



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

January 2020

# Management Report to Council








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# January dates for your Diary

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| <u>13</u><br>CPG Mtg @ 09:30<br>TCC Mtg @ 11:00 -<br>Clonmel                  | <u>14</u>   | <u>15</u><br>Clonmel BD Mtg @<br>16:30 | <u>16</u><br>Nenagh MD Mtg @<br>10:00          | <u>17</u>     |
| <u>20</u><br>LCDC Mtg @ 10:00 -<br>Littleton<br><br>Thurles MD Mtg @<br>10:30 | <u>21</u>   | <u>22</u>                              | <u>23</u><br>Carrick on Suir MD<br>Mtg @ 14:00 | <u>24</u>     |
| <u>27</u><br>Tipperary-Cahir-<br>Cashel MD Mtg @<br>11am                      | <u>28</u><br>Housing and<br>Community SPC<br>Meeting @ 11am -<br>Thurles MD Offices | <u>29</u>                              | <u>30</u>                                      | <u>31</u>     |

## Report at a Glance

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|  | Community & Economic<br>Development & Tourism | 1-11  |  | Environment & Climate<br>Action | 12-21 |
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**Community and Economic Development Directorate  
(Community/LCDC, SPORTS, FAI, SPU Teams)**

| <u>New Policy/Strategic Issues:</u>                           |   |   |   |
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| <b>Policy Changes/Updates</b>                                 | <b>Date Adopted</b>   | <b>Progress in Previous Month</b>               | <b>Next Stage</b>   |
| LECP Annual   | January 2016  | Review June 2019                                | Implementation of 2019 annual Plan  |
| CYPSC Plan  | Approved  | Launched January 2019                           | Implementation of the plan  |
| Age Friendly Strategy   | December 2018   | Age Friendly EXPO held 5 <sup>th</sup> December | Implementation of the plan  |
| Healthy Tipperary   | Noted September 2018  | 2019 budget in place                            | Implementation of the Plan  |
| <u>Directorate Priorities</u>                                 |   |   |   |
| <b>Major Current Issues</b>                                   | <b>Progress to date</b>   |   | <b>Next Stage</b>   |
| Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities | Progressing well All districts have spent in excess of 80% including commitments. Two of the districts are over 90%. Was a delay as many are tied in to Sports Capital grants and these have only been announced in Mid November. One criteria around the Sports Capital grant is that the work cannot start until the grant is approved so these works will now start to proceed.  |   | Look at decommitted funds and do we roll them into the next scheme.<br><br>Develop the next scheme. |
| Town & Village Renewal Scheme                                 | 2017 All completed<br>2018 Progressing well<br>2019 Only early stages 5 Projects<br>1. Lorrha Community Hall(community led)<br>2. Newcastle Community Hall(community led)<br>3. Cashel Public Realm Lowergate Square (MD Led)<br>4. Clogheen improvements to community Building and Chapel Lane.(MD Led)<br>5. Nenagh Ball Alley Lane(MD Led)   |   | Close out 2018 project and progress the 2019 projects in time facilitate the 2020 call.             |
| CLAR Measure 2 (Playgrounds/Multi-Use Games Areas)            | 2019<br>1. Balingarry Playground  |   | Works to start soon   |
| CLAR Measure 3 (Sensory Gardens)                              | 2019<br>1. Ballyporeen Sensory Garden<br>2. Ballysloe Sensory Garden  |   | Works to start soon.  |
| Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme                      | 2018 One scheme to close out soon in Cashel(loop walk).<br>2018 Tipperary part of a larger plan(River Arra walkway)<br>2018 Blueway recently completed<br>2019/20: 20,000 to each of the following:<br>Suir blueway trail Experience Enhancement & Promotion campaign<br>Lough Derg Blueway Promotion & Marketing<br>Tipperary 'Take Hike' Campaign<br>St. Declan's Way (Cashel to Loughkent, New Inn)<br>Provision of Carpark at glencushabinn, glen of Aherlow providing access to trails on the Galtee |   |   |

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|  | Mountains  |  |
| Rural Development Programme (LEADER)         | 72% of Project funding spent by end Oct 2019. As one of the top 10 LAGS an additional €500,000 funding has been made available to support additional projects. | This scheme covers 2014-2020 leader Programme. |
| Healthy Tipperary 11 actions funded Round 2. | Round 2 competed with return completed to An pobal   | 11 actions funded Round 2.                     |
| Healthy Tipperary 11 actions funded Round 2. | 12 actions under consideration for Round 3 including a Community Mental Health Fund.   | Commence delivery of actions                   |
| Community Enhancement Programme              | Will be 100% Spent by year End   |  |

**Community Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. (SICAP)**

The SICAP Programme 2018-2022 is into its second year. A 3% Increase in the budget will result in a budget of €555,482 for the Tipperary North Lot and €653,105 for the Tipperary South Lot (over 1.2 million per annum). The Implementing partners for preparing their annual plans for 2020. The emerging need areas are the LGBT Community (North) and the areas of Cashel, Cahir and Mullinahone in the South of the County.

**Local Community Development Committee**

Leader: To date, 159 projects to the value of approx. €5.7 million have been approved for funding by the Tipperary LCDC.

The Top 10 performing LAG's in the country were each awarded €500,000 and Tipperary reached the top 10 and thus received this additional funding.

A workshop was undertaken to ensure focus was maintained by the LCDC on the appropriate priorities and some action items for 2020.

**Community Enhancement Programme.**

We have received notice of initial funding of €149,690 for County Tipperary.

The CEP is targeted towards enhancing facilities in disadvantaged communities.

The funding provided to each Local Authority area has been allocated by providing a baseline amount to each area and allocating the remainder based on the relative population and disadvantage level in each area. This methodology uses census figures and the Pobal Hasse deprivation index. The closing date for applications was 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. 168 applications were received. The closing date for the grant funding on the basis of vouched expenditure was on or before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

A second round was run on the 15<sup>th</sup> November with a closing date on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. This was to applicants that missed out on the first round.

All funding will be spent by this year.



Healthy Ireland Round 2 funding which was a joint application by Tipperary LCDC and CYPSC was completed on June 2019 with 11 actions supported at a cost of €119,200.

Both organisations have submitted a joint application for Round 3 proposal to have 12 actions over two years with a particular emphasis on Community Mental Health. Funding of €374,100 has been applied for. Within this there is an opportunity for local,

community and voluntary groups to apply for funding up to €5,000 with €30,000 being available to administer in this fund. Applications will be available in early 2020.



*Supporting Community Garden at Carrick on Suir Library, collaboration also with Municipal District and CBS in Carrick.*

### Children and Young People Services Committee

The main purpose of the Children and Young People's Services Committee is to improve inter-agency cooperation and collaboration for better outcomes for children and young people with working groups established and in operation for each of the 5 outcomes.

#### Jigsaw Service

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019 The Minister for Health announced that a new Jigsaw service would be developed in Tipperary. In November 2019 it was announced that the Jigsaw service would be based in Thurles and supported by a hub and spoke "outreach" model. A phase one would see an outreach service located in Clonmel and Nenagh within 12 months of Jigsaw Tipperary opening. A 12 month period would be necessary for the service and staff to embed itself. A review of phase one would establish the need for further outreach locations.

The Jigsaw youth mental health service model is focused on prevention and early intervention aimed at young people aged 12 to 25 with mild to moderate mental health

difficulties. Jigsaw offers a range of services including:

Direct Service Provision

Provision of an early intervention mental health service for 12-25 year olds in local communities that is accessible, visible, impactful, inclusive and timely.

Primary Care Mental Health 1-1 support using a brief intervention model

Online resources and support to support young people, parents and other professionals

#### Strengthening Communities

Increase awareness of the collective role of communities in supporting young people's mental health and enhance the mental health literacy of the entire population by delivering a range of awareness and capacity building workshops.

Improve collaboration and partnerships with other services, to create a more integrated system of mental health care for young people.

Build the confidence and competence of young people, their families, communities and other settings to support young people's mental health.

#### Work with Young People

Work closely with young people to hear their voice and involve them in shaping the ways in which their mental health is supported.

#### Joint Policing Committee

A new Joint Policing Committee was established following the Local Elections of May 2019. An Induction of the Committee as well as the launch of a Property Marking Machine took place at June 2019 meeting. Five meetings of the JPC have taken place, March, June, September, November and December. The Garda Commissioners attended the November meeting to discuss the restructuring of the Garda Operations

which has resulted in a merging of the Tipperary and Clare Divisions. Cllr Noel Coonan was elected chair of the JOPC at the September 2019 meeting.

### Play and Recreation & Playgrounds

Funding was received under the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) Capital Grant Scheme for Play and Recreation 2019. The funding is used for the upgrade at Three Drives MUGA in Tipperary Town.

Municipal Districts are carrying out weekly inspections of playgrounds.

There are now three playgrounds that are part of maintenance agreement, it is covered by our insurance and is ready to be inspected by the relevant MD.

### Cap/Rapid

RAPID Teams in the towns of Clonmel, Tipperary Town and Carrick-on-Suir continue to meet.

In **Clonmel** the key areas that the committee have been focusing on are environmental improvements within the areas. A group has also met twice to work on issues in Elm Park and a multi-agency approach is being taken with regard to anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in this area.

Key Priorities for **Roscrea** Community Action partnership is the achievement of a Resource Centre for the town as well as the installation of a CCTV system, Roscrea CAP is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and a review of community participation structures are taking place.

### Comhairle Na Nóg

The members of Comhairle na nÓg are elected at the AGM and are responsible for

carrying out the work plan for the year. The AGM was held in November and was a huge success, with participant numbers reaching up to 115 from secondary schools and youth groups throughout Tipperary. There was a varied programme for all participants at the AGM ranging from workshops, a talk from Jigsaw mental Health Service. An input from the Teach me as I am campaign.



The new members will meet in December and to decide on the project themes for 2020 including Alcohol and Drug use and Climate Change. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> delegates travelled to Dáil Éireann for Dail na nÓg 2019.

Nenagh CNN designed a poster on positive relationship habits for Teens which was launched at AGM2019, they linked with Women's Aid and Ascend in Nenagh.

Clonmel CNN held an awareness raising event on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October promoting information of LGBTQ support groups and research done for Tipperary.

The Tipp/ Cashel/Cahir produced a Booklet on Gender Equality with facts and support numbers – personal reflections on careers.

The Templemore / Thurles / Roscrea CNN in early November held an event to promote positive mental health and self care.

### Public Participation Network (PPN)

Tipperary PPN have held 3 Community wellbeing workshops to date and will complete the Nenagh MD on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January and the Clonmel Borough MD on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. The workshops have developed a vision statement for the MD's to date and this guiding Vision will inform the work of the PPN representatives on county policy and decision making bodies as well as supporting the development of the PPN Strategic Plan.

Tipperary PPN continue to provide community groups with information in relation to training opportunities, grant opportunities and vacancies on various county structures and they continue to work in partnership with the local authority for consultations and community engagement.

### Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary County Council began the formation of Tipperary's Older People Council (OPC) in June 2019 with public meetings across the 5 MD's. On 5<sup>th</sup> of December a successful EXPO was held in Thurles providing information on entitlements and showcasing Tipperary Libraries and Historical Studies with attendees from across the County. The first meeting of Tipperary Older Peoples Council will take place in Thurles on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2020.

### Tipperary Cultural Companions

Tipperary Cultural Champions was launched in May to coincide with Bealtaine. Cultural Companions is an Age and Opportunity initiative designed to link older people interested in arts and culture through a network so that they can attend events together as a group.

### **The initial partners in rolling out Cultural Companions in Tipperary are:**

Nenagh Arts Centre; The Source Arts Centre, Thurles; Tipperary Museum Clonmel; Tipperary Excel Arts & Cultural Centre; Brewery Lane Theatre and Strand Theatre, Carrick on Suir.

### Suicide Prevention & Mental Health

The Connecting for Life Committees of the Mid West and South Tipperary continue to meet. A successful Mental Health Festival was organised by South Tipperary Area Network and held in October to mark Works Mental Health day. The festival was supported by the HSE and Tipperary County Council. The announcement of the JOSAW service for youth mental health was widely welcomed by all of the communities across the county.



### Disability Awareness

A submission with comprehensive recommendations for inclusion in Edition 4 of the IWA Access Advisory Service.

The Disability Action Plan has received all submissions and is currently being written up.

### Sign Of The Times

“Sign of the Times” – an awareness project around ensuring official recognition for and the promotion of Irish Sign Language – has won the Eirgrid sponsored “Disability Provision” category in the annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.



As a project, “Sign of the Times” was initiated between community healthcare and local authority services and a secondary school in Tipperary Town.

### What’s on in Tipp

<http://events.whatsonintipp.ie> is a website provided by Tipperary County Council to promote activities, events across the county. Community Groups, Local Business can promote activities and events across the county and this will become a tool for all across the county to increase awareness of the fantastic amenities and activities across the county.

### Strategic Projects Unit (Spu)

Implementation and progression of EU part-funded projects continued in the second half of 2019:

- SWARE (Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions);
- SUPER (Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets);
- RUR@L SMEs (Policies to develop entrepreneurship and the creation &

internationalization of innovative SMEs in rural areas);

- CATALYST (capitalise on applied R&D expertise amongst project partners in areas of product & service design, communications technology and materials development); targeting the sectors of Food & Drink and Life Sciences).

### FAI

#### Social Inclusion

Youth Group Soccer Sessions in association with Youth Work Tipperary & TSP in Tipperary Town, Fethard & Killenaule (30+ (boys/girls) participants)

Late Night League Blitz held in Canon Hayes Centre with Youth Work teams from Tipperary Town, Killenaule & Thurles.

Kick Start 2 Recovery Program completed over two blocks of 8 weeks in the Canon Hayes Sports Complex with an average 8/10 participants each week.

Football for All coaching sessions with Knocklofty Rehab Care, Bridge Water Rehab Care (Clonmel), Moorehaven Centre (Tipperary Town), The Journeyman Program (Carrick on Suir) & St Annes, Roscrea, Scoil Chormaic Cashel



Moorehaven Centre & Dean Celtic FC attended a Football for All blitz which took place in Clonmel Town FC with local groups

Knocklofty & Bridgewater with over 40 participants enjoying the day of football.

National Leaning Network Coaching sessions in Clonmel Town FC. (10-12 participants weekly)

Direct Provision Centre Carrick on Suir Camp took place for a day over the Easter holidays, two sessions with both boys & girls living in the centre. (20 participants)

AMIF School program completed over 6 weeks in Cahir, Cahir Park AFC & local primary school linked in with the FAI to deliver coaching sessions for junior & senior infant classes both boys & girls. (100+ boys/girls)

Clonmel Youth Diversion Elm Park sessions weekly in Clonmel Celtic/Clonmel Town FC (16-18 participants weekly)

Traveller Men “Football Fitness” 6-week Program (12 Participants)

Female Futsal Recreational League – 6-week program held in Canon Hayes Recreational Centre which finished with a final’s night. (35 Participants)

Walking Football - 2 x 8-week Program held in Cashel with local Men’s Shed group (10-12 participants) Members also attended Ireland v New Zealand in Dublin.

Over 35 “Back to the Pitch” Summer League – held over 6 weeks in Cahir Park AFC (40 participants)

### **Summer Camps**

Summer camps took place in 27 locations in Tipperary with 2,355 participants and over 60 coaches working on the camps.



### **Women’s/Girls Football**

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

FAI Aviva Soccer Sister Easter Festival of Football took place over the two week Easter break. 871 Girls participated in camps, courses and blitzes with 14 clubs taking part

Soccer Sisters Programme over 6 weeks in Arra Rovers FC (29 Girls took part), Tipperary Town Ladies (20 participants), Killenaule/Moyglass (35 participants), Cahir Park AFC (30 participants) Peake Villa FC (30 participants)

School/Club Link Soccer Sisters Programme completed in St Marys Nenagh in association with Ballymackey FC over 150 Girls participated

School/Club Link completed in Cashel Girls NS in association with Cashel Town FC with over 150 girls participating.

### **Player Development**

Player Development (Boys and Girls) The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both South and North of the county providing additional

coaching and contact time with over 600 elite underage players from the ages of U9 - U16.

Player Development Plan workshops delivered in 11 clubs in 2019, over 260 coaches participating

### **Club Development**

Ballymackey FC, Cahir Park AFC & Two Mile Borris/St Kevins FC were awarded FAI club Mark

A number of clubs in Tipperary currently in the process of achieving the FAI Club Mark award

### **Coach Education**

#### **PDP1**

LIT Thurles (27 participants) – October  
Ballymackey FC (17 participants)  
Borrisokane CC (9 participants)

#### **PDP 2**

Newport Town AFC (16 participants)

#### **7v7 Workshop**

Ballymackey FC (16 participants)  
Peake Villa FC (19 participants)

#### **9v9 Workshop**

Ballymackey FC (22 participants)  
Peake Villa FC (17 participants)

#### **National D Licence**

Nenagh AFC (14 participants)

#### **National C Licence**

Nenagh AFC (18 participants)



#### **Goalkeeping Intro**

Nenagh AFC (13 Participants)

#### **Safeguarding 1**

Lough Derg FC – 18 Participants

Roscrea – 16 Participants

Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC (10 participants)

Lough Derg FC (21 Participants)

Nenagh AFC (19 participants)

Clodiagh Rangers (17 Participants)

Ballymackey FC (19 participants)

Moneygall FC (15 participants)

Borrisokane FC (19 participants)

#### **Safeguarding 2**

Nenagh AFC (9 Participants)

#### **Schools**

Schools coaching programme in 12 schools over 10 weeks completed in association with Healthy Ireland and Tipperary Sports Partnership

Schools coaching sessions in numerous Primary and Post Primary schools in the county over the year

1<sup>st</sup> Year Schools Futsal with 17 Schools entered

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class Futsal with 58 Schools entered

### Sports Partnership

Tipperary Sports Partnership is currently completing its 2019 Operational Plan. In 2019, TSP successfully secured over €470,000 for sports and physical activities in the County.

TSP is continuing to support the #20x20 campaign (20% more media coverage for women's sport; 20% more female participation & 20% more attendance of women's games – all by 2020). In September, the tenth Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held in Clonmel with nearly 800 female participants taking part, many of whom took part in the Event for the first time. The largest group registered were raising funds for CHU in Cork in memory of Jack Downey, this group raised over €30,000 through participation in the event. Currently, a Swimmin' Women Programme is been completed in 3 pools, Clonmel, Thurles and Roscrea. Female Futsal programme with the FAI is also been supported in Tipperary Town.



*2019 Tipperary Mini Marathon*

TSP continues to support cycling in the County with 2 Cyclocross events supported during the autumn in Clonmel and Upperchurch. The Wibbly Wobbly Bike Programme continues to be delivered with over 650 preschool children availing of the programme in 2019. A Cycle Right Programme in partnership with TCC Road Safety section continued to support Primary Schools.



*Wibbly Wobbly Bike Programme*

As part of the development of the Community Sport Hub and outdoor urban in adventure Clonmel, a number of initiatives took place which included A new outdoor learning programme was piloted 'Sli Nadur'; Orienteering Events and training were facilitated along with mapping of areas of the town; a series of Kids Kayaking Summer Camps and Teen Adventure were delivered with 116 young people taking part along with programme for programmes for adults and people with disability and marginalised groups. A Blueway 10k Challenge took place between Clonmel & Kilsheelan. Rowing was also supported with the Get Going Get Rowing initiative for schools and a new adult programme was introduced in October.



*National Learning Network Sit on Top Kayaking Programme*

TSP joined forces with LIT and developed a bespoke special purpose award to support sports clubs in the administration and running of their clubs. The 20 week course has adopted a blended learning approach where the participants will engage in both online tutorials and face to face workshops. A key element of this programme will be the development of a Strategic Plan for their respective clubs. Currently, 12 participants are engaged in the programme and each will receive a Level 6 Special Purpose Award at the end of the Programme.

Community Walking continued to be supported during the Autumn with 2 new walking groups established in Garrykennedy/Portroe/Newton and Tipperary Town.



*Walking Group – Garrykennedy/Portroe/Newton*

In November, TSP provided training for residential care settings for older adults with Go for Life. This 'CAREPals' training was

attended by 11 providers who gained the knowledge and skills to deliver physical activity sessions for their residents. Walking Football was also supported for older men.



*CarePALs Training in Thurles*

TSP supported a number of initiatives targeting marginalised communities and groups which included the support of Community Soccer League in Roscrea and Tipperary Town; Multi activity Youth Diversion Programmes in Clonmel, Fethard/Killenaule and Thurles and youth group programmes in Clonmel and Nenagh. An Autumn Soccer programme for traveller men was also supported with the FAI in Clonmel.



*Participant on Active 8 Programme with YWIT*

In November, TSP linked with CARA to facilitate the delivery of the first Disability Inclusion Training for sport leaders in Tipperary. 20 participants completed the training from varied backgrounds including sport coaches, SNA's, teachers and sport development officers. TSP also supported the delivery of a variety of programmes for



people with disabilities including Boccia, Inclusive Swim and adapted multi activity sports programmes.



*Disability Inclusion Training in Littleton*

Other programmes delivered since June include, Sports Leader Training for 3 secondary schools, Safeguarding 1, 2 and 3 Workshops for sports volunteers, Sports Hall Athletics and Primary Schools Athletics Events. TSP also provided information and support to Schools who are currently working towards their Active School Flags.

## Environment & Climate Action Directorate

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### Policy/Strategic Issues

### Policy Changes/Updates

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### Strategic Policy Committee

The first SPC meeting of the Environment & Climate Action Committee was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. Items covered included a presentation on single use plastic and an outline of the functions of the section.



*Sample of crafts from the Schools Christmas Decoration Competition*

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### Directorate Projects

#### Environment H&S Systems ISO14001 and OHSAS18001

An internal H&S audit took place and the auditor noted that the Section has a very well structured system with comprehensive records and a clear commitment from all staff involved. There were no major non-conformances during the audit.

#### Public Awareness Events

Staff attended the Merck Sharpe and Dohme Energy and Environmental Awareness Information Day held on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### Community Awareness Schemes

A group of 20 students from Tankerstown National School had a very enjoyable tour of Donohill Recycling Centre on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.



### Veterinary Services

#### Dogs

A total of 8,552 dog licences have been issued to-date.

| District               | No licences issued |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Nenagh                 | 2,395              |
| Clonmel                | 1,968              |
| Carrick on Suir        | 1,026              |
| Thurles                | 1,966              |
| Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel | 1,197              |
|                        | <b>8,552</b>       |

#### Horses

The number of horse queries processed totalled 96 and resulted in 78 horse pickups. The council is working with relevant stakeholders to address the issues of stray horses on our public roads and lands.

#### Abattoirs

Tipperary County council currently has 16 Abattoirs, 2 Poultry Plants, 22 Small Meat Manufacturing Plants, and 1 vehicle that are inspected on a regular basis.

To date 636 AM/PM inspections were completed by veterinary officers where a total of 1704 Bovine (Cows), 5273 Ovine (Sheep), 49 Porcine (pigs), 12 Caprine (Goats) and 3205 Deer were processed through the abattoirs.

## Christmas Events

- Staff/elected members were invited to participate in a Christmas jumper swap event to promote fashion sustainability. The event was a great success with over 28 jumpers donated by staff.
- 26 schools participated in a Christmas decoration competition. Decorations were to be made from recycled material. A prize was awarded to the winning school in each Municipal District as follows: -
  - Clonmel** - Noirin Ni Chonaill, 4th Class, Gaelscoil Cluain Meala,
  - Carrick on Suir** - Killenaule National School 5th and 6th Class,
  - Cashel/Tipperary** - Rua Astwood, 4th Class, Knockavilla National School,
  - Thurles** - Audrey Bourke, 3rd Class, Drom N.S.
  - Nenagh** - Lily Ryan, 6th Class, Ardcroney NS
- A Green Christmas tips leaflet is available on the website giving tips and advice on how to recycle and reuse over the period.
- A Christmas Wreath Workshop took place in the Clonmel Museum on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. The wreaths were made out of preloved decorations.
- A Candle making Workshop took place on 7<sup>th</sup> December in Clonmel Library.
- A Children's Christmas Party was held in Clonmel on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, which included an Art and Crafts workshop for kids using recycled materials.
- A Radio Advertising campaign will be broadcast on Tipp FM to promote recycling and sustainability throughout December.
- The CAS sites are providing the free recycling of christmas trees from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.



*Candle making Workshop held in Co. Museum*



*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class – Killenaule NS –Carrick on Suir MD Winners*



*Noirín Ní Chonaill, Clonmel Gaelscoil, Clonmel BD Winner*



*Audrey Bourke, 3rd Class, Drom N.S. Thurles MD winner*



*Lily Ryan, 6th Class, Ardcroney N.S Nenagh MD winner*



*Rua Astwood, 4th Class, Knockavilla N.S  
Cashel/Tipperary MD winner*

### **Litter Fines**

127 litter fines were issued and 78 have been paid to date.

### **Reuse Month – October**

A number of projects were organised during reuse month. Clogheen and Cashel Men's Sheds made window boxes and garden planters from old pallets for a small housing scheme and "buddy benches" for schools. A workshop was held in St. Mary's Secondary School, Newport for 60 transition students on how to upcycle and re-purpose old and unloved furniture. Recycled flower bulbs were distributed to 25 Tidy Towns Groups from Clonmel Borough for 2020.



**Civic Amenity Sites** The upgrading of the Civic Amenity sites is continuing in Nenagh and Roscrea. Weighbridges were installed at these sites. A total of 109,639 visitors used the Civic Amenities to-date.

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| Waller's-Lot | 24,170 |
| Carrigeen    | 22,827 |
| Nenagh       | 33,603 |
| Roscrea      | 18,970 |
| Donohill     | 10,069 |

**Landfills** **Donohill**  
Signage at the landfill entrance and within the Civic Amenity Site were updated

**Ballaghveny**  
Tenders for the enabling works to the landfill infrastructure have been received and are being reviewed.

**Tipperary Town**  
Three new gas monitoring wells were installed to help inform the design of remediation works.

**Carrick-On-Suir**  
Tenders for consultancy services for the preparation of the remediation design were received and are under assessment. This will be followed by the appointment of consultants in Q1 2020.

**Historic Closed Landfills**  
Installation of boreholes is ongoing by the site investigations contractor. This will inform the Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at four historic closed landfills. The next stage is to complete the installation of boreholes and take samples for analysis in Q1 2020.

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**Derelict Sites** Engagement is ongoing with property owners in relation to derelict sites. 18 derelict sites legal notices were issued and levies were issued against 17 derelict properties. Owners rendered 10 properties non derelict during the year.

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## Waste Management/Enforcement

### Waste Enforcement

One un-authorised waste activity has been served with a summons for prosecution. A multi agency initiative is planned for 2020 to tackle illegal waste activities.

### Waste Management Bye Laws

All Householders were issued with a final notice in November, these will be progressed to the district court, if fines remain unpaid. A further 300 houses will be included in the 2020 plan for Household waste inspections, these will include rural areas along with towns and areas where there is persistent dumping.

|  | Licenses   | Inspections  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Waste Facility Permit (WFP) / Certificate of Registration (CoR)</b> | WFPs = 4 Granted (2 new 2 Reviews)<br>COR = 1 Granted<br>Invalid Applications = 1<br>WFP Transfers 2 ( 1 granted 1 Pending)<br>Technical Amendment = 1 | Waste Facilities =5<br>COR Facility = 2<br>Joint NTFSO = 0 Joint WERLA =1<br>Checkpoints = 3 |
| <b>Packaging registrations/renewal</b>                                 | Certificate of Renewal of Registration.=3  | Hazardous Waste inspections = 3  |
| <b>Food Waste Management</b>   |  | Commercial Food = 8  |
| <b>Producer responsibility</b>   |  | WEEE = 7 Farm Plastics = 0<br>Waste Tyre = 4 Plastic Bag = 5<br>ELV = 0                      |

### Environment Digitiser

All past and present Waste Authorisations were mapped to the Environment GIS. This allows the enforcement team to pin point all authorisations in the county. This also facilitates the required permit history check which is carried out on each new Waste Permit or Certificate of Registration Application.

### Bottle Banks

Due to the significant increase in the volumes of glass deposited in our bottle banks, and the increased costs of disposal, commercial premises will be contacted in 2020 to provide information on their current glass disposal arrangements. The bottle banks provide services for households only and commercial properties are obliged to use a licensed glass collector.

### Textile Tender

The Textile tender was published on the E Tender website for the provision and servicing of 113 bring banks throughout the county. It is intended to commence this service in February 2020

### Drone Technology

The section purchased a Phantom 4 RTK Drone as part of the Anti-Dumping initiative grant. It has been used to investigate unauthorized waste activities, river surveys and Burial Ground Mapping. It is intended to purchase another drone in 2020.

### Energy

The five weeks energy training and awareness programme developed by TEA with Ballingarry Secondary school was completed in November. This involved transition year pupils conducting an energy audit of the school building and recommending changes in order to generate energy efficiencies and cost savings. The students will present their findings in the New Year.

The EV charging point's feasibility study was completed and 6 sites were identified, where EV charging equipment will be installed to facilitate owners of electric cars.

As part of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan, a workshop was organised to highlight awareness around the importance of including energy requirements at the design stage of new buildings or extensions to existing dwelling in order to achieve energy efficiencies through the use of renewable energy technologies. The event was targeted at designers/planners and architects and over 100 people attended. Linked with the event was the launch by Sustainable Tipp of a competition for the design of a house extension to a Nearly Zero Energy Building standard NZEB.

The installation of PV arrays on three buildings will commence in February 2020 as part of the Community Virtual Power Plant initiative.

The section is work with the Green Business Network to develop projects around the circular economy.

## Environment Protection

### Air Pollution

In conjunction with the EPA, staff rolled out their monitoring programme under the Clean Air for Europe directive and installed monitors in Tipperary Town & Nenagh. Preparatory works have commenced for the installation of a monitor in Clonmel which will be completed in early January 2020



*Colette Moloney & Paul O Grady at the LAIG Conference*

**National Local Authority Implementation Group (LAIG) for Solid Fuel regulations** TCC hosted the National Local Authority Implementation Group (LAIG) for Solid Fuel regulations in Thurles in November, which also included a site visit to Ború Stoves in the town. The LAIG serves as a forum to facilitate an exchange of information and knowledge between local authorities, the EPA and other interested parties, with the aim of improving the consistency of implementation and enforcement of the Solid Fuel Regulations.

**Air Emissions** Petrol Stations, Dry cleaners & Motor vehicle spray painting shops and the smaller scale Pharmaceutical companies all require permits to operate (due to the use and emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds ) and require inspection by approved assessors and the local authority. Focus was put on the identification of those still operating without valid certification and validating previously registered operators to ensure accurate data.



| Sector   | No. Inspections 2019                       |
|--|--|
| Dry Cleaners<br>& Pharmaceutical Sector ( small scale use) | 4  |
| Vehicle Refinishers  | 12   |
| Petroleum Vapour Emissions                                 | 15   |
| Quarry   | 1 assessment with operator for application |
| Solid Fuel regulation<br>Fuel Suppliers within Ban Area    | 3  |
| Air Complaints   | 121  |
| Noise Complaints   | 55   |

### Noise

Due to the increase in the number of noise complaints received in recent years, a noise Management Protocol was agreed and is available on our website. Three staff members received training and were awarded certificates of Competence in Environmental Noise Assessment.

### Water Pollution /Agriculture

According to the 2015-2018 water monitoring results, water quality in our rivers has declined significantly, with a 34% drop in good status and 40% increase in both moderate and poor status categories. The team works closely with the LAWPRO/LAWSAT offices and the EPAs Catchments team to identify where problems exist and focus our engagement, investigative and also enforcement activities in these areas. Outlined below is a list of actions undertaken in 2019.

- 840 EPA river samples were taken as part of the sampling program across the county.
- Sites where pollution incidents occurred were inspected and 10 section (12) notices and 2 warning letters under the Water Pollution Acts were issued.
- 41 Domestic Waste Water Treatment system inspections were completed
- 95 farm related inspections were carried out to include planned (67) , DAFM Cross reports( 17) and complaints (11)
- 14 Drinking Water source protection assessments are completed including planned and assessments in response to drinking water incidents.
- Monitoring of Section 4 licensed premises commenced in January with ongoing compliance sampling and 10 on site audits of high risk sites were completed.
- 55 Nutrient management Plans were submitted for assessment. In parallel the section is engaging with the EPA licensed facilities in relation to additional sludge spreading activity which will continue in 2020.

### Planning Referrals

119 Planning applications were reviewed to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

### River Ara Walkway project

The section is working with the LAWPRO and the Abbey School to develop a 950 meters looped walk around the town. This amenity will include a number of features including a playground, a wetlands area to encourage biodiversity and a seating area for outdoor events.

The section provided 26 native Irish trees for planting on the school grounds at the entrance to the Ara walkway. Below is the planned outline.



*The Ara River Proposed Wetlands project*

### Burial Grounds

- Shanrahan Burial Ground Extension in Clogheen is completed.
- Minor upgrades completed at Cloughjordan, Borrisokane, Carrick-on-Suir , St Cormac's Cashel, Templederry, Garrykennedy & Moyne Burial Grounds.
- Minor Works have commenced in St. Patrick's Thurles, Moyne, Templederry & Ninemilehouse Burial Grounds.
- Landscape & Clearance Works completed at Powerstown(Old) & Shanavine Burial Grounds.
- Dangerous Tree removal & other minor maintenance works carried out at various Burial Grounds in the County.

### Open/Closed Complaints

| Complaint Description    | Tipperary/Cahir Cashel |            | Thurles |            | Nenagh |            | Clonmel |            | Carrick-on-Suir |            |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------|---------|------------|--------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|------------|
|                          | Open                   | Closed     | Open    | Closed     | Open   | Closed     | Open    | Closed     | Open            | Closed     |
| Air                      | 6                      | 13         | 3       | 21         | 1      | 17         | 7       | 35         | 2               | 15         |
| Derelict Sites           | 1                      | 3          | 0       | 1          | 0      | 1          | 0       | 2          | 0               | 2          |
| Dog Control              | 9                      | 144        | 1       | 185        | 0      | 157        | 10      | 143        | 2               | 62         |
| Litter                   | 19                     | 235        | 19      | 210        | 4      | 261        | 50      | 275        | 9               | 164        |
| Noise                    | 3                      | 2          | 5       | 5          | 7      | 4          | 8       | 6          | 8               | 4          |
| Veterinary               | 3                      | 13         | 4       | 22         | 1      | 15         | 5       | 16         | 1               | 4          |
| Waste Enforcement        | 2                      | 11         | 2       | 7          | 1      | 11         | 4       | 23         | 2               | 6          |
| Water                    | 5                      | 5          | 5       | 8          | 1      | 15         | 11      | 6          | 3               | 1          |
| <b>Complaints Open</b>   | 48                     |            | 39      |            | 15     |            | 95      |            | 27              |            |
| <b>Complaints Closed</b> |                        | 426        |         | 459        |        | 481        |         | 506        |                 | 258        |
| <b>Total Received</b>    |                        | <b>474</b> |         | <b>498</b> |        | <b>496</b> |         | <b>601</b> |                 | <b>285</b> |



## WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN:

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3), to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This will incorporate Irish Water's Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. In relation to same, the CRU published a consultation paper on 31 July 2019, which set out the CRU's proposals regarding Irish Water's allowed revenue for the period 2020-2024. The consultation concluded on 11 September 2019 and the CRU's final determination has been made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

| A. Schemes in Construction   | Contract Name   | Consultant                      | Contractor           | Current Scheme Status   |
|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh (Contract Cost €1.47M)                         | Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh   | J.B. Barry and Partners Limited | Balfour Beatty plc   | Snagging to be completed and Irish Water to close the project out.  |
| Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Contract Cost €2.9M)                                     | Nenagh Wastewater Network Advanced Works                                    | J.B. Barry and Partners Limited | Balfour Beatty plc   | Snagging to be completed and Irish Water to close the project out.  |
| Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Advance Works) (Contract Cost €2.2M) | Storage North of Clonmel (Reservoir) at Giantsgrave, Clonmel, and Pipelines | Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited        | John Cradock Limited | Handover to Operations and Maintenance completed in July 2019. Snagging to be completed and Irish Water to close out the project. |



|   |   |                          |   |  |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|--|
| Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 (Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines) (Contract Cost €9.5M) | Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 Design Build Operate (DBO) Water Treatment Plant at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles and Pipelines | Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited | Glan Agua Limited                                     | Contract ongoing. Completion expected in May 2020.   |
| Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme (Contract Cost €2.27M)   | Mechanical and Electrical Works at Ballylooby Springs at Scart East, Ballylooby, including Reservoir at Kilroe, Ballylooby                          | Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited | Response Engineering (part of Ward and Burke Limited) | Contract ongoing. Completion expected in April 2020. |

| B. Schemes at Pre-Construction / Design   | Contract Name  | Current Scheme Status   |
|---|--|---|
| Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Water Abstraction, Water Treatment Plant and Pipelines)     | Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme – Water Intake Works, Water Treatment Plant, Reservoirs and Pipelines (Design Build Operate (DBO) Contract) | Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited Engineering Consultant. Design ongoing. Preparing EIA, Water Abstraction Order, CPO and Planning Application.<br><br>EIA screening application request submitted to Tipperary County Council and Waterford City and County Council planning authorities on 22 July 2019. |
| Roscrea Sewerage Scheme   | Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)  | Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Workshop held in November 2019 on future design model builds.   |
| Thurles Sewerage Scheme   | Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design)  | Jacobs Engineering Consultant. Model built and verified for existing network. Workshop held in October 2019 on future design model builds.  |
| Nenagh Sewerage Scheme (Design Build Operate (DBO) 1 year operate, operate starts once contract signed) | Wastewater Treatment Plant and Network Upgrade   | Arup Engineering Consultant. Preparing EIA and Planning Application, which are anticipated to be submitted in Q2/Q3 2020. Construction anticipated to start in Q1 2021.   |



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|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Nenagh Sewerage Scheme               | Drainage Area Plan (Strategy, Optioneering and Future Solutions Design) | Arup Engineering Consultant. Model build due for completion in Q1 2020.  |
| Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant   | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade                                      | RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS to progress with full design, EIS and planning documentation. Planning Application to be submitted in Q1/Q2 2020. Construction estimated to start in mid-2021. |
| Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant   | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment                           | RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.   |
| Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment                           | RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.   |
| Cashel Wastewater Treatment Plant    | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment                           | RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.   |
| Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant   | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment                           | RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.   |
| Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant     | Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment                           | RPS Engineering Consultant. RPS Feasibility Report reviewed by Irish Water. Irish Water confirmed upgrade details. Design phase commenced.   |
| Goatenbridge Water Treatment Plant   | Water Treatment Plant Upgrade assessment                                | Glan Agua appointed to prepare preliminary design and costing of upgrade to IW brief.  |



In 2017, Irish Water restructured the delivery of the Investment Plan into two streams, as follows:

- (i) **Infrastructure Portfolio**, which includes major water and wastewater projects, both treatment plants and networks; and
- (ii) **Capital Delivery**, which includes the implementation of a large number of smaller interventions that will target specific areas or bundles of assets.

The above table lists those projects in County Tipperary which form part of the Infrastructure Portfolio.

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

The programme addresses issues such as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **(1) Watermains Rehabilitation Works:**

(1.1): 12.05 kilometres of new watermains completed in 2019 at Cordangan to Ballyglass, Tipperary; Clonmore; Tullaheady, Nenagh; Ardloman to Ballyglass, Tipperary; and at Killenaule to Ballinunty.

(1.2): New watermains of 1.0 kilometres are ongoing at Tully's Cross to Birdhill.



(1.3): A further 0.95 kilometres are at design stage, including Templetohy (0.55 km) and Ardfinnan Village (0.40 km).

(1.4): Irish Water 2020 proposed works: Ballinard Bridge, Fethard (0.163 km); Abbey Road/Marlfield Road, Clonmel (1.68km); and Davis Road, Clonmel (0.48 km).

(1.5): Back yard services replacement in Thurles ongoing: Seán Treacy Avenue, Ard Mhuire, Loughtagalla, Bohernamona Road, Bohernanave, St. Brendan's Terrace, St. Enda's Terrace, St. Ita's Terrace, St. Colomba Terrace, St. Ailbe Terrace, Innisfallen Avenue, Butler Avenue, Iona Avenue, The Crescent and Stradavoher.

(1.6) Irish Water hosted a public information meeting on 10 July 2019 at the Tipperary Excel, Mitchell Street, Tipperary in relation to its proposal to replace backyard services at the following locations in Tipperary:

Avondale Crescent, Boston Villas, Canon Hayes Park, Derby Terrace, Fr. Mathew Street, Glenview Square, Hill Terrace, Lacey Villas, Marian Terrace, St. Michael's Avenue, Martin Breen Terrace, Murgasty Cottages, O'Connell Road, Dillon Street, O'Duffy Terrace, Seán Allen Terrace, St. Michael's Avenue, St. Patrick's Avenue, Dawson Villas and Station Road.

No start date has been indicated by Irish Water

(1.7): Backyard service replacement design is ongoing for the following locations in Clonmel: Glenegad Road, Irishtown Upper and Abbey Road.

(1.8): DMA establishment is ongoing in the Fethard and Dundrum Regional Water Supply Schemes.

(1.9): Fix works are ongoing in the Carrick-on-Suir and Tipperary Town Water Supply Schemes.

(1.10): Leak detection works ongoing in Clonmel Town Water Supply Scheme and in the Fethard, Dundrum and Galtee Regional Water Supply Schemes.

(1.11): First fix leak repairs ongoing in Ardfinnan and Burncourt Regional Water Supply Schemes.

(1.12): Pressure logging ongoing in Clonmel as part of pressure reduction works.

(1.13): Non domestic meter replacements ongoing in Tipperary Town.

## **(2) National Disinfection Programme:**

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

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

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:



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

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

### **Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:**

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

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

- (i) Site assessment reports received for Roscrea, Birdhill and Ballina.
- (ii) Ironmills, Mullenbawn, Ballinver, Ahenny, Templetney, Commons substantially complete, snagging ongoing.
- (iii) Ahenny at process proving.
- (iv) Mechanical and Electrical Works ongoing at Monroe, Clonmel.
- (v) Process proving ongoing at Springmount, Golden.
- (vi) Design submitted for Crotty's Lake, Coalbrook and Dualla and at review stage.
- (vii) Design ongoing for various sites throughout the county.

### **(3) Treated Water Storage Programme:**

Irish Water has appointed RPS Consultants to assist the progression of the assessment, design, planning, procurement and construction administration/supervision of treated water storage reservoirs for water supply schemes in Drumroe, Ballyporeen; Cappaghmagarrane, Mullinahone; Kilcommon; and Lorrha. While the reservoir at Drumroe is ongoing, advancement of the other locations has been postponed.

### **(B) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WASTEWATER):**

Irish Water has appointed AECOM (Project Management) and Terra Solutions contractor to carry out sewer network rehabilitation works as part of regional sewer rehabilitation projects. The scope of works within each regional contract will be defined gradually through inputs from Water Services engineers, closed circuit television (CCTV) surveys, etc., to identify and prioritise asset upgrade requirements. Locations in Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Fethard, Rosegreen and Cahir have been identified for surveys by USA Limited.

No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

### **(1) Wastewater Inlet Works, Storm Tank and Sludge Programme:**

Irish Water has procured J.B. Barry and Partners Limited as Engineering Consultants to assess a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to assess if the provision of new inlet works, storm tank, sludge treatment (or combination of these) would be worth progressing to improve plant operation. The sites identified are Borrisokane, Kilsheelan, Holycross and Limerick Junction. A preliminary design review is ongoing. The provision of any identified works will require a prior grant of permission from Tipperary County Council as planning authority.



## **(2) Sludge Dewatering Satellite Centre Programme:**

Irish Water has procured Jacobs Engineering Ireland Limited as Engineering Consultants to investigate a number of wastewater treatment plant sites to assess their suitability for a sludge dewatering satellite centre. The data gathering stage is ongoing.

The Sludge Dewatering Centre (SDC) Programme involves an assessment and a feasibility study of 15 sites nationally (which include Thurles and Roscrea) and the advancement of priority sites to construction.

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

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

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

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

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

Under the Small Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Programme, the wastewater treatment plant at Carrick Street, Mullinahone was identified for improvement works. A grant of permission issued to Irish Water by Tipperary County Council, as planning authority, on 25 September 2018 to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant, to include construction of inlet works, new process units and below ground storage tanks, landscaping and associated ancillary works including new below ground pump chambers and pipework.

The documentation submitted by Irish Water with the planning application indicated that the population equivalent of the agglomeration of Mullinahone is 608. Consequently, it is in receipt of a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The above works are in progress with anticipated completion in Q1 2020.

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

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

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

## **CONCLUSION:**

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



### **NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:**

On 03 July 2019 the CRU published its Decision on Irish Water's Non-Domestic Tariff Framework. The purpose of the framework is to generate a harmonised suite of tariffs for non-domestic water and wastewater customers. A harmonised approach will benefit Irish Water's customers in terms of transparency, simplicity and equity. The framework sets out the "rules" for how tariffs are designed and how customers will be transitioned to their new tariffs over time, as well as the new non-domestic tariff rates.

This framework of charges will replace the existing charges, which had been set by each local authority prior to 01 January 2014. The new charges will be on a national basis, i.e. there will be no local variation and they will have a fixed and a variable element. Existing billing frequencies will remain as they are until Irish Water carries out a review. Details of the new charges are provided at <https://www.water.ie/for-business/billing-explained/charges/> and an executive summary is available at <https://www.cru.ie/cru-publishes-decision-on-new-tariffs-for-irish-waters-non-domestic-customers/>.

The new non-domestic charges will take effect on 01 May 2020.

### **COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH IRISH WATER:**

Workshops with Irish Water for the elected members have taken place at the Civic Offices, Thurles on 27 October 2017, 12 April 2018, 02 October 2018, 03 April 2019 and on 30 September 2019. It is planned to hold the next workshop in Spring 2020, on a date to be agreed.

### **RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:**

The Rural Water Programme principally covers the following:

- (i) group water schemes; and
- (ii) group sewerage schemes, the provision of which requires the active participation of the householders concerned.

The focus of the Rural Water Programme for 2020 in respect of group water schemes is to address remaining inadequacies in the quality of drinking water so as to ensure compliance with the priorities set down in the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended, through:

- (i) the provision of treatment and disinfection facilities;
- (ii) source protection measures; and
- (iii) the rehabilitation and upgrade of distribution systems.

The annual block grant allocation from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) enables expenditure by group water schemes on capital expenditure under the above headings.

In addition, an annual subsidy is paid to group water schemes for maintenance. This annual maintenance subsidy, in respect of 75 group schemes, amounted to €547,290.00 in 2019, which is recoupable from the DHPLG. A recent review of the annual maintenance subsidy will result in a significant increase in the maximum subsidy payable: from €140 to €231 per domestic connection for private group schemes and from €70 to €115 per domestic connection for public group schemes.

On 14 March 2019 Tipperary County Council submitted its proposals to the DHPLG in respect of the Multi Annual Programme 2019-2021 in relation to the Rural Water Programme. These proposals reflected the amendments to the structure of the Multi Annual Programme as introduced by the DHPLG, which now includes 7 Measures under which funding may be sought.



The Council's proposals reflected these 7 Measures in relation to the enhancement of group schemes and other elements of the Rural Water Programme.

On 04 October 2019 the DHPLG notified the Council of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021. A figure of €1.6 million to be spent over 7 Measures (see the table below). With €815,330 of this figure relating to 2019 and all claims for recoupment to be with the DHPLG by 27 November 2019, the Council informed the DHPLG that it was treating this as a fully rolling programme. A total of 36 group water schemes received allocations under the now fully scheme specific programme. Work is underway with all 36 group water schemes and these projects will be completed in 2020. The Council's aim is to ensure work is carried out early in 2020 so as to breach the time gap of a late DHPLG allocation.

| Measure:  | 2019     | 2019 - 2021 |
|---|----------|-------------|
| 1 Source Protection (Group Water Scheme Sector)                         | €110,250 | €110,250    |
| 2 (a) Public Health Compliance (Group Water Scheme Sector)              | €49,128  | €109,128    |
| 2 (b) Amalgamation and Rationalisation                                  | €272,000 | €659,500    |
| 3 Enhancement of existing schemes (including Water Conservation)        | €306,332 | €522,457    |
| 4 New Group Water Schemes   | Nil      | Nil         |
| 5 Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes | €68,120  | €128,120    |
| 6 (a) Community Connection Networks (Water)                             | Nil      | Nil         |
| 6 (b) Community Connection Networks (Wastewater)                        | €7,500   | €71,250     |
| 7 Innovation and Research   | €2,000   | €5,000      |

The Rural Water Programme also covers the following:

- (i) grants for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house (known as well grants): to mid December 2019, 72 applications have been received with grants of €113,909 paid to 59 applicants;
- (ii) grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013 (it should be noted that the site inspections, etc. are carried out by the Environment and Climate Action Section): to mid December 2019, 2 applications have been received with grants of €8,000 paid to them; and
- (iii) grants payable pursuant to the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016: to mid December 2019, 3 applications have been received with grants of €7,949 paid to them.

Expenditure on these grants is recoupable from the DHPLG.

Progress on the above programme of work was reviewed by the Rural Water Committee at its meeting at Civic Offices, Thurles on 12 November 2019. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 14 January 2020.



*Figure 1: Interconnection Watermain at Plunket Street - Gurteenakilla Group Water Scheme: the civil works providing this interconnection watermain have been completed.*

The Rural Water Programme has continued its engagement with "Trees on the Land". This is a cross-border initiative the goal of which is to plant 1 million trees in Ireland in February 2020. The Rural Water Programme hopes to provide 3 collection points in County Tipperary in February 2020. The closing date for orders with "Trees on the Land" was 20 November 2019. Wildflower seeds are being distributed to all group water schemes who engage with the Annual Maintenance Subsidy scheme and the Rural Water Programme is hoping to strengthen the relationships between Tidy Town Groups, Burial Ground Committees and the Group Water Scheme community. These groups all have volunteerism at their core and could support each other well.



*Figure 2: Water Services staff Triona Collins, Senior Staff Officer, and Caroline O'Herlihy, Staff Officer, with an enthusiastic trees recipient at Ballingarrane House, Clonmel.*

## **RURAL WATER PROGRAMME MONITORING COSTS:**

The European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended, place an obligation on Tipperary County Council, as water services authority, to monitor water intended for human consumption in certain categories of supply. These supplies are as follows:

- (i) **GWS:** an individual supply greater than 10 cubic metres per day on average or which serves 50 or more persons: this relates to group water schemes (GWS) which reach or exceed either of these thresholds (there are 39 no. such schemes in the county, ranging in size from 4 to 339 domestic connections, some of which also have non-domestic connections); and
- (ii) **SPS:** a supply which is a commercial or public activity: this relates to any activity with a public use, e.g. food producers, crèches, hotels, nursing homes, public houses, etc. (there are up to 200 such supplies in the county); these are commonly referred to as small private supplies (SPS).

Currently, Water Services carries out a planned water quality sampling and result analysis programme annually in respect of the above installations, in accordance with the guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The programme satisfies the minimum legal requirements as set out in the 2014 Regulations, as amended. Samples consist of check samples and audit samples; the latter are less frequent.

The costs incurred form part of the Water Services budget and, as these supplies do not come within the remit of Irish Water, no funding is available from that source.

Since 01 January 2016, the requirement by the EPA that only accredited laboratories may be used, has resulted in increased costs. Furthermore, the introduction of the European Union (Drinking Water) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 on 24 October 2017 accentuated the parameters and frequencies of the monitoring programmes of water intended for human consumption. In addition, EPA requirements have dictated an accentuation in the annual monitoring programme, resulting in increased costs.

Efforts to date to secure a direct recoupment of these costs incurred by the Council in respect of the GWS at (i) above through the Rural Water Programme have not elicited a positive response from the DHPLG. There is no facility to recoup the costs incurred by the Council in respect of the SPS at (ii) above.

Consequently, the costs have been substantially borne heretofore by the Council and, with increased costs occasioned by enhanced monitoring requirements, this absorption by the Council is no longer sustainable.

Having regard to the above, it is now proposed to recoup costs incurred in the above programme through the introduction of a charge commensurate with the expense incurred by the Council in the performance of its statutory duties.

It is proposed that a charge of €100, per check sample, and of €400, per audit sample, be applied, with effect from 01 February 2020 in respect of the aforementioned categories of water supply.

The above proposal has been brought to the attention of the Rural Water Committee.



*Photograph No. 1: Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Scheme water treatment plant at Scart East, Ballylooby, Cahir.*



*Photograph No. 2: Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Scheme water treatment plant at Scart East, Ballylooby, Cahir.*



*Photograph No. 3: Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Scheme water treatment plant at Scart East, Ballylooby, Cahir.*



*Photograph No. 4: Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme water treatment plant at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles.*



Photograph No. 5: Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme water treatment plant at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles.

## HOUSING DIRECTORATE



### New Policy/Strategic Issues

| Policy Changes/Updates   | Current Position/Progress made   | Next Stage   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Policy &amp; Practice - Review of Void Management</b>                               | Scoping document is being prepared on review of current practice; review of practices in other counties & options to be considered | Working Paper to be brought before the SPC once prepared |
| <b>Review of Housing Allocation Procedures &amp; Potential of Choice Based Letting</b> | Work has commenced on review of current practice; review of practices in other counties & options to be considered                 | Working Paper to be brought before the SPC once prepared |

### Housing Delivery

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government identified a Target of 625 Social Housing Units to be delivered by Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Approved Housing Bodies for the period 2018-2021 as part of Rebuilding Ireland, through Build, Acquisition, and Long Term Leasing. This is in addition to separate HAP and RAS targets.

Tipperary County Council delivered 214 dwellings in 2018. The target for 2019 was 173 units and 245 units were delivered, exceeding the target by 42%. To date a total of 459 units of accommodation have been provided as part of the 2018-2021 programme or 73% with 50% of the timeline remaining.

The Department is consistent in its approach that a significant proportion of the delivery target comes through build activity in the Local Authority and Approved Housing Body sector and Tipperary County Council with the AHB's are expected to deliver 429 dwellings of the overall 625 target above in this manner in 2018-2021. The Council exceeded the 2019 build target of 90 dwellings this year with the delivery of over double the previous year's build completions (122 dwellings in 2019) and this will continue in 2020/ 2021 achieving and exceeding the Department target. A number of Part 8's will be advertised as part of this delivery programme in Quarter 1, 2020.



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

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| New RAS properties in 2019 incl Voluntary units | 98  |
| New LTL properties in 2019 incl AHB units       | 112 |
| Rent Reviews 2019                               | 394 |
| Contract Renewals in 2019                       | 69  |

### Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| HAP Tenancies set up in 2019 | 398  |
| Total Active HAP Tenancies   | 1782 |

### 2019 Construction Programme

| <i>Address</i>  | <i>No of Units</i> | <i>Current Status</i>                             | <i>Next Stage</i>                  |
|---|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Coolnamuck Road, Carrick on Suir</b>               | 30                 | Draft Masterplan prepared and being reviewed      | Stage 1 submission to Dept         |
| <b>Ardcroney</b>                                      | 4                  | Stage 2 submitted                                 | Stage 2 Approval                   |
| <b>Camphill Communities, Carrick on Suir</b>          | 7                  | Stage 2 Approved                                  | Submission of Planning Application |
| <b>Moyne</b>  | 7                  | Stage 2 Approved, Design Team Appointed           | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Donohill</b>                                       | 4/8                | Stage 2 Approved, Design Team Appointed           | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Mullinahone</b>                                    | 10                 | Stage 2 Approved, Design Team Appointed           | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Ballyclerihan</b>                                  | 14                 | Stage 2 Approved, Design Team Appointed           | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Borrisoleigh</b>                                   | 12                 | Stage 2 Approved , Design Team Appointed          | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Two Mile Borris</b>                                | 23                 | Stage 2 Approved, Design Team Appointed           | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Bansha</b>   | 14                 | Stage 2 Approved, Design Team Appointed           | Part 8 Planning                    |
| <b>Glencarrick,Roscrea</b>                            | 10                 | Scheme on hold pending resolution to access issue | Scheme on hold                     |
| <b>121 Ard Na Greine, Clonmel</b>                     | 2                  | Part 8 Approved,                                  | Stage 3 preparation                |
| <b>Mulcair View, Newport</b>                          | 11                 | Stage 3 to be submitted                           | Proceed to tender                  |
| <b>Cormac Drive, Nenagh</b>                           | 12                 | Stage 3 submitted                                 | Proceed to Tender                  |
| <b>Thurles Lions Trust, Stanwix Homes, Thurles</b>    | 19                 | Stage 3 submitted                                 | Proceed to Tender                  |
| <b>Portroe</b>  | 14                 | Stage 3 submitted                                 | Proceed to Tender                  |
| <b>Cluid Housing Association, Glenconnor, Clonmel</b> | 9                  | Stage 3 submitted                                 | Proceed to Tender                  |
| <b>Abbey Street, Cahir</b>                            | 10                 | Stage 4 submitted                                 | Appoint Contractor                 |
| <b>Borrisokane</b>                                    | 16                 | Stage 4 submitted                                 | Appoint Contractor                 |



|   |    |                             |                          |
|---|----|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mill Road, Thurles                              | 28 | Stage 4 submitted           | Appoint Contractor       |
| Knockanrawley, Tipperary                        | 28 | Contractor Appointed        | Commencement on Site     |
| Templetuohy                                     | 10 | Contractor Appointed        | Commencement on Site     |
| Mitchel Street, Thurles                         | 1  | Contractor Appointed        | Commencement on Site     |
| Cloughjordan                                    | 2  | Contractor on Site          | Delivery 2020            |
| Gortnahoe                                       | 5  | Contractor on Site          | Delivery 2020            |
| Glennconnor, Clonmel                            | 26 | Contractor on site          | Delivery 2020            |
| Turnkey project at Strylea, Fethard             | 3  | Turnkey, Works in Progress  | Delivery 2020            |
| Mill River, Carrick on Suir Tuatha AHB          | 22 | Turnkey, Works in Progress  | Delivery 2020            |
| Turnkey project at Abbey View, Fethard          | 21 | Turnkey, 21 units completed |                          |
| Turnkey at An Grianan, Killenaule               | 14 | Turnkey, 14 units completed |                          |
| Co Operative Housing Ireland, Ashgrove, Thurles | 17 | Turnkey, 10 units completed | Delivery balance Q1 2020 |
| Turnkey at An Ardan, Borrisokane                | 13 | Completed                   |                          |
| An Duiche, Tipperary Town, Respond              | 43 | Turnkey, 43 units completed |                          |
| Thurles Lions Trust, Monastery Close, Thurles   | 34 | Completed                   |                          |
| Gortataggart, Thurles                           | 2  | Completed                   |                          |
| Mulcair View, Newport                           | 3  | Completed                   |                          |
| Treacy Park, Carrick-on-Suir                    | 1  | Completed                   |                          |
| The Barracks, Borrisoleigh                      | 2  | Completed                   |                          |
| Cabragh Bridge Traveller Accommodation          | 6  | Completed                   |                          |

*The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments 4 stages of approval are:*

*Stage 1: Layout Design and confirm approval of scheme for Expenditure*

*Stage 2: Assess project prior to Statutory Approval Submission*

*Stage 3: Approve Detailed Design Solution and Pre Tender Cost Estimate*

*Stage 4: Review Tender Returns in advance of Contract Award*



### Energy Efficiency

Phase 1 energy efficiency works are complete with work to approximately 2000 dwellings complete in the southern districts in the past two years. Phase two tender documentation is being prepared in advance of an anticipated 2020 budget allocation.

### Housing Grants

The Council received a total allocation of €3,220,545 in 2019 for Private Housing Adaptation Grants. The Council committed in full this allocation by November 2019 and sought additional funding in the amount of €441,900 from the Department. This brought the full expenditure for Private Housing Adaptation Grants to €3,632,444. The Council received a total allocation of €555,556 for Local Authority DPG's in 2019 but got final approval for €567,880.

The table below outlines the details in relation to Grants at 12/12/2019.

| Grants 2019   | BUDGET            | Total Amount Approved | Number of Applications Approved | % of Budget |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| HOUSE ADAPTION GRANT PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY (HGD) | €2,792,894        | €2,792,894            | 195                             | 100%        |
| MOBILITY AIDS GRANT (MAG)                           | €157,949          | €157,949              | 31                              | 100%        |
| HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE (HOP)                  | €636,802          | €636,802              | 108                             | 100%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>€3,587,645</b> | <b>€3,587,645</b>     | <b>334</b>                      | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>Local Authority DPG Grants</b>                   | <b>€567,880</b>   | <b>€567,880</b>       | <b>42</b>                       | <b>100%</b> |

Please note, the Occupational Therapist Budget for assessing applications is not included in the above figures but is covered by the 2019 allocation.

### Voids

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Number Completed from 01/01/2019 to 30/11/2019 | 122 |
|--|-----|

### Vacant Houses - Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

| District               | Approved Applicants | Vacant Houses | % vacant houses<br>-v-<br>overall housing stock |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| Carrick                | 358                 | 40            | 0.80%   |
| Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel | 815                 | 38            | 0.70%   |
| Clonmel                | 648                 | 31            | 0.60%   |
| Nenagh                 | 770                 | 52            | 1.00%   |
| Templemore/Thurles     | 882                 | 66            | 1.30%   |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>3473</b>         | <b>249</b>    | <b>4.70%</b>                                    |



## Offers of Tenancy in 2019

|                               | Offers     | Accepted   | Pending   | Refused   | Nominations to AHBs |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| <b>Carrick</b>                | 58         | 34         | 11        | 13        | 26                  |
| <b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel</b> | 72         | 50         | 6         | 16        | 70                  |
| <b>Clonmel</b>                | 52         | 42         | 2         | 8         | 6                   |
| <b>Nenagh</b>                 | 43         | 34         | 2         | 7         | 18                  |
| <b>Templemore Thurles</b>     | 94         | 70         | 3         | 21        | 5                   |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                 | <b>319</b> | <b>230</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>125</b>          |

### Buy and Renew

The Buy and Renew scheme is designed to support local authorities (and approved housing bodies) to purchase and renew vacant housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing. It is a companion strategy for the Repair & Lease scheme, providing additional social housing options. Buy and Renew can target the purchase of both disused and older vacant homes and assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

It is recognised that the elected members have significant local knowledge and this has proved beneficial to date.

### Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

The Rebuilding Ireland home loan is a Government backed mortgage which was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. You can borrow 90% of the market value of the property to a maximum of €250,000 in Tipperary. This loan offers two rate products 2% fixed for up to 25 years and 2.25% fixed for up to 30 years.

## Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Applications

### 01/01/2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Number of Applications Received</b>       | <b>164</b>        |
| <b>Number of Valid Applications Received</b> | <b>63</b>         |
| <b>Number of Loan Applications Approved</b>  | <b>39</b>         |
| <b>Number of Loans Issued</b>                | <b>29</b>         |
| <b>Total Value of Loans Issued</b>           | <b>€2,938,561</b> |

## Tenant Purchase Scheme Allocations

### 01/01/2019 to 30/11/2019

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Formal applications to purchase received</b>         | <b>39</b>       |
| <b>Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)</b> | <b>22</b>       |
| <b>Sales completed</b>                                  | <b>20</b>       |
| <b>Total proceeds of sales received</b>                 | <b>€856,155</b> |



## CORPORATE SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

### Strategies/Policies/Plans

- Audit Committee appointed and Audit Committee Charter and Work Programme in place;
- SPC Scheme – Adopted Sept 2019
- Corporate Plan – In Progress; For adoption March 2020
- Service Delivery Plan – April 2020
- Annual Report – June 2020

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024

The Corporate Plan is the Council's strategic framework for future action over a 5 year period and is a reserved function of the Council.

The Council must draft and agree its statement of strategies within 6 months of the date of the annual meeting i.e. on or before 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019;

A Cross Directorate Working group comprising various levels and grades of Staff is currently in place reviewing and drafting a new Corporate Plan for the term of the new Council

A new Vision Statement and supporting statements of strategy were approved by the Council at its December 2019 meeting and it was agreed to extend the timescale for the completion and adoption of the final plan to the March 2020 Council meeting to allow a further consultation process to take place with different consultation platforms to be used for different stakeholders.

### Vision Statement

“Tipperary – A vibrant place where people can live, work and visit in a competitive and resilient economy, a sustainable environment and an inclusive and active community”;

### Key Strategic Statements

#### “Our Economy”

Make Tipperary resilient by supporting innovation, enterprise growth and sustainable employment. Support a diverse and skilled workforce to enhance and develop our County.

#### “Our Environment”

Further development Tipperary's reputation as a green and sustainable environment achieved through future proofing our communities to be energy efficient and climate change ready. Support our citizens in protecting our environment for current and future generations

#### “Our Community”

Continue to develop Tipperary as an attractive place to live with sustainable and sensitive development. Build strong and confident communities with a sense of pride that are inclusive, equal and informed. Support the Arts and Lifelong learning, to create a rich and diverse heritage and culture

#### “Our People”

Build on the capacity and capability of our dedicated workforce, by providing training and development opportunities that seek to fulfil both organisational and personal goals. Recruit people with the appropriate knowledge and skills that will add further value to the delivery of high quality public services

### Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee took place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. The following items were discussed:

- Local Government Auditor, Fiona Clancy, Audit Report 2018
- Local Government Auditor Management Letters
- Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2019/2020
- Internal Audit Networks and On-going Training
- Update on Outstanding Audit Recommendations
- Update on progress of Audit Plan 2019
- Internal Audit Plan 2020



- Internal Audit Annual Report 2019
- NOAC Reports
- Update on Review of Fraud and Corruption Policy and rollout

### Ethical Framework

This framework imposes a statutory duty on all in the service to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.

### Annual Declaration

Under Section 171 of the 2001 Act, every member must prepare and furnish to the Ethics Registrar before the end of February, an Annual Declaration in writing containing particulars of his or her declarable interests and an undertaking that he/she has read and understood the Code of Conduct for Councillors and to have regard to and be guided by the code in the exercise of his or her functions.

### Political Donations by Elected Members **31 January 2020 deadline for the reporting of political donations by elected members**

Each person who, in the preceding year, was a member of a local authority is required, under section 19E of the *Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999* (as amended) (referred to hereafter as “the 1999 Act”) to furnish to their local authority, not later than 31 January, a donation statement indicating whether during the preceding calendar year the member received from the same person, a donation exceeding €600 in value. This provision applies to each person who was a member of a local authority in 2019.

Furthermore, a member of a local authority who receives, in any particular year, a monetary donation of more than €100 must open and maintain an account in a financial institution in the State and must lodge that

donation and any further monetary donations received, of whatever value, to that account (referred to as a political donations account).

Not later than 31 January in each year, a member of the local authority who was required to open a political donations account must furnish to the local authority, along with their donation statement, a statement provided by the financial institution where the political donations account was opened (under section 19D of the 1999 Act).

### Annual Report 2019

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

Work has commenced on the collation and drafting of the Annual Report for 2019 and a draft of the report will be submitted to the Council at its April meeting.

### Service Delivery Plan 2020:

The service delivery plan for 2020 is currently being drafted and will be submitted for the consideration of the Council in early 2020. This plan will be consistent with the budgetary provisions estimated to be necessary for the Council to carry out its functions during 2020. The adoption of the plan is a reserved function of the Council;

### Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims to period 31<sup>st</sup> November 2019



Pothole - 70  
Public Liability - 102  
**Total Claims - 172**

### Register of Electors

The Draft Register of Electors 2020/2021 was published on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. The live Register of Electors 2020/2021 will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 and will come in to force on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### Polling Scheme 2020 for County Tipperary

The revised Polling Scheme, dividing the County of Tipperary into Polling Districts for the purposes of Elections and Referendums and appointing a polling place for each Polling District, has been adopted by Tipperary County Council. The Scheme will come in to operation from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### Graduate.ie Youth Engagement Programme

Tipperary County Council is partaking in the 2020 Graduate.ie youth engagement programme, which will allow the Council to set 20 questions about the various topics which are relevant to its local authority e.g. democracy & participation, environment & waste management, library service, etc. The questions will be available to all secondary school students in Co Tipperary over a 20 week period i.e. one question each week on the Graduate.ie website. At least one student from Tipperary Co Council electoral area will win a free 4 day educational trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg. There will be a total of 24 students from Ireland travelling and they will be taking part in a youth parliament (Euroscola) at the

European Parliament in Strasbourg. This is a unique and very effective way to engage and inform the next generation of potential leaders, customers, voters, politicians, workers, etc.






### Communications Strategy

Tipperary County Council's Corporate Plan provides a vision for how we propose to deliver our services working with our communities, our citizens, our Councillors and our staff. Key to this is good communications across the Council to deliver our message and tell our story.

Some of the activities promoted since the last report include the following:-

Communication achievements October to December

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>Cathaoirleach Michael Murphy launching the Children's book Festival which ran over the month of October</p>   |    |
| <p>Contract signing for the Pavement Scheme Works being carried out on N24 Inner Relief Road Clonmel</p>   |    |
| <p>Fire and Rescue Service Safety Coordinator ACFO Paul Gallagher (picture on the right), won the Consistent High Achiever and Public Service Award at the Annual Organisation Safety Awards</p> |   |
| <p>New Tipperary Museum of Hidden History Opened to the Public following joint investment of €500,000 from Fáilte Ireland and Tipperary County Council on 24 October</p>                         |  |
| <p>Planning for nearly zero energy homes in Tipperary</p>  |  |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p>Future Leader Award – Philip Martin with thanks to the support of Tipperary LEO</p>  |    |
| <p>Congratulations to Tipperary County Council on winning two awards at the Chambers Ireland Awards. Won the Award for Commemorations &amp; Centenaries for their project 'Solohead Parish Centenary Soloheadbeg 1919' &amp; Congratulations to Sign of the Times choir for Disability Services Provision</p> |    |
| <p>Tipperary County Council collecting new, fully electric Renault Kangoo</p>   |   |
| <p>National Category Winner- Cahir Town at the National Enterprise Town Awards 2019 Cahir Co. Tipperary was overall winner of the award for towns with a population between 2k-5k.</p>  |  |
| <p>Nenagh Regional runners up in Munster National Enterprise Towns Awards 2019</p>  |  |

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|--|--|
| <p>Tipperary Fire Service are delighted and honoured to receive a Leading Lights Road Safety award this morning from the Road Safety Authority (pictured Carol Kennedy and Steven O'Donnell)</p>                                 |  |
| <p>A spotlight on innovation with various activities that convey not only the need to become more innovative, but also the opportunity for developing improved ways of working and delivering better services for the public</p> |  |

### Local Government Service Catalogue – update

The first phase of the project is completed the Local Government Service Catalogue by functional area , the cataloguing of **650** public-facing services across **Housing, Environment, Planning, Roads and Transportation, Economic Development, Tourism Development and Local Enterprise.**

You can find draft catalogues on the LGMA website at [www.lgma.ie/en/servicecatalogue](http://www.lgma.ie/en/servicecatalogue)




The next cataloguing steps

The finalising of the catalogue of approximately 130 services for Parks, Open Spaces, Public Realm and Community service.

Then, work will commence on Libraries, Arts and Culture and the other outstanding functional areas yet to be catalogued, see listed below:-

| Functional Area             |
|-----------------------------|
| Libraries, Arts and Culture |
| Heritage and Conservation   |
| Human Resources             |
| Corporate Services          |
| Finance                     |
| Communications              |
| ICT/Digital Services        |
| Fire and Emergency Services |
| Water Services              |
| Miscellaneous               |

| Communications Focus  | Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion<br>January to March 2020  |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Arts/Events/Festivals/Heritage/Museum</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Nenagh 800</li> <li>Ø Promotion of interactive museum</li> <li>Ø Art in primary schools</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Environment and Climate Action</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Recycling</li> <li>Ø National Spring clean</li> <li>Ø Tree Week</li> </ul>                         |
| <p><b>Economic development</b></p>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Job Change</li> <li>Ø Start your own business</li> <li>Ø Enterprise week</li> </ul>                |
| <p><b>Fire and Rescue</b></p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Test it Tuesday</li> </ul>   |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Road maintenance and road work programmes</li> <li>Ø Public lighting awareness</li> </ul>          |
| <p><b>Sports Partnership</b></p>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Fit4Life in conjunction with Clonmel Athletic Club</li> </ul>                                      |
| <p><b>Tourism</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Launch of new website</li> </ul>   |



**Libraries**  
**Something for everyone**



- Ø Read/join a book club
- Ø Seachtain na Gaeilge



- Ø Finding a Voice festival 6-8 March  
'Reflection on Clara Schuman'  
(composer) at 3pm on the 9 March  
County Museum

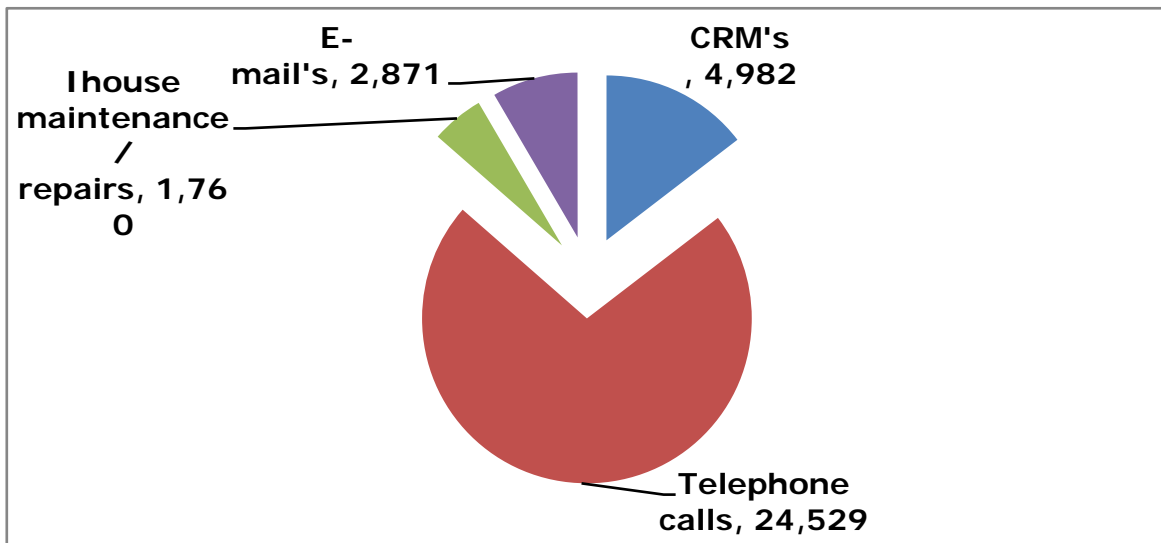
Customer Service Activity

Period: 1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019

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

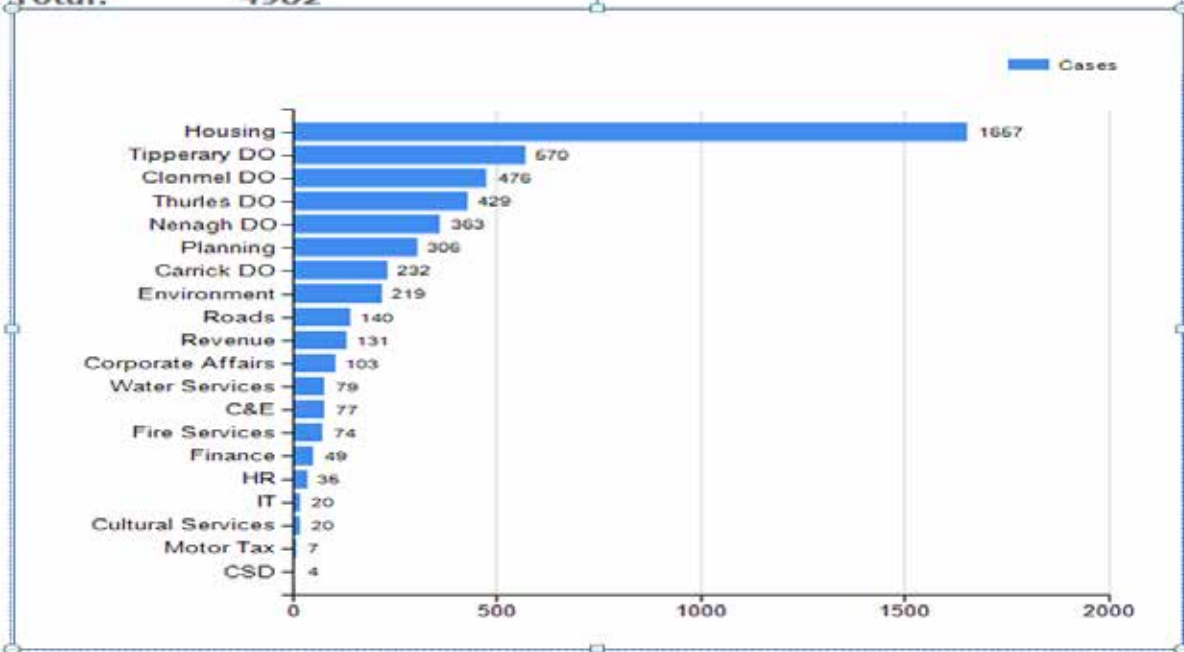
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- Ø Environmental complaints register
- Ø Fix your street
- Ø NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ø Ihouse

**Customer Service Statistics**

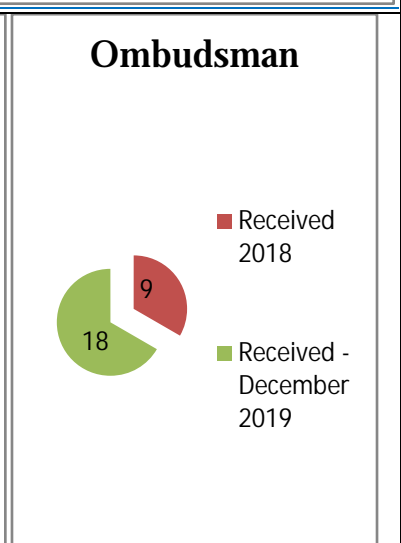
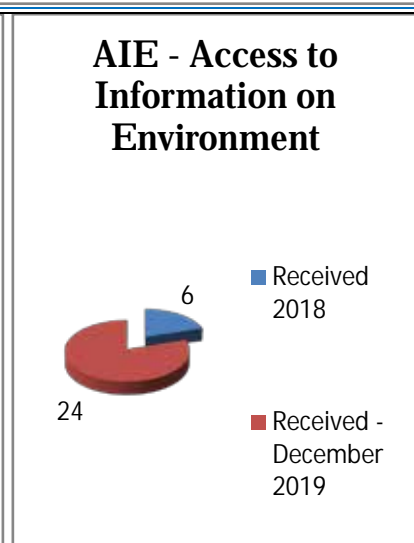
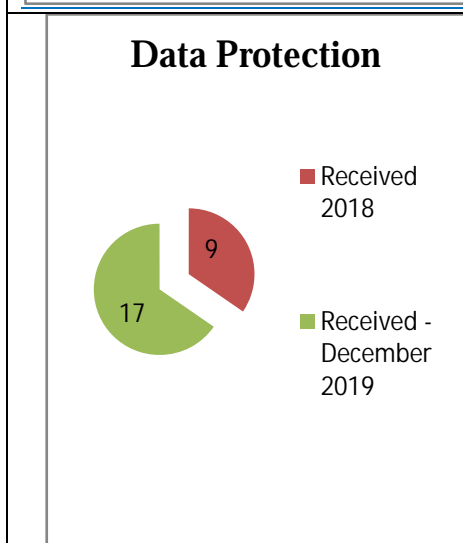
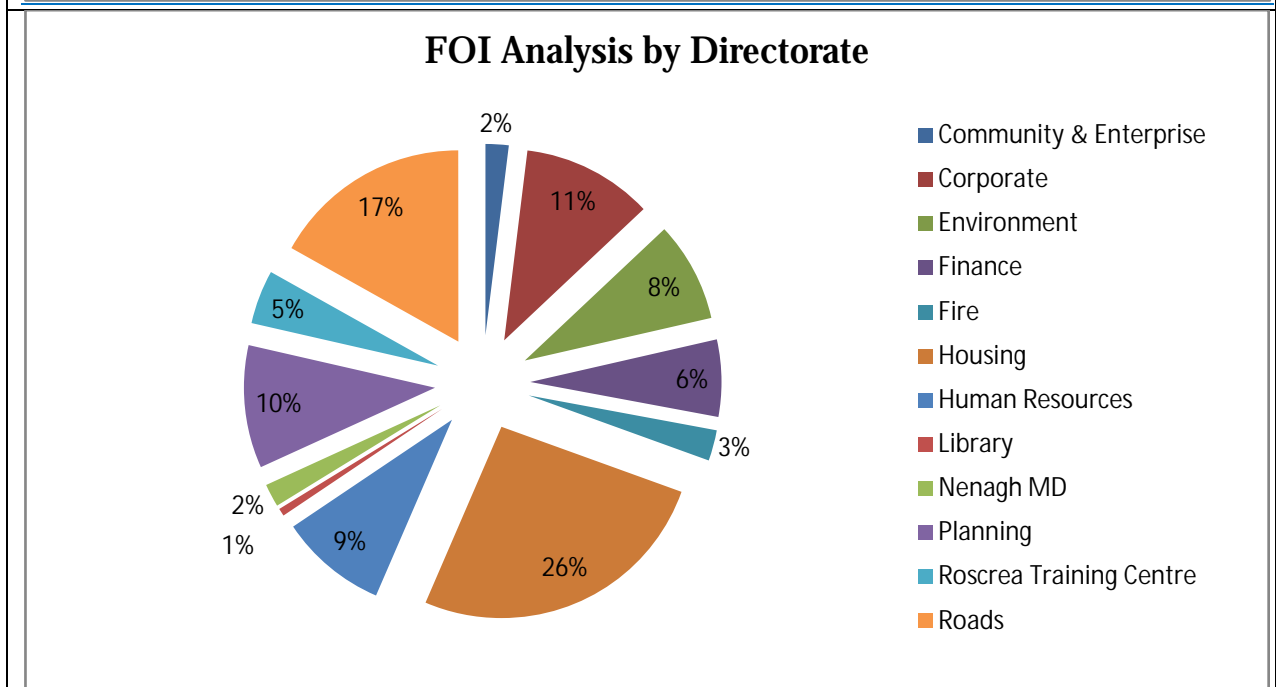
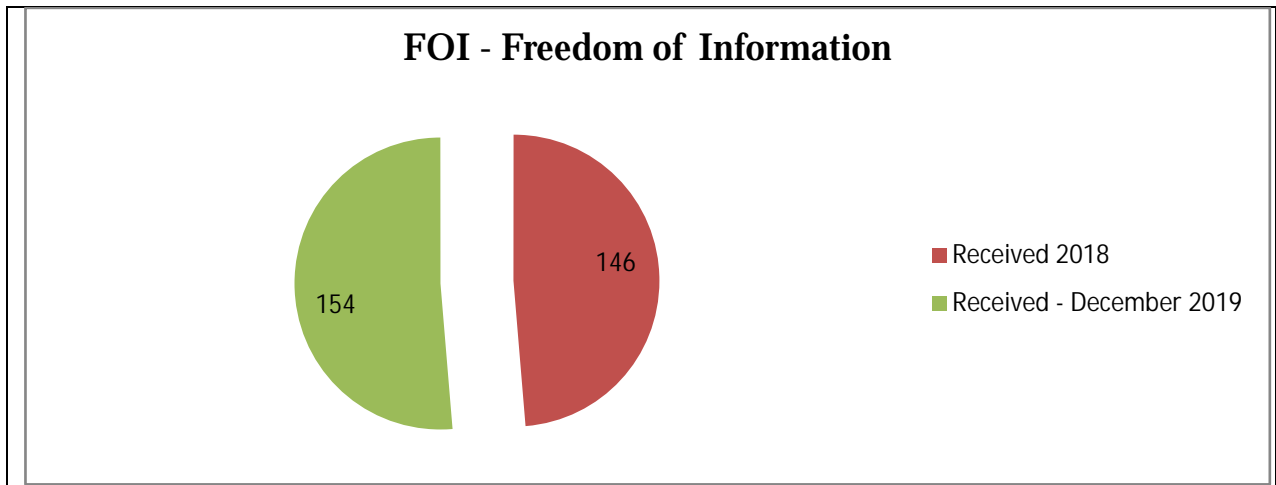


Customer Service Desk – CRM cases (Customer Relationship Management) 1/10/2019 – 31/12/2019

Active: 1762  
Resolved: 3220  
Total: 4982



Information Management





Property Management

| Land Disposal - Section 183 Resolutions approved by Council and managed by CPU |                  |                |              |               |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Period to: 31st December 2019  |                  |                |              |               |
| Year   | Sec 183 Approved | CPU Action O/S | F/I Requests | Land Disposed |
| 2018   | 27               | 0              | 8            | 19            |
| 2019   | 33               | 2              | 16           | 15            |

Schedule of Property Transactions o/s

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| Cloogheenafishoge, Ballylooby, Cahir               |
| Main Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary (Old City Hall) |
| Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary                           |
| Ballinderry, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary        |
| Ballintaggart, Callan, Co. Tipperary               |
| Renaghmore, Grange, Barna, Thurles                 |
| St. Michael' Street, Carrownreddy, Tipperary       |
| Powerstown Demesne                                 |
| Kickham Barracks, Davis Road, Clonmel              |
| New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary         |
| Gortmakellis, Cashel, Co. Tipperary                |
| Grangemockler, Nine-Mile-House, Carrick-on-Suir    |
| Ballycahill, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary                 |
| Ballycraggan, Puckane, Co. Tipperary               |

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| 46 James Connolly Park, Tipperary Town                                     |
| Hughes' Lot East & Kilsobin, Cashel, Co. Tipperary                         |
| Stradavoher, Slievenamon Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary                      |
| Old Clogheen Courthouse, Clogheen Market, Main St. Clogheen, Co. Tipperary |
| Killaloe Lower, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary                                     |
| Stereame, Nenagh North, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary                              |
| Ballyhaden, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary                                     |
| Roscrea Old Courthouse, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary                             |
| 3 Mountain View, Bansha Road, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary.               |
| Clonmel Park Hotel, Cahir Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary                     |
| Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary   |
| 25 Liberty Square, Thurles, Co. Tipperary                                  |