate</u>		
<u>DOB populated</u>	95,200 (74%)	105,681 (77%)
<u>Eircode populated</u>	53,002 (41%)	67,484 (49%)
<u>Email populated</u>	3,219 (3%)	21,060 (15%)
<u>Contact no populated</u>	2,686 (2%)	18,734 (14%)
<u>Both DOB & Eircode populated</u>	41,562 (32%)	56,680 (41%)
<u>PPSN</u>	3,637 (3%)	22,811 (17%)

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 23rd April 2024. The following items were considered:

1. Minutes of audit Committee meeting held on 21st February 2024
2. Update from LAWPRO
3. Draft AFS 2023
4. Internal Audit Update and Internal Audit Reports
5. Reports for Noting & Information

Communications Update

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

Press Releases issued 1 January – 31 July = 22

Media queries 1 January – 31 July = 107

Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social media channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council. Social media posts during period 1 April -31 July

April	May
<p>April content includes scenic road views, a collage of Local Enterprise Week 2024 events, and group photos from the Linn Snámha Pool.</p>	<p>May content features a Bike Week Quiz, the Student Enterprise Programme 2024, National Student Enterprise Finals Mullingar, a plan for Carrick-on-Suir, the 'Drawing a Crowd' art project, and information on the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) Grant.</p>

June



The Local Authority Waters Programme
Invites you to attend an introductory session on exploring rivers and water quality. The sessions are designed to be interactive with plenty of time for questions. There is a choice of five locations so pick the location which suits you best!



Time and Locations:
6-7:30pm Tues 11th June 2024 in Grangemockley, Co. Tipperary - Cardinal Brown Community Hall
6-7:30pm Thurs 13th June 2024 in Callan, Co. Kilkenny - Droichead Nua FRC

All Welcome!

For further information please contact:
Ann Phelan (Water) aphelan@tipperary.ie 087 9094977
Catherine Kelly (Program) ckelly@tipperary.ie 087 9094977



July

2024 Autumn Schedule
Via Zoom

Safeguarding 1

- 9th September, 2024
- 16th September, 2024
- 23rd September, 2024
- 14th October, 2024
- 21st October, 2024
- 4th November, 2024

Safeguarding 2

- 11th November, 2024

Safeguarding 3

- 18th November, 2024

6.00pm-9.00pm



Register on
www.tipperarysports.ie

Fee €15 plus booking fee

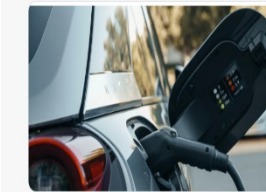


LEO Tipperary @LEOTipperary - 50m
Join us for this year's @energynagri event in @GurteenCollege on Thursday 9th September. 20 speakers, 20 talks & 6 demonstrations - your cue to explore the latest opportunities in #agriculture
@TipperaryCoCo
@Arthritis
@Fegans
@FarmJournal
@MacranFarm
@LeaEnterprise
#makingthappen

Energy and Farm Diversification Show 2024 @EnergyInAgri - Jul 9
Don't miss the Energy & Farm Diversification Show! This FREE event is perfect for forward-thinking farmers on Thursday, July 18th in Gurteen College, Co Tipperary.
Pre-register for FREE so don't miss out! bit.ly/46jNUT



LEO Tipperary @LEOTipperary - Jul 10
Congratulations to Connell based ZeroMason - leading provider of EV fleet management platform for commercial electric vehicles as they announce new investment to continue its growth and expansion strategy. Read more: www.tipperary.ie/news/what-a-on...
@TipperaryCoCo
@Entri
#Tipperary



RSA Ireland @RSAIreland - Jul 11
In an emergency situation, every second counts. Do you know what to do if you hear a siren? Check out this video on the steps you should take when an emergency vehicle is behind you.
React quickly, safely, and carefully.
@TipperaryCoCo @TipperaryFire

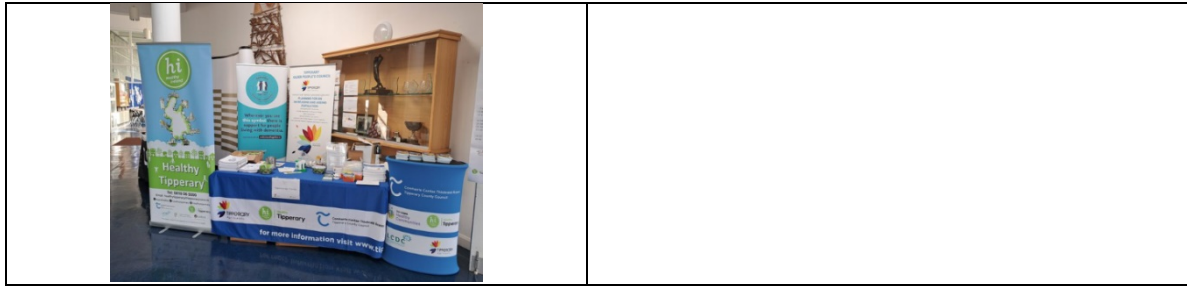


Local Authority Waters Programme @WatersProgramme - Jul 23
TipperaryLive has highlighted the LAWPRO competition which sets the challenge of snapping photos of invasive plant species along River Suir in Tipperary.
www.tipperarylive.ie/news/what-a-on...
@TipperaryLive @TipperaryCoCo @agriculture.ie @DeptHousingRL



Heritage Arts Centre @HeritageArts - Jul 24
Save the date and don't miss our exciting workshops during this year's Heritage Week! Stay tuned as our programme of events will be released soon.
#HeritageWeek #HeritageArtsCentre
@HeritageHubRL @HeritageWeek @TipperaryCoCo





Communications focus **Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion September - December 2024**

Month	Event	Description	Section
September	Culture night 20 September	highlight events in the area for culture night and opportunity to demonstrate culture services and actions	Museum/ Arts
September	National Ploughing Championships 17-19 September	showcase LEO involvement, agri-food strategy or agri-food in enterprise strategy	Community & Enterprise
September	European week of sport 23-30 September	highlight events but also an opportunity to highlight all sports facilities and amenities run by local authority and their availability to community sport - Park Run etc	Community & Enterprise Sports Partnership
October	Positive Ageing Week 30 September - 6 October	to celebrate the contributions of older people	Age friendly Community & Enterprise
October	Tidy Towns Awards 1st week October	celebrate the winners, celebrate local authority staff who contribute to litter management and placemaking	Municipal Districts
October	Road Safety Week 3-10 October	Winter ready advice for road safety. Highlight road improvement works.	Roads



October	National Fire Safety Week early October	fire safety activities during the week - information and advice	Fire Service
October	Re-use month	waste management tips. Profile/interview of waste awareness officer. Highlight aspects of LA waste management plan	Environment
October	Children's Book Festival	opportunity for young people, parents, teachers and libraries to celebrate books and reading	Libraries
October	Halloween	highlight local events planned and messages re fire safety and illegal bonfire/fireworks	Fire Service
October	World Food Day 16 October	tips to cut down on food waste. Highlight agri-food policies/actions.	Environment and Climate Action
October	National Women's Enterprise Day 17 October	promoting enterprising women	LEO
November	Science Week 10-17 November	profile of local authority employee with science/tech career. Highlight examples of science or tech in action in the local authority	Libraries
November	Social inclusion week	highlight social inclusion plans and actions	Community & Enterprise
November	Pride of place awards 2 November	celebrate winners and local authority involvement	Community & Enterprise
December	Christmas Fire Safety Advice campaign	fire safety messaging and advice	Fire Service
December	Christmas car parking	car park arrangements run up to Christmas	Municipal Districts
December	Retail promotion	shop local Christmas	Community and Enterprise

Customer Service Activity – 1 January – 31 July 2024

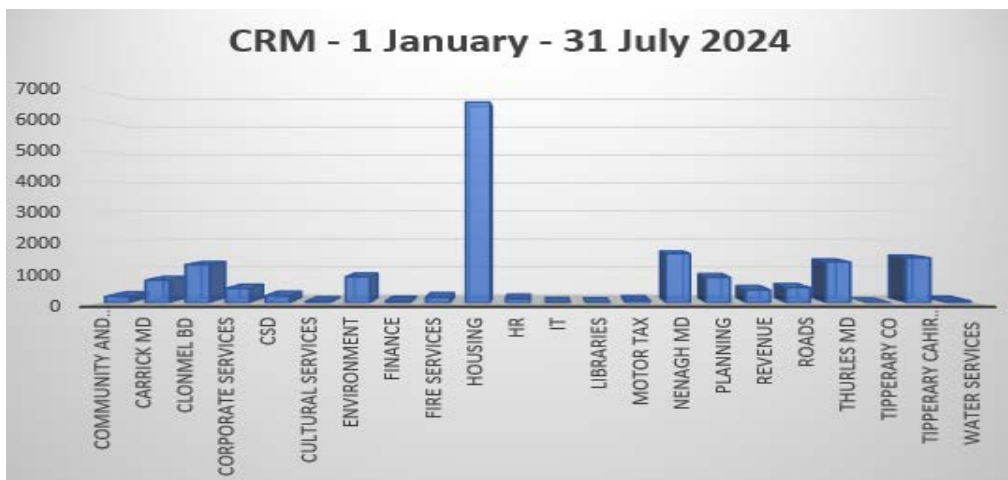
CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries:

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

Customer Service activity – CSD staff

	Calls answered	Emails	Ihouse	CRM
January – July	71,535	13,353	2,221	17,334

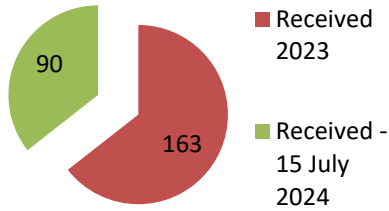
CRM – Customer Relations Management System



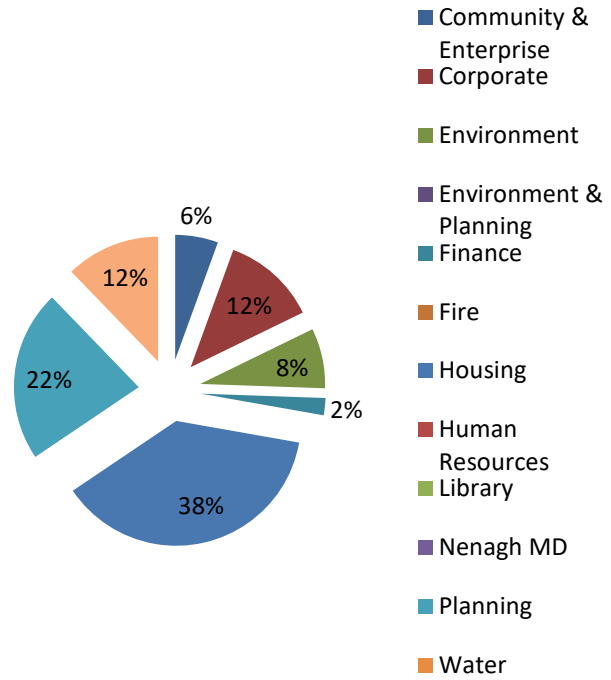
Community and Enterprise	216
Carrick MD	755
Clonmel BD	1265
Corporate Services	476
CSD	239
Cultural Services	47
Environment	867
Finance	62
Fire Services	191
Housing	6634
HR	136
IT	22
Libraries	9
Motor Tax	84
Nenagh MD	1631
Planning	850
Revenue	431
Roads	506
Thurles MD	1354
Tipperary Co	0
Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD	1491
Water Services	68

Information Management

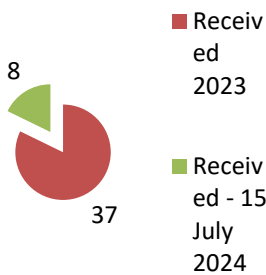
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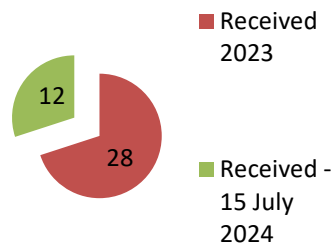
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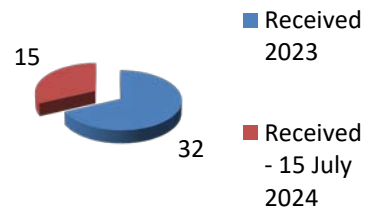
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Ombudsman

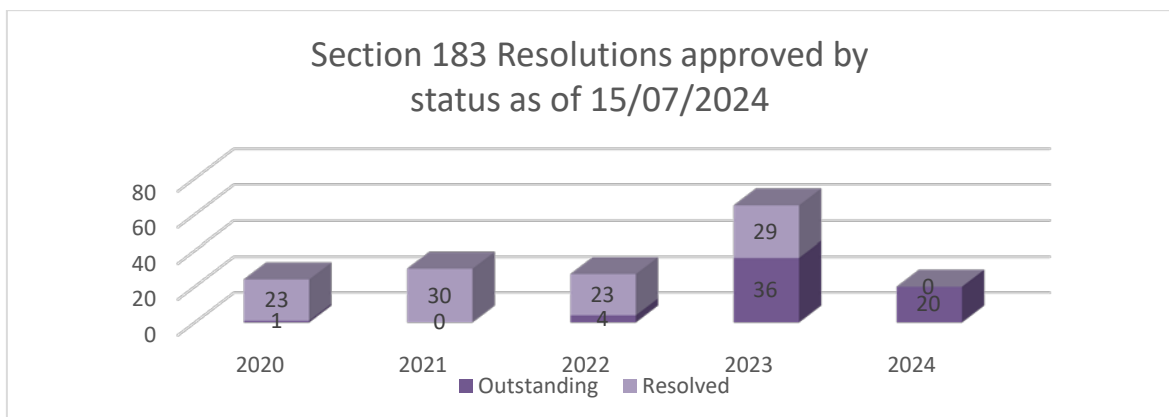
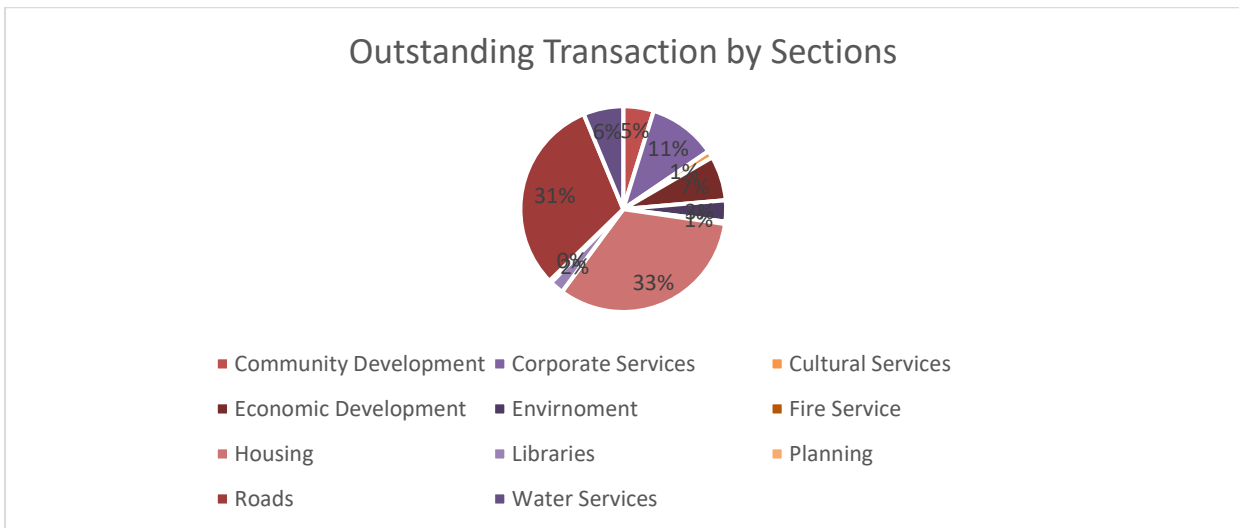
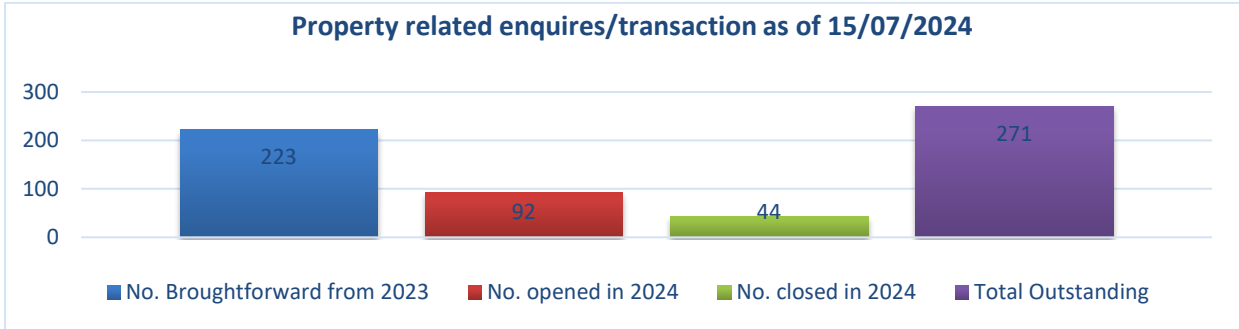


AIE - Access to Information on Environment



Property Management

Property Unit, Corporate Services are responsible for managing Tipperary County Council’s Property Portfolio consisting of over 245 Building and 639 land parcels, including the management of property related enquiries, i.e.,

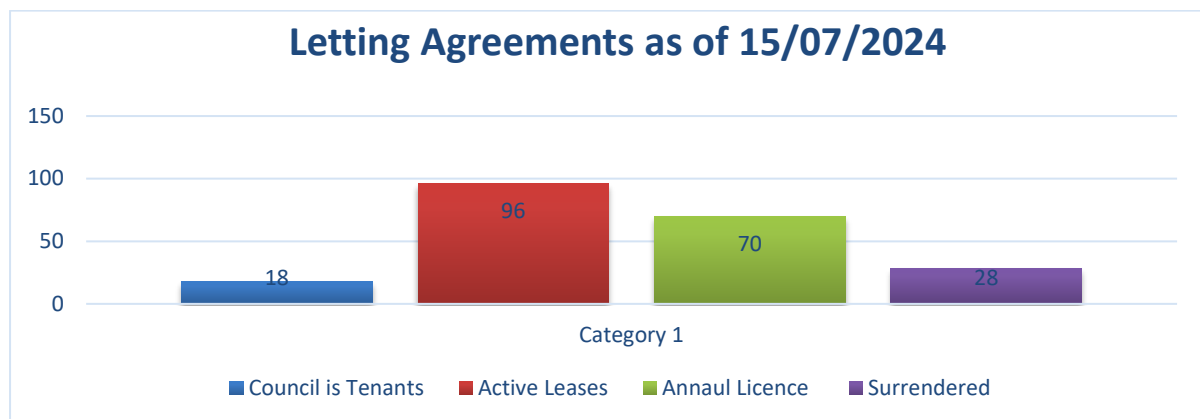


Schedule of Outstanding Section 183 Resolutions by location

- The Mall, Templemore
- Yewston, Nenagh
- No. 12 Heywood Terrace, Clonmel
- Main Street, Templemore
- Neanagh Road, Borrisokane
- Wilderness Clonmel
- Old Bridge Clonmel
- Curragh, Portroe
- Nenagh Road, Borrioleigh
- Lisbunny, Nenagh
- Killygorman, Ardfinnan x 2
- Gortnahoe (Boulick)
- Erasmus Smith House, Cahir
- Foilaclog, Kilnamanagh
- Longfordpass South Gortnahoe
- Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary
- Lisbunny Nenagh x 3
- Terryglass, Nenagh x 2
- Michael Collins Row, Clonmel x 6
- Old Bridge, Clonmel x 2
- Rosegreen, Cashel
- Butlerstown, Carrick on Suir
- Roscrea Road, Templemore
- Marion Terrace, Clonmel
- Longrochard, Templetuohy, Thurles
- Monksgrange
- Killorn, Moyne,
- Ballylynch, Carrick on Suir
- Nenagh North, Nenagh
- Tyone, Nenagh
- Townsfield, Cloughjordan
- Ballina, Co. Tipperary
- Boherlanhan, Co. Tipperary
- Parnell Street, Thurles,
- Unit 3 Slieveardagh CITE Enterprise Centre, Ballingarrane,
- Toberaheena, Clonmel
- Waller’s Lot, Cashel
- Mondreen, Thurles
- Coleraine, Cashel
- 5 Killonerry Close, Carrick onSuir
- Crhone, Newcastle,
- 22 Dungarvan Road, Clonmel

Letting Agreements:

Property Unit is currently responsible for the management of 212 letting agreements, i.e., issuing of annual licences, issuing invoice on rent payable and ensuring that the leases are correctly surrendered, i.e.



Housing
Directorate



All figures relate to the period
01 January 2024 – 31 July 2024

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Affordable Housing	Advertise serviced sites now that approval has been received	Application process finalised and applications assessed
Disability strategy	Meeting with relevant stakeholders to identify support pathways for disabled persons to enable them to live independently, with more choice and control over with who and where they live and included in their community.	Three-year capital plan based on disability strategy to be finalised.
Traveller Accommodation Programme 2024-2029	Draft created, circulated to statutory bodies and displayed on website seeking submissions.	Workshop to be held later in the month with key stakeholders for a more informed consultation. To be brought to the Members for consideration prior to the 31 st December 2024.

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>
Gort an Oir, Fethard Belmont Park Housing Association	7	Planning application submitted	Stage 3 Submission in Q3 subject to planning approval
Gortlandroe, Nenagh	27	Design Team Appointed	Stage 2 Design
Puckane	21	Revised Stage 2 Submission	Stage 2 Approval
Rathcabbin	6	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design
New Line Road, Nenagh	10	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design
Clogheen	14	Preparation of Stage 3	Section 179A Planning application
Ballingarry (South)	10	Design Team Appointment	Stage 3 submission
Gantley Road, Roscea	16	Stage 2 submitted	Stage 2 Approval
Morton Street, Clonmel	6	FHIST, Stage 2 Approved	Submission of Planning Application
Rialto site, Nenagh	13	Stage 3 Ongoing	S179A
Mulcair Manor, Newport	13	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	6	Stage 1 Approved	Under review with Thurles MD
Millersbrook, Nenagh	13	Design Team Appointment	Stage 2 Design



Mountain Road, Cahir	43	Section 179A Approved	Stage 3 Submission
Templemore AHB, Main Street, Templemore	23	AHB - With ABP	Stage 3 Submission
Ashbury, Roscrea	10	S179A approved	Stage 3 submission
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	S179A	Stage 3 submission
Radharc na Carraige, Glencarrick, Roscrea	47	Tender Review	Appoint Contractor
Church Street, Templemore	2	Contractor On Site	Scheme completion 2024
Church Street, Templemore	4	Turnkey, Dept Approved	Awaiting Contracts
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Contacto on Site	Partial completion 2024
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Contractor appointed	Scheme Completion 2025
William Street, Nenagh	7	S179A Notification	Stage 3 Submission
Borrisoleigh	20	Revised Stage 1 being prepared	Stage 1 Approval
Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir	22	Completed	Being Allocated
Tyone Road, Nenagh	67	Respond AHB, CALF submitted	Commencement on Site
Coopers Lot, Cashel	44	Respond AHB	On site – Phased delivery 2024-25
Farranahassery, Cahir	48	Respond AHB	On site – Phased delivery 2024-25
Dun Lia, Thurles	61	Cluid AHB – Under Construction	Delivery 2025 -2026
Waller's Lot, Cashel	40	Tuath AHB	Completion 2024
Dun Uisce, Cahir	1	Turnkey Renewal	Contracts with Solicitors



Glencarrick, Roscrea	50	Cluid AHB, - Contractor on site	Completion. 2025 – 2026 Delivery
Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	19	Turnkey, Contracts being finalised	Phased delivery 24-25
Wheatfields, Clonmel	38	Complete	Being Allocated
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Revised Approval Received	Waiting on Contracts
Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey – 4 delivered Construction Ongoing	Phased Delivery, On site 2024 -25
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	On Hold	
Friary Walk, Parkmore Roscrea	32	Cluid AHB – Department Approval Received	Phased Delivery 2024 - 2025
Kilsheelan	14	Turnkey	Awaiting Contracts
Presentation Fethard	14	AHB Stage 1 Approved	Design team appointment
Glove Factory, Tipperary	6	Focus AHB	Complete
Rosefield, Dundrum Road, Tipperary	16	Cluid AHB	2025 delivery
Drangan	7	Turnkey	Awaiting Contracts
SHIP Renewals	5	Contractors on Site	Completion 2024

RAS Voluntary

New properties	73
Total tenancies	396

RAS Private

New properties	4
Total tenancies	569



Long term lease

Total tenancies	264
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Mortgage to rent

New properties	4
Total tenancies	108

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up	116
Total tenancies	1556
Average weekly HAP set up	4

Inspections

	1 st inspection	2 nd inspection
RAS	16	18
Private rented	157	91
Long term lease	1	15
HAP	232	101
Mortgage to rent	7	1
Total	413	226

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

EERP Programme Delivery	
Units Completed to Date	218
2024 Allocation	74
2024 Completion to date	55
Projected 2024 Completions	70
Projected Allocation 2025	100

Housing Grants

The Council has received confirmation that we will receive a total of €3,604,148 in private grant funding for 2024. The allocation we have received for LA DPG's is €1,984,478 for 2024.

The scheme has now opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2024 for both private and local authority grants.

	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,124,148	€1,664,627	196
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€80,000	€55,482	17
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,400,000	€976,426	227
TOTAL	€3,604,148	€2,696,535	440
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,984,478	1,984,478	30

Voids

The number completed is 76.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir – 21
- Nenagh - 15
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 18
- Carrick - 12
- Clonmel – 10

Vacant Houses¹

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ²
Carrick	400	19	0.34
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	886	22	0.39
Clonmel	645	15	0.27
Nenagh	807	17	0.30
Templemore/Thurles	854	23	0.41
Total	3592	96	1.8%

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 947 housing applications received of which:

- 626 were found to be valid
- 321 were found to be invalid

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

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	59	44	13	2	6
Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel	74	50	23	1	14
Clonmel	47	40	7	0	6
Nenagh	47	34	13	0	1
Templemore Thurles	34	21	9	4	2
Total	261	189	65	7	29

Choice Based Lettings

- 103 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- 89 offers have been accepted.
- 13 awaiting decision
- There have been 1 refusal (0.87% refusal rate)

AHB forum

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum. The Council have held quarterly meetings with AHB's both through zoom and in person and these have proven to be beneficial in building relationships with AHBs and is an effective means of communicating with them.

Over the duration of the Housing For All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target. Individual AHB schemes are at various stages of construction and delivery and are listed above in the Construction Programme 2022-2026.

A meeting of the forum took place in May 2024, with the next meeting scheduled for September.



Local Authority Home Loans³

Number of Applications Received	46
Number of Valid Applications Received	18
Number of Loan Applications Approved	12
Number of Loans Issued	6
Total Value of Loans Issued	€483,813

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	27
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	18
Sales completed	12
Total proceeds of sales received	€780,675

³ 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"

Homelessness

The Homeless Team provide a number of dedicated homeless clinics to support individuals presenting as homeless.

The following interventions are utilised to support individuals presenting as homeless:

HAP Placefinder Service: helps people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It gives more supports to tenants than the regular HAP scheme. These extra supports include deposits and upfront rent payments to help homeless households find a suitable HAP tenancy.

Emergency B&B Accommodation: B&B accommodation provided to singles & families that are deemed homeless.

Own Front Door (OFD): units of accommodation for families and single people used as an alternative to hotels and hostels.

9-9 Rough Sleeper Service: 14 beds provided to rough sleepers in Clonmel area, operates from 9am to 9pm.

Housing First (HF): provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing homelessness for people experiencing mental health, physical health, substance misuse, social, behavioural, and other challenges. The programme consists of three major components:

- Permanent, affordable housing;
- Mobile case management and treatment services (mental health, health, and addiction services); and
- A programme philosophy based on client choice and recovery.

Tenancy Support & Sustainment (TSS): provides settlement support to households who are at risk of homelessness and/or moving out of homelessness into a new home.

North Tipperary Intensive TSS: (NTTSS): provides settlement support to households who are at risk of homelessness and/or moving out of homelessness into a new home. This project is specific to clients with mental health conditions.

Support for Tenancy and Recovery Targets (START): provides effective and sustainable housing pathways for mental health service users that require housing.

Homeless Support Services		Number
Secured HAP accommodation from prevention work	Singles	7
	Families	2
HAP Placefinder - exit EA to HAP	Singles	3
	Families	1
Exits from EA to LA/AHB/RAS	Singles	12
	Families	9
Number In emergency accommodation B&B	Singles	16
	Families	7
Number in OFD	No of units	25
CWI 9-9	No of beds	14
Number in Housing First	North	9
	South	14
TIS (tenant in Situ)	Number of tenancies created	22
Tenancy Support & Settlement (TSS)	Number of cases	28
North Tipperary Intensive TSS	Number of cases	23
START	Number of units	6

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Tipperary County Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP), following consultation with traveller agency groups outlines the accommodation requirements of the Travelling Community from 2019 to 2024.

Work is currently underway to prepare the TAP for the period covering 2024-2029. Consultation is underway and the draft has issued to the prescribed persons. A workshop is planned for later in the month with the wider stakeholder group and the Tap will be brought to the SPC and the plenary Council prior to the 31st December 2024.

Vacant Property

Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

Note: The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant will be transferring from the housing section to the new Vacancy and Dereliction team led by the Town Regeneration Officer under the Planning Directorate in September. Correspondence will be circulated to the elected members in advance to advise of the change and appropriate contacts.

Item	Quantity
No of applications received	510
Approved to date	361
No at Under Review by LA	18
No at Further Info stage	47
No of applications rejected	33
No of applications withdrawn	51
Applications under drawdown review	44
Legal Charge Stage	24
No of Grants Paid Out	35
Approval in principal value to date €20,067,200 Grant Payments to date €1,774,551.95	

Buy and Renew

Buy & Renew / SHIP Renewal	
Completed 2023	5
Ongoing / 2024 Delivery	6
Units Purchased / Sale Agreed	3

Repair and Lease

Repair and Lease Delivery	
Delivered 2023 (Units)	19
Delivered 2024 (Units)	1
Projected remainder 2024	4
Projected Delivery 2025	16
Live Applications	18
Under Review	12
Contract Stage	6

Affordable Housing

The provision of Affordable Housing is a key plank of the Housing For All strategy. There are a number of key pathways within that area which are being pursued by Tipperary County Council to ensure that as wide a population as is possible can benefit from the strategy.

The Council has identified a site for 4 self-build affordable homes in Boherlahan and has received approval from the Department to progress with this project. These sites have been offered and there is a deposit on one, another has accepted in principal and is discussing designs with the planning Department. The other two are at the early stages of offer. This scheme makes it possible for an applicant to build their own one-off house through the provision of a low cost service site purchased directly from the local authority.

To date it has been challenging to secure purchasers for these sites

Parameter	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
EOI's	9	10	11	12
Deposit in place	No (Applicant engaged with planning)	No	Yes	No
Refusal by clients	0	9	0	11
Update	With first applicant. Looks reasonably positive. If they withdraw However there are no other parties to make an offer to (Note the other 8 had expressed interest in the other sites and either accepted or declined another of these sites)	With the final applicant if they refuse then we have no other client to offer to at the last person on the list.	Deposit paid and progressing well.	With the final applicant if they refuse then we have no other client to offer to at the last person on the list.



We also intend to offer affordable homes for sale to those applicants who qualify for the Affordable Housing scheme, subject to access to the Affordable Housing Fund. A call issued earlier in the year for Clonmel (Being the highest priority town per the KPMG analysis) the returns from that call were very limited. The Council have since been approached with alternative proposals and the officials have had a very positive meeting with one developer and if this proposal progresses, an application will then be made to the Department to access the AHF fund.