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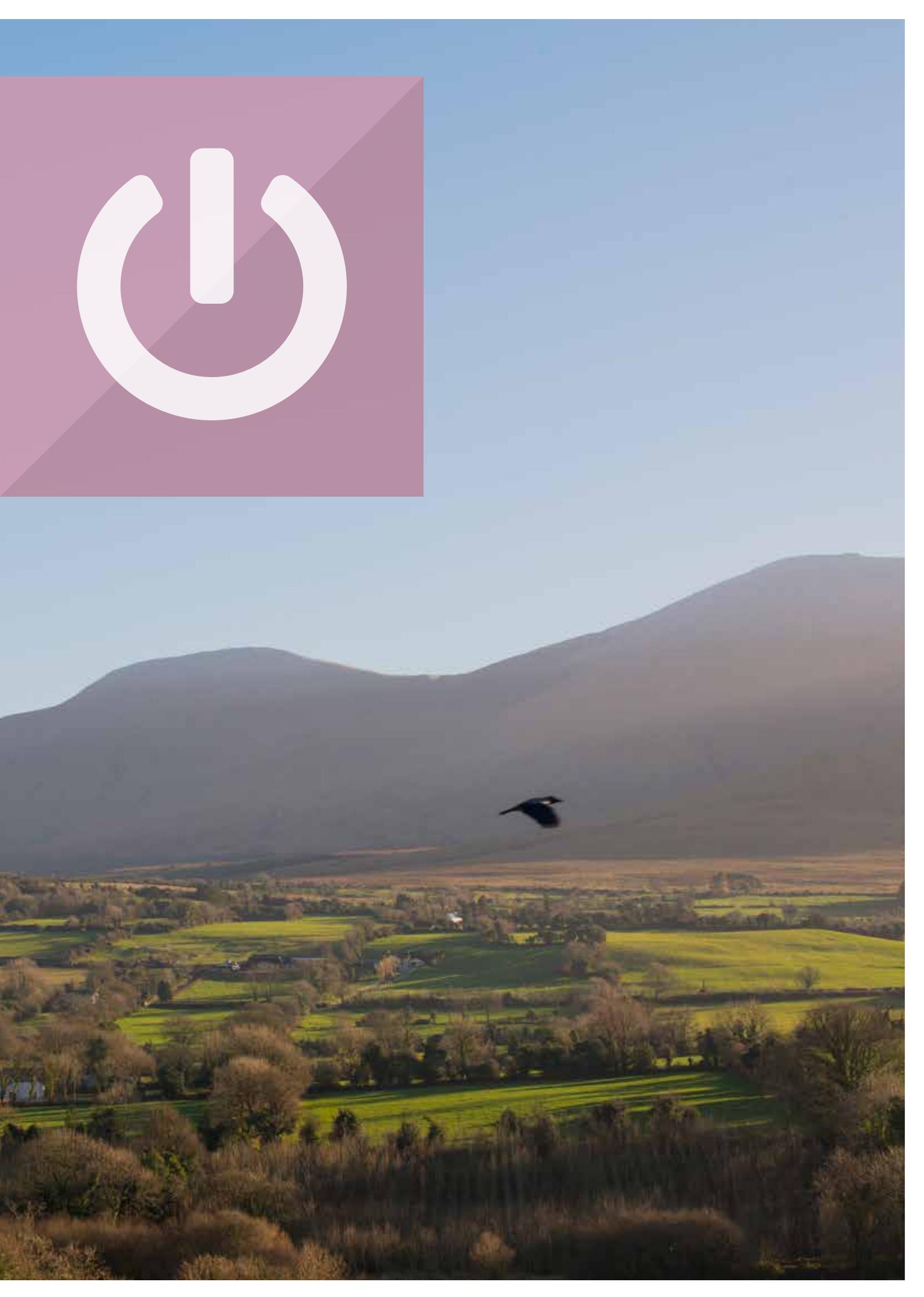
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INTRODUCTION





FOREWORD

CATHAOIRLEACH

CLLR MATTIE RYAN



I was greatly honoured to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council on 25th June 2018 and to represent Tipperary as its first citizen in the final year of the first Council elected to serve on an all-county basis.

During my term I have had the privilege to meet communities and individuals across Tipperary and wider afield, to attend events celebrating the past and the present and show-casing the rich talents that are in such abundance in our Premier County. I met young and old, celebrities and unsung heroes, business people, politicians, sports clubs and many more – all of whom combine to make us what we are.

There have been many significant events that I look back on with pride, but none more so that in October 2018 when I accepted the Supreme Award for Health & Safety on behalf of the Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service in the National awards jointly organised by the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) and the Northern Ireland Safety Group. This award reinforces their status as safety leaders across the country and is testament to the high quality service provided to the public.

In September 2018 I had the opportunity of seeing first-hand the wonderful work done by the Library Service when I attended Cashel Library Young Readers Awards. The county's continued commitment to enterprise was apparent at the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Towns Awards in Kilkenny in November 2018 where there were a number of Tipperary recipients honoured.

The continued investment in our county was evident with a number of contract signings, including some within my own Nenagh Municipal District, such as the N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme and the R498 Knockalton Realignment. And the welcome news that An Bord Pleanála has granted permission for Newport Town Park & Play Facilities assures me that there will be continued significant investment. The new state of the art offices in Carrick-on-Suir, which I had the pleasure of officially opening, demonstrate the commitment to providing facilities which allow the public to access the Council's services.



As a member of the Southern Regional Assembly I have had the opportunity to see first-hand the work put in by the Planning Section of Tipperary County Council to ensure that the needs of Tipperary are recognised in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This will be one of the most important policies that will impact on Tipperary in the future. It will inform our County Development Plan and will be crucial to supporting our towns, villages and rural areas.

No words can convey the importance of the contribution made by community groups across the county - from the individual who maintains a green area on his own doorstep to the dedicated tidy towns committees and development groups, the residents' associations and burial ground committees, the Men's Sheds projects, the festival committees, the first responders and community alert groups. It is wonderful to see these groups receiving recognition and the high marks obtained by the tidy towns groups across the county shows an enthusiasm for the protection of the environment and promotion of bio-diversity, as well as enhancing the presentation of our towns and villages. I was delighted that Birdhill, who had the previous year won the overall national Tidy Town's award, were chosen in 2018 to represent Ireland in the Communities in Bloom Competition in Canada and to have their efforts recognised in receiving the International Award for Best Floral Display.

The launch of 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands' brand is of major significance to Tipperary and gives us an opportunity to showcase the wealth of heritage, landscape, lakes and rivers, mountains, culture and stories we have to offer. We need to promote our hidden jewels and to ensure that the work of the Tipperary Tourism Company, the Lough Derg Marketing Group and those involved in the provision of accommodation, catering and facilities in the tourist industry are supported and developed so that the message 'Tipperary - time to take it all in' resounds nationally and internationally.

Tipperary is very much to the fore in the area of 'green energy' and combating climate change. The annual 'Energy in Agriculture' event at Gurteen College is testament to this and each year the level of participation increases. The on-going work on the preparation and implementation of the Local Climate Change Adaptation Strategy will ensure that Tipperary County Council plays its part in having the policies in place to ensure that there is an increased focus on the environment and sustainability.

At national level I had the unique opportunities to be present during the papal visit to Ireland and at the Presidential inauguration. I also attended at the US Embassy in the Phoenix Park in July 2018 for the Independence Day celebrations. Remembering the past was an intrinsic part of the year with events such as the National Day of Commemoration in Dublin in July 2018, the centenary commemorations at Soloheadbeg, the opening of the Thomas MacDonagh Garden of Remembrance in Cloughjordan and the 120th Anniversary of the Local Elections at the Custom House.

As in any year there were also moments of sadness. It was with great regret that we learned of the deaths of Cllrs. Eddie O'Meara and John Fahey. Both were true friends to us all and were held in the highest esteem by all their fellow Councillors. They will be sadly missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors in Tipperary County Council for their invaluable support during my term as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary. A special word of thanks to my Leas-Chathaoirleach, Michael Murphy. I pay tribute in particular to those members who have decided not to contest the local elections in 2019 and want to wish them well in the future. I also wish all the candidates the best of luck as they face the electorate and I know that they will play their part in continuing the development and promotion of the county in the years ahead.

A word of thanks to the media who attend our meetings and report to the general public on what is happening in the county. It was a particular pleasure for me to have 'Down Your Way' broadcast from my own home during my time as Cathaoirleach and it gave me the opportunity to give an insight into rural Ireland and the challenges facing it.

I would also like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive for his guidance and support throughout the year. Finally, thank you also to all the staff of the Council at all levels, indoor and outdoor for all your hard work in delivering a wide range of services.

I look forward with pride to seeing Tipperary continue to lead as 'The Premier County'.

Is Mise le Meas,

Cllr Mattie Ryan
Cathaoirleach





MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

JOE MACGRATH

Throughout the year, the Council continued our focus on measures, programmes and projects which support local economic, social and cultural development. Notwithstanding the challenges of budgetary constraints across all Directorates, I am delighted to report continued progress with many achievements across all of our services.

The following were key initiatives achieved during 2018:

- The Council achieved all targets set by Government in the delivery of our housing programme under 'Rebuilding Ireland'. The year witnessed a significant up-scaling in the public sector housing programme which will both continue and further expand in 2019 and 2020;
- The Council collaborated with public and private sector organisations to secure an investment of some €22m in the National Bioeconomy Campus through the AgriChemWhey project at the Lisheen site in Thurles;
- Tipperary County Council successfully secured Urban Regeneration and Development Fund during 2018 with two town projects approved for funding which will significantly regenerate the urban centres of Clonmel and Thurles;
- A Craft Strategic Plan was launched in March 2018, establishing a craft maker network which will bring the Craft Sector to a new level in the County;
- A social media campaign centered around 'Tipperary The Place The Time' was undertaken in 2018 to generate brand awareness domestically and internally, which focused on Tipperary as a location for investment;
- The delivery by 'Shopify' of a pilot training programme in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office in an effort to encourage more retailers to trade on line;
- Phase 2 of the Butler Trail was launched at Cahir Castle in January 2018 which included the development of an app, audio guides, individual town brochures and the installation of signage in the towns of Cahir, Clonmel and Carrick which was funded by Fáilte Ireland. In June 2018, this was extended to include the town of Roscrea.

Some of the highlights for 2018 under

Strong Economy

- In March 2018, a new 3 year marketing plan for Tipperary Tourism 'Tipperary Time to Take it all in' was launched at a Tipperary Tourism annual event. Tourism plays a significant role within the economy of County Tipperary with over 440,000 domestic and international visitors investing over €111 million into the County;
- Support Funding was made available to encourage Tipperary's Best Young Entrepreneurs totalling €83,000;
- Significant bridge rehabilitation works were carried out across the county representing an investment of €645,567;
- The Council was successful in getting approval for ERDF funding to develop Smart Sustainable Public spaces, to install smart lighting systems which will increase energy efficiency;
- 25 estates were taken in charge, an increase of 32% from 2017;
- Tipperary Road Safety Strategy was launched;
- Retail Symposium event was held in March with a view to promoting innovation in retail across the County.



I am pleased to join with the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mattie Ryan in presenting our 2018 Annual Report, which is the Council's fifth report of its current term outlining our work in delivering public services and infrastructural projects across the county.

Our 3 strategic themes include:

Quality Environment

- Tipperary County Council was awarded 'Green Public Sector Organisation of the Year' at the National Green Awards;
- Tipperary Fire and Rescue won the supreme award in the NISO All Ireland Safety Awards;
- 'Keep Tipp Tidy' campaign included awareness campaigns on roadside litter, dog fouling and made car tidy bins available to the public;
- €519,301 was invested in rural water projects;
- Illegal dumping blackspots were targeted and supported with funding received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment;
- Energy management improvements included high efficiency pump retrofit in a leisure centre, lighting upgrade in Thurles Library and renewable solar photovoltaic installation at Waller's Lot in Cashel.

Quality of Life

- Nenagh Leisure Centre was presented with an outstanding National Award for Quality from Ireland Active;
- Energy efficiency works carried out to approximately 1800 dwellings in the southern district;
- The Council supported Donohill Village at the Pride of Place Awards to acknowledge the work being done by communities around the County;
- Tipperary was accepted as a member of WHO global network for age friendly cities and communities;
- The development of 'Tipperary Healthy Ireland' in line with the National Framework for improved health and wellbeing;
- 6,725 people participated in programmes/initiatives delivered by Tipperary Sports Partnership;
- The Arts Offices co-ordinated a busy programme of events including Culture Night in September with 62 events across 35 venues with funding supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht - 3,801 people participated in events;
- Historic Towns Initiative funding was secured for the Main Street, Carrick on Suir;
- The Council participated at the European Year of Cultural Heritage held in June.

Sadly, during 2018, we lost two longstanding and respected Councillors, Eddie O'Meara and John Fahey who worked hard in their localities to improve services for the community. This was a difficult time for staff and fellow Councillors as both were held in high esteem. It is poignant also at the end of the term of the current Council to remember the late Councillor Willie Kennedy, who was also held in high regard. We remember them at this time. Ar dheis Dhé go raibh a anam dhilís.

I would like to thank the Members of the Council, the Corporate Policy Group, the five Strategic Policy Committees and, in particular, the work of our five Municipal Districts and all of the other committees for their continued contribution to the delivery of services to the public in 2018. My thanks to the team in Corporate Services for their work in compiling this fifth and final Annual Report of the current County Council.

My thanks to the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mattie Ryan for his commitment, dedication and enthusiasm to the position during 2018, our Leas-Cathaoirleach Councillor Michael Murphy, the Municipal District Cathaoirligh, Councillors Louise McLoughlin, Michael Fitzgerald, Richie Molloy, Mattie Ryan, and Sean Ryan for their ongoing support and assistance during the year.

My sincere appreciation to all the staff of Tipperary County Council who work on a daily basis in a variety of disciplines across the county for their continued commitment and dedication to the delivery of services to the communities of Tipperary and I look forward with confidence to the further development of Tipperary over the term of the next Council.

Joe MacGrath
Chief Executive



Of the 32 counties Tipperary County Council is

11th
largest by
population

159,553
(census April 2016)



The region is part of the central plain of Ireland and is traversed by key arterial routes such as M7, M8, N24 as well as train lines from Dublin to Cork and Limerick and Waterford to Limerick.

6th
largest by
area

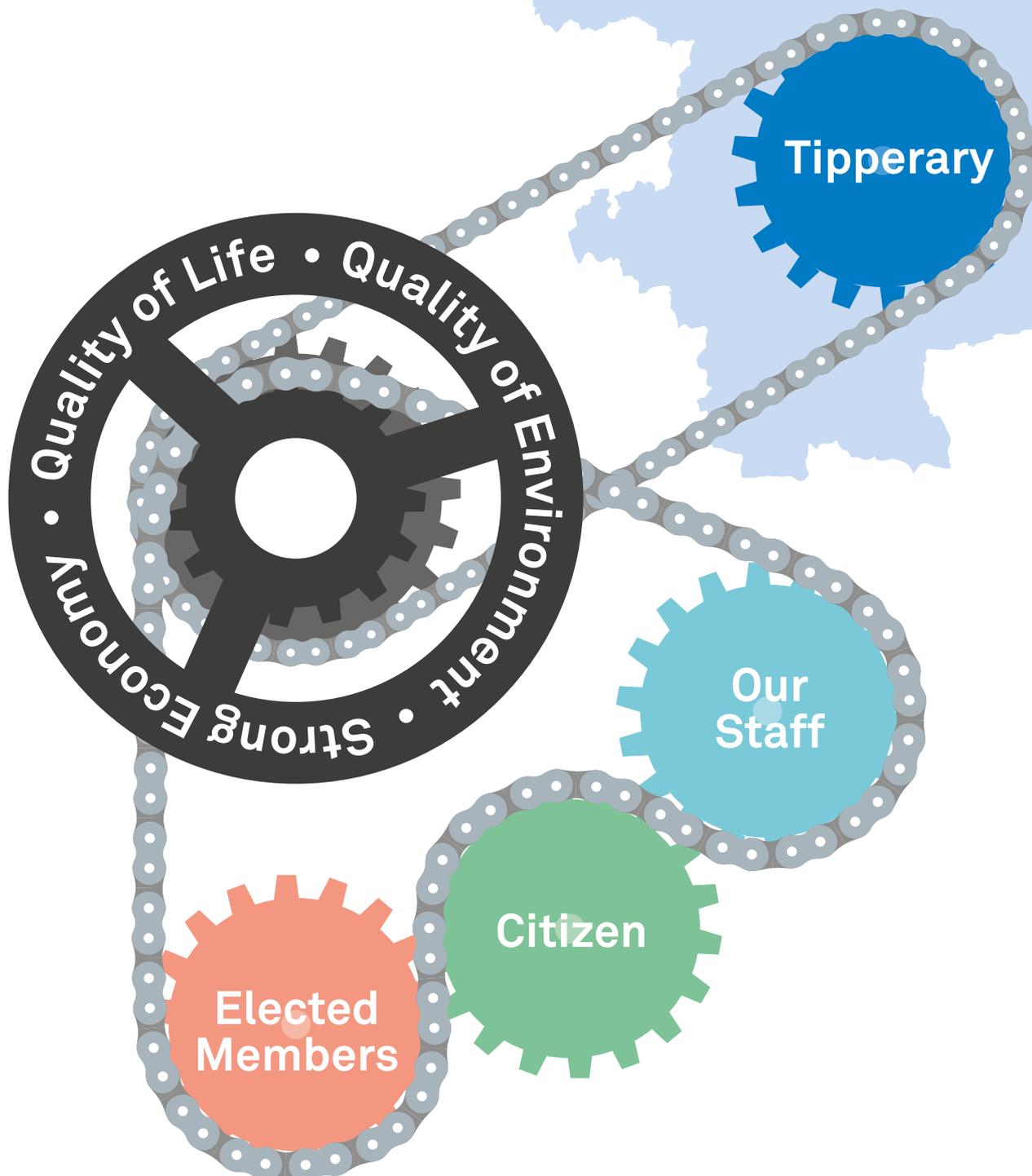
4,282km²
(census April 2016)

Tipperary County Council has a very clear aspiration not only to maintain the quality of its services but also to improve them. We will be ambitious for our county and support an environment that will enable more investment and more good quality jobs for local people.



VISION STATEMENT

Tipperary Together - Ambitious for our communities, demanding of ourselves and working to a shared purpose to deliver prosperity across the county.



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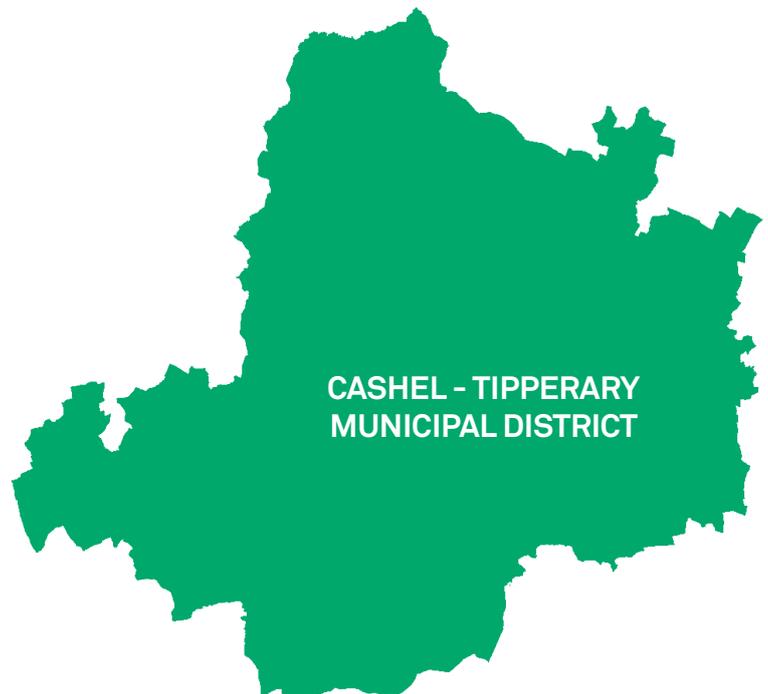
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DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Roads, Transportation,
Health and Safety and
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MD

**Delegated
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Templemore/Thurles

Directorate
Nenagh



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Building Control,
Library/Cultural
Services and Shared
Services

Directorate
Nenagh



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Tipperary MD

Delegated MD
Cashel/Tipperary

Directorate
Clonmel



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**Directorate
Functions**
Nenagh Municipal
District



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Functions**
Environment and
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Waters Programme
(LAWPRO)

Directorate
Clonmel



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Functions** Finance

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Nenagh



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Delegated MD
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**Delegated
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Clonmel

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Economic Development
and Enterprise, Com-
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Functions**
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& Meetings
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STRONG ECONOMY





COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC & ENTERPRISE

In 2018, the local Enterprise Office processed 38 applications for Feasibility, Priming, Business Expansion and Technical Assistance. Grants totaling €798,220 were approved for 37 projects. Approved grants will yield 125 full time job equivalents at an average cost per job of €6,386.

▶ **Local Enterprise Office creates 168 jobs in 2018:**

Local Enterprise Office Tipperary 2018 jobs figures, announced by Heather Humphreys T.D. Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Pat Breen T.D., Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, show that 168 jobs were created by Local Enterprise Office Tipperary supported companies last year. This is an increase of 15% since 2017. These figures can be attributed to the strong engineering, manufacturing and food businesses throughout the county.

▶ **Entrepreneurial and Capability Development and Training:**

The Spring and Autumn 2018 calendar of training programmes highlighted and promoted the range of capability development measures available for businesses throughout Tipperary. A number of specialised measures such as LEAN and Brexit Clinics continue to be offered to address the potential impact of Brexit on local firms. The Lean for Micro programme ran throughout 2018 to support 13 companies with the potential to export / internationally trade and involved a mix of workshops and on-site meetings.

From January to December 2018, 1,009 individuals have participated in 70 separate training and management development initiatives including 708 female and 301 males. A total of 352 mentoring assignments were approved for 138 businesses throughout Tipperary.

▶ **On Line Trading Vouchers:**

40 On Line Trading Vouchers worth €75,679 have been allocated from an annual allocation of 40. In conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office, Shopify delivered a pilot training programme in Nenagh in an effort to encourage more retailers to trade on line. The training aimed to provide participants with the knowledge to build a successful online store using the Shopify platform or include an additional strand to their existing store.

▶ **IBYE:**

In 2018 an investment fund of €50,000 was made available together with funding in excess of €23,000 to run a boot camp and related promotion for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE). Having won the three category prizes at county level, Patrick Ryan of PRWS Ltd in Thurles, Bryan Davis of Solar Pump Solutions, Borrisokane and Grace Tooher of JamForest, Nenagh represented Tipperary at the Regional finals held in Tralee in January



► Student Enterprise Awards:

The 2018 Student Enterprise Awards County Competition took place on 9 March at LIT Thurles campus and involved 188 students from 22 Tipperary second level schools. 88 students have also participated in Student Enterprise Programmes before the end of the school year. 28 local schools from across the county have registered to participate in the 2018/2019 programme.

In May 2018 the students from Colaiste Dun Iascaigh in Cahir won an award at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals in Croke Park, organised by the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs). They won third place in the Intermediate category and were presented with their award on stage by the Minister for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen T.D. and Sheelagh Daly of the Local Enterprise Offices.

The winning students were: Morgan Lambert, Sean Cunningham, Cian O'Brien and Callum McGrath, who worked under the guidance of their teacher, Martina Harrahill. Their student enterprise was called 'Ushield', a design patent sports glove with a pouch to hold a gumshield.



► National Women's Enterprise Day:

A regional initiative involving Tipperary, Limerick and Clare was held at Adare Manor, Limerick on 18 October and attracted over 120 female entrepreneurs from across the region. The event was recognized as one of the best events in the Country with an exceptionally high satisfaction rating recorded.

► Retail:

Work continues to progress in supporting the various retail forums in operation around the county and in addition to this support a Christmas Retail Support fund was established which assisted 29 applications to a total cost of €24,200.

The 2018 Retail Support Enhancement and Painting Scheme supported visual enhancement of our towns across the county and €20,000 was provided across the Municipal Districts.

The Commercial Incentive Scheme: continues to be rolled out with a total of 19 applications approved in accordance with the Scheme.

► National Enterprise Awards 2018 County Competition:

A Cahir based company manufacturing world-class structural light-gauge steel building systems for residential, commercial and industrial developments was announced as Tipperary's County Enterprise Award winner for 2018 at a ceremony held in Cahir Castle on 5th March. Horizon Offsite, who received a prize of €2,500 went on to win the 'South West Regional Award' at the 2018 National Enterprise Awards organised by the National LEO Network which was held at the Mansion House, Dublin on 24th May.

► BREXIT:

A seminar titled 'Bracing Tipperary for Brexit' was held at the Horse and Jockey Hotel on the 14th March. This event attracted over 40 firms and delegates heard from speakers drawn from cross-border trade, currency trading and enterprise support areas. The Local Enterprise Office is offering a comprehensive suite of supports to clients to help prepare for Brexit including dedicated one to one Mentoring, a Trading Online Voucher Scheme, a Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters Scheme and a range of training & development programmes.

► County Tipperary Chamber awards:

The Local Enterprise Office sponsored the Start Up category in 2018 following the successful roll out of the inaugural business awards in 2017. The start up award was won by Clonmel based Horan Automation Ltd. Tipperary County Council sponsored the Social Enterprise Category at this years' awards which took place on 19th October in Clonmel. Knockanrawley Resource Centre was the winners of this category.



► Retail Symposium:

A symposium for all businesses in the retail sector across County Tipperary was held in Great National Ballykisteon Hotel on 5th March. The focus of the symposium was to explore the evolving customer expectations of their independent retailers and what initiatives can be implemented to address and meet same. The event featured presentations by an expert body of speakers, including Conor Pope, Consumer Affairs Journalist, on the importance of responding to consumer trends in order to meet the new and evolving expectations of the customer, David Fitzsimons, Retail Excellence Ireland, who explored how to draw in and retain customers through delivering a high quality experience that is rooted in convenience. Mary McAuliffe, Creative Industries, explained how businesses can successfully carry out novel promotional activities and events to draw people into your store or outlet. Rachel Doyle, MD, Arboretum shared her experience of transforming her family owned garden centre in Carlow into an award winning, innovative home & garden centre which boasts its own retail outlet and café. Dedicated mentoring across a number of areas was also made available free of charge on the day.

► BuzzQuarter:

Tipperary's seat ready digital studio is now open at Questum, Clonmel. This was funded under the LEO Competitive Fund Scheme 2015-2017. BuzzQuarter supports the creation and development of digital entrepreneurship by offering digital space for fledgling micro-enterprises and established organisations within the gaming, digital media, creative media and animation sectors. This digital studio has 4 deskspaces, each kitted out with ready-to-go-PC's loaded with Creative Cloud, Windows and Office, each served by a dual monitor array; two Cintiq Creative Pen Display Tablets loaded with Toon Boom Premium; and its own print facility. BuzzQuarter clients can avail of business mentoring, technical support and skills development.

► Broadband:

Tipperary County Council plays a vital role in the development of telecommunications and broadband services throughout the County and this is been achieved by working with industry, the Department's of Rural and Community Development and Communications, Climate action and Environment, through engagement with local communities and businesses. The broadband officer acts as a dedicated point of contact in this process. Once the rollout of the National Broadband Plan begins in 2019, a total of twelve (12) Community Centres in the State intervention area of County Tipperary will be prioritised for connection to high-speed fibre broadband which means these locations will be connected to high-speed broadband before the rollout reaches the surrounding area. The installation of a wireless network (as part of this initiative) and a management service to oversee the network will be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

► Mobile Phone and Broadband Services:

The Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce was established in July 2016 and arising from this is a Programme, inclusive of a commitment to identify solutions to broadband and mobile phone coverage deficits and to investigate how better services could be provided to consumers. In order to action this commitment, Tipperary County Council recently commenced a pilot project to identify Mobile Broadband and Phone Black Spots in the Lough Derg area of the County. This Project will provide/ support for detailed information sharing between the Mobile Network Operators, on locations where performance needs to be improved, and will be considered between all Stakeholders in order to scope for new solutions and support better outcomes for the local community in deploying this critical infrastructure. This process is to be replicated in a number of other locations in the County in 2019.

Vodafone Ireland announced in December, 2018 of their intention to undertake a new wireless home broadband access trial in the Clonmel Borough District (being one (1) of four (4) other locations in the State) with 5G capable technology. The aim of the trial is to explore the possibility of operating a dedicated rural wireless network where customers are connected to the internet on a Vodafone fixed wireless broadband connection. This network could potentially allow customers receive peak download speeds of up to 500Mbps, increasing to Gigabit speeds in the future.

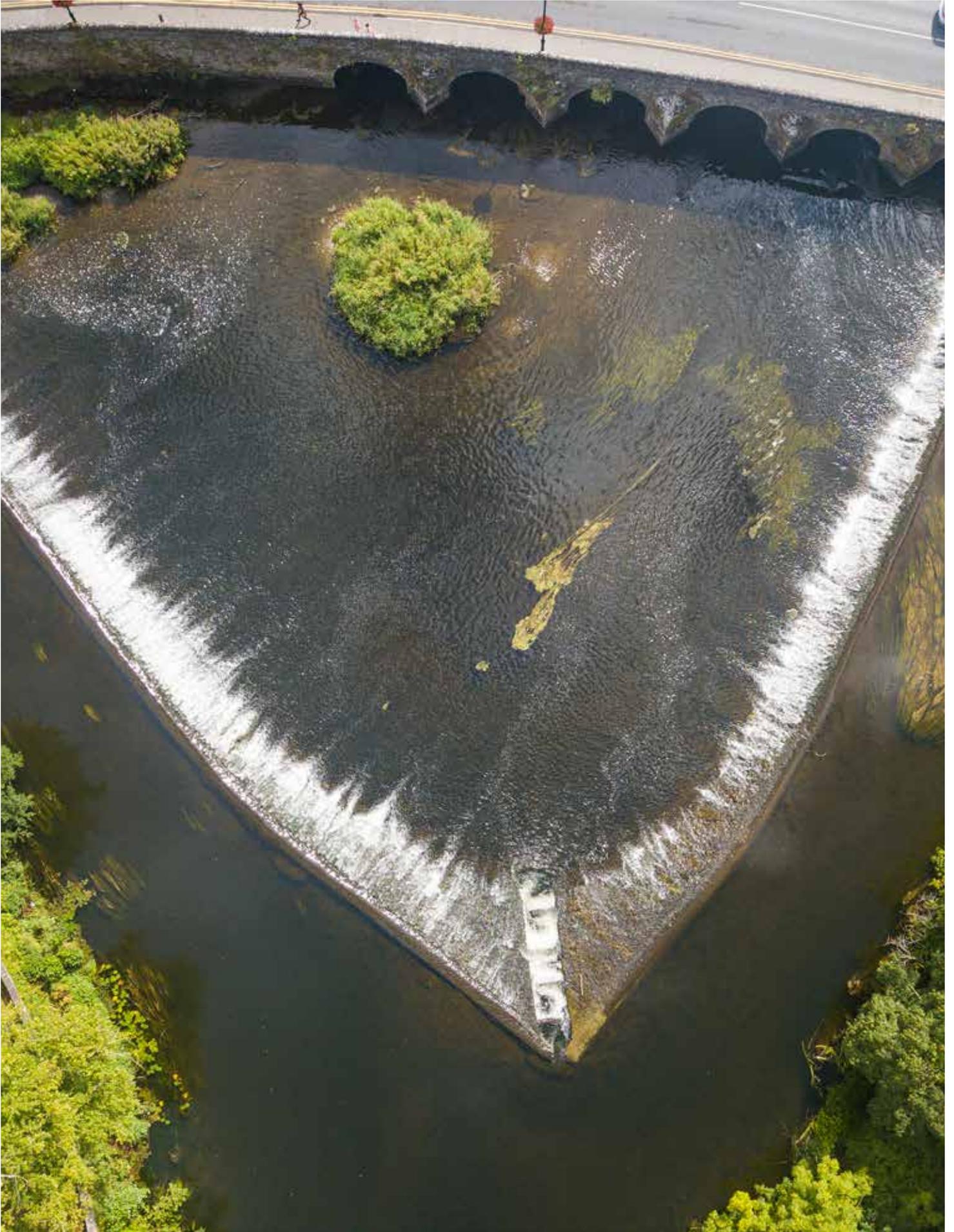
► Digital Hubs:

Tipperary County Council is currently supporting the development of two Digital Hubs in the County for the immediate impact of:

- a) Delivering a Digital Skills Training Programme.
- b) Supporting Start-ups and growing enterprises with the aim of fostering entrepreneurship and developing economic activity in the area.
- c) 'Hot-desking' which will allow people to avail of fibre broadband for remote work purposes and for business use.

These hubs will be located in the town centres and will support and enhance local communities and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by providing early access to high-speed fibre broadband services, where otherwise this facility would not be available pending the roll-out of a high-speed broadband network in these areas.





TOURISM

Tourism plays an important role within the economy of County Tipperary with over 440,000 domestic and international visitors injecting over €111 million into the county in 2018.

There are currently 3600 jobs in the tourism sector in Tipperary.

The tourism office coordinates the Councils role in tourism product development, marketing and promotion across the County. This includes the provision of support to Tipperary Tourism CLG, the Lough Derg Marketing Strategy Group and Munster Vales CLG. The tourism office works with key agencies involved in tourism to leverage all possible benefit to the county, this includes working with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland on the roll out of the Irelands Ancient East and the Irelands Hidden Heartlands brands.

▶ Tipperary Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience & Destination Development Plan 2016-2021

Tipperary Tourism CLG and Tipperary County Council continue to implement the Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary 2016 - 2021. This countywide plan sets out a fresh proposition for Tipperary. Action orientated, the Plan aims to galvanise and enable growth for Tipperary to position Tipperary as a leading inland destination within the top 3 destinations in Irelands Ancient East.



In March 2018 a new three year marketing plan for Tipperary Tourism; 'Tipperary, Time to Take it all in' was successfully launched at the Tipperary Tourism annual networking evening kicking off a series of marketing actions which included; a strong focus on digital marketing for 2018, the delivery of 99,000 Tipperary promotional brochures to the 'Connected Family' target market in Dublin and nationally, the development of new walking videos to promote our vast array of walks as part of the 'Take A Hike' campaign, and radio promotion on Today FM and RTE Radio One.

▶ The Butler Trail



Phase 2 of the Butler Trail was completed in 2017 and formally launched at Cahir Castle in January 2018, this included the development of an APP, Audio Guides, individual town brochures and the installation of signage in the towns of Cahir, Clonmel and Carrick on Suir. This project was funded by Fáilte Ireland as part of its first round of funding under Irelands Ancient East and is supported by Tipperary Tourism. In June 2018 the APP was extended to include the town of Roscrea.



► Suir Blueway Tipperary

The Tourism Section has supported Clonmel Borough District and Tipperary Sports Partnership to develop the new signage strategy for the Suir Blueway Tipperary. Furthermore work commenced to develop the marketing assets required to launch and promote Suir Blueway Tipperary in 2019.

► Munster Vales



Munster Vales continues to develop and grow as a destination brand which incorporates South Tipperary, West Waterford, North Cork and East Limerick. In 2018 Munster Vales hosted 30 media trips profiling 70 businesses across the region- this has led to significant coverage in the national media and online including a full page spread in the Sunday Independent, Irish Examiner, RTE Radio One and several influential blogs and social media influencers. Nationwide filmed on May 8-9th in various tourist hot-spots in the region including the Glen of Aherlow and Mitchelstown Caves. This was televised on May 23rd. Seventeen tailored training courses were delivered between January and April to approx 200 tourism providers across the region, supported by the Local Enterprise Offices. Munster Vales received a commendation from the Irish Planning Institute for its contribution to sustainable tourism development for the Munster Vales Feasibility Report completed in 2014.



► Lough Derg Marketing Group



Lough Derg Marketing Strategy Group is a well established group comprising of a broad range of stakeholder representatives from the three local authorities, Clare, Galway and Tipperary County Councils, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Local Development Companies and the tourism trade. The group continued to implement the remaining objectives of the Roadmap for Lough Derg and managed the Lough Derg Stimulus Funding 2018. A major project for this group was the development of the Lough Derg Blueway which was successfully launched in April 2018. The annual 'A Taste of Lough Derg' series of food events was successfully delivered around the lake during the summer of 2018. The development of a new tourism development plan for the Lough Derg area commenced and will be completed in 2019.

► Clonmel, Flights of Discovery

The '*Clonmel, Flights of Discovery*' Feasibility study was completed in June 2017. This new tourism product of scale located in Clonmel will include the redevelopment of the gallery space in Tipperary County Museum, the opening of a visitor experience in the Westgate building, the development of a new visitor experience at the Bulmers site at Dowd Lane and the provision of interpretation and experiences along the River Suir. In 2018 €200,000 in funding was secured from Fáilte Ireland through the Small Tourism Grants Scheme to redevelop the gallery space in Tipperary County Museum.

► Tipperary Breakfast and Food Trail

In 2018 Tipperary Tourism and Tipperary County Council supported Tipperary Food Producers to redevelop the Tipperary Breakfast and roll out a Tipperary Breakfast Champions initiative to tourism providers in the County. Furthermore work commenced on the development of a Tipperary Food Trail that will see food producers opening their premises to visitors on specified dates in 2019 offering insight into their food production techniques. These are important new tourism products for Tipperary that enhance the tourism offering and directly meet the needs of our target market the culturally curious.



ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH & SAFETY

The Policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as planning and resources allow.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

► Membership:

Councillors

- Cllr Roger Kennedy,
- Cllr Mattie Ryan,
- Cllr Fiona Bonfield,
- Cllr Hughie McGrath,
- Cllr David Doran,
- Cllr Eddie Moran & Cllr Kevin O'Meara (Co-opted to the SPC).
- Cllr Eddie O'Meara (R.I.P) was replaced as Cathaoirleach by Cllr Michael Fitzgerald.

Sectoral/Pillars

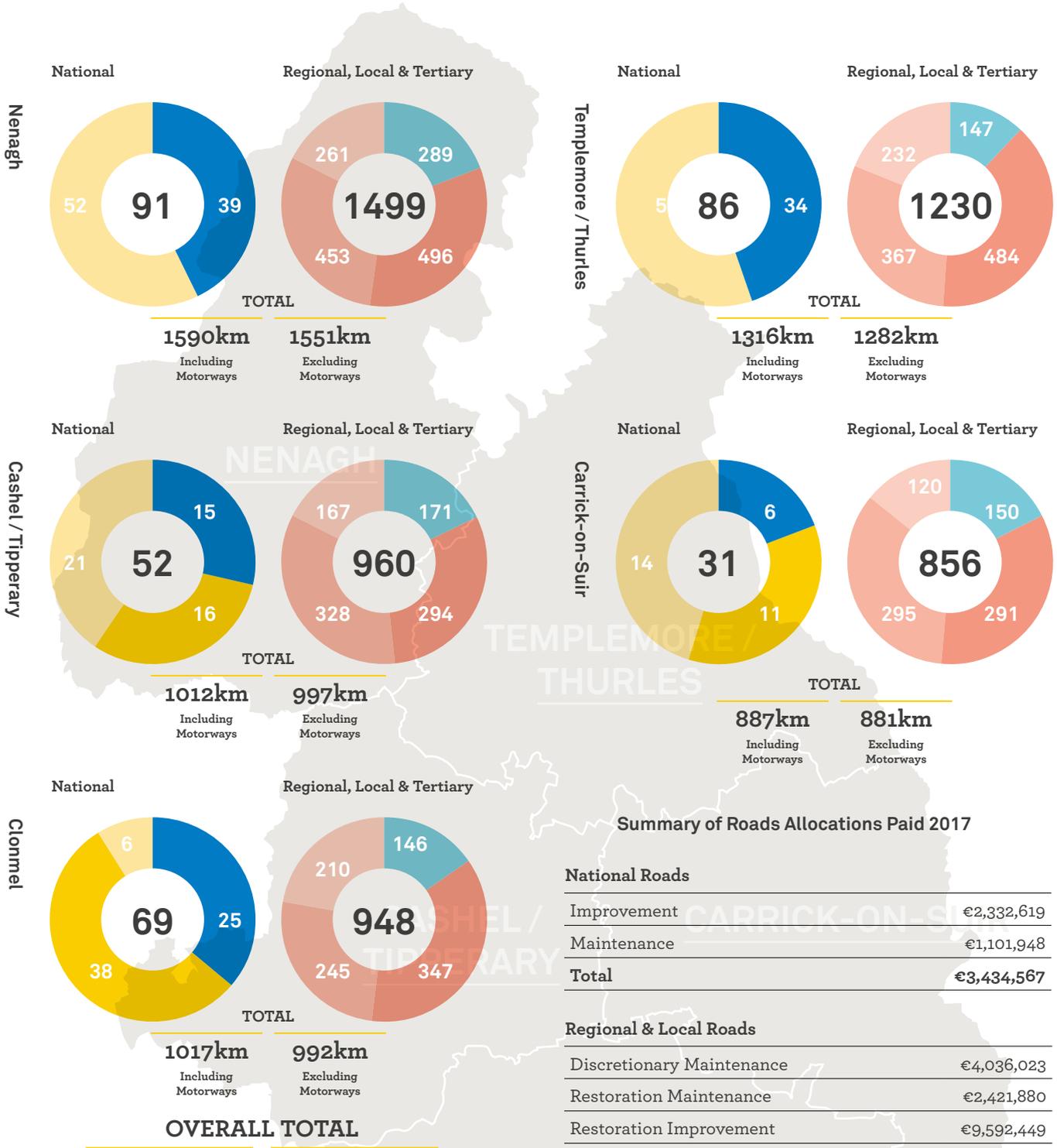
- Public Participation Network Representatives:
Mr. P.J. English & Ms. Angela Hickey
- Agriculture & Farming:
Mr. Billy Collins
- Business, Commercial and Tourism:
David Shanahan
- Development Construction:
Mr. Martin Healy

Four meetings of the Strategic Policy Committee were held in 2018.

- Policies and topics considered in 2018
- Policy on Local Improvement Schemes
- Public Lighting Policy
- Road Safety Strategy
- Draft Policy on Traffic Calming measures in existing housing estates
- Presentations and discussions on:
 - Hedge cutting
 - Invasive species including Japanese knotweed
 - Access issues for people with visual impairments
 - Charging points for electric vehicles
 - Vehicle activated signs
 - HSE Gold Star Disability Awareness scheme ("Back in five minutes"). The purpose of the scheme is to raise awareness of the abuse of parking spaces for the disabled.



COUNTY TIPPERARY ROAD CLASSIFICATION



Summary of Roads Allocations Paid 2017

National Roads	
Improvement	€2,332,619
Maintenance	€1,101,948
Total	€3,434,567

Regional & Local Roads	
Discretionary Maintenance	€4,036,023
Restoration Maintenance	€2,421,880
Restoration Improvement	€9,592,449
Latteragh Upgrade	€196,471
Bridge Rehabilitation	€731,392
Specific Improvement Scheme - Ardfinnan Bridge	€133,493
Safety Improvement Works	€318,803
Training Grant	€97,500
Speed Limits	€157,500
Total R & L Allocations 2017	€17,685,511
Own Resources Allocation	€8,451,256

Lengths in Municipal Areas	km	Lengths in Municipal Areas	km
Motorway	119	Local Primary	1912
National Primary	65	Local Secondary	1688
National Secondary	145	Local Tertiary	990
Regional	903		



SUMMARY OF ROADS ALLOCATIONS PAID 2018

► National Roads

Improvement	€ 8,313,418*
Maintenance	€ 1,769,189
Total	€10,082,607

*Please note that advance draw downs for 2 capital projects were included in the Improvement Works grant payment, from TII, in 2018. Details are as follows:

N52 Main Street Borrisokane Pavement Strengthening	€2,211,978
N24 Davitt Street Tipperary Pavement Strengthening	€1,947,752

► Non-National Roads

This category caters for Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2018 was funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €20,729,340.

Discretionary Maintenance	€4,042,500
Restoration Maintenance (incl Supplementary RM)	€2,823,755
Restoration Improvement	€11,336,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€645,567
Safety Improvement Works	€202,015
Drainage Works	€592,455
Special Maintenance Grant*	€817,360
Specific Improvement Scheme - Ardfinnan Bridge	28,432
Specific Improvement Scheme - Clonbeg Bridge Aherlow	€9,131
Training Grant	€97,500
Latteragh Upgrade	€134,125
Total Regional & Local Allocations 2018	€20,729,340
Own Resources Allocation 2018	€8,410,256

Special Maintenance Grant*

Tipperary County Council received a Special Maintenance Grant from DTTAS to undertake repairs to the Regional and Local road network as a result of severe weather events occurring since November 2017. This Council received grant funding in the amount of €817,360.



Road repair in progress by Clonmel Borough District following storms in 2018



The discretionary grant of €4,042,500 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and Local Roads. The Council's own resources allocation was €8,410,256.

 Over €30m invested in Regional and Local Roads in 2018



► Major Capital Schemes

Project Ireland 2040 – Our Plan, (National Planning Framework and National Development Plan), set out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure. Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects:

► Major Road Improvement Schemes

N24 Waterford to Limerick:

It was agreed at Council level that adjoining Local Authorities be requested to jointly promote the scheme to provide more impetus.

In January 2018, two schemes had been notified to TII by Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS).

- N24 Waterford to Cahir, allocation of €25,000 given to Kilkenny County Council
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction, allocation of €25,000 given to Limerick City & County Council.

The allocations were used by the Regional Design Offices to prepare Pre Appraisal Plans (PAPs) for both Schemes. These were prepared and submitted to TII in 2018.



NATIONAL PRIMARY AND NATIONAL SECONDARY ROUTES

Works were planned and carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2018 as follows:

► National Primary Road Improvements

N24 - Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Traffic Calming and Pavement Strengthening - This scheme is a traffic calming scheme and with pavement strengthening works for approx 1 km of road pavement from the Bohercrow roundabout to Church Street, at the lower end of Davitt Street. Other works include an upgrade to existing road drainage, full replacement of the existing footpaths along both sides of the carriageway and the provision of trees and planting areas within the footpath at key locations. The scheme also involves replacement of water main and old lead supplies and an advance works contract by Irish Water was completed in 2018. A contract was signed with Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd on 5th November 2018. Physical work is due to commence in early January 2019 for a period of 30 weeks.



Contract signing N24 Davitt Street pavement strengthening scheme November 2018 - Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd

N24 - Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir - This scheme has been extended and now involves the rehabilitation of a total of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Route in County Tipperary. Design work commenced in 2018. It is anticipated that design work will be completed and the scheme will go to planning and construction in 2019.

N24 Main Street Tipperary Town and N74 Fr Matthew Street

- This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1.8km of pavement, replacement of existing footpaths and provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas and build outs etc. The scheme commences at the junction between the N24 and R515 at O'Brien Street and terminates approximately 1.2km out the N74 Fr Matthew Street/ Cashel Road. Consultants have been appointed to carry out design work, which will commence in Q1 2019.

► National Secondary Road Improvement

• **N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works** -

This scheme involves 3 main elements
 (i) N52 Main Street Improvements, 1.6km in length, which involves inlay and overlay works, undergrounding of overhead services, erection of public lighting columns, construction of drainage infrastructure, street landscaping as well as footpath and build-out works;
 (ii) N52 Birr Road Improvements, 0.6km in length, which involves overlay, footpath modification and drainage works and
 (iii) Mill Race Culvert works at the junction of the N52 and N65. The scheme went to tender in Q2 2018 and construction started in November 2018 which will take approximately 52 weeks to complete.



Contract signing N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works 1st November 2018 with McAvoy Contractors Ltd

Borrisokane Street Improvement Works – commenced in November 2018

Contract signed for €2m road improvement project in Tipperary Town



- **N74 Ballyhusty Realignment -**

Part 8 was approved in 2017. Draft Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and tender documents are being updated. A submission for approval has been submitted to TII. It is anticipated that the CPO may be published early 2019.

- **N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge -**

This scheme involves raising of the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. The scheme commences to the north of Carrigahorig Village and extends approximately 2.5km in a north westerly direction to Balleiragh Bridge approximately 2km southeast of Portumna. A topographic survey and flood study have been completed. Design commenced in 2018 which is expected to be completed in 2019.

- **N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles Phase 1 -**

This scheme involved the pavement improvement of approximately 770m of the N62 Slievenamon Road in Thurles, Co. Tipperary. The works consisted primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works included drainage, kerbing, footpath construction and road markings. Construction was completed in Q3 2018 and was extremely well received.



Works at Slievenamon Road, Thurles, June 2018

- N62 Scart Roscrea was completed in January 2018 and is within the maintenance period.
- N62 Lismackin - This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 1.8km of pavement on the N62 Road from Lismackin to Kyleannagh. Works were carried out and completed in Q4 2018.



Works at Lismackin, Roscrea, November 2018

- N62 Slievenamon Road, Thurles Phase 2 - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 Road through Thurles, Co. Tipperary. The works consist primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths and provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas and build outs etc. Consultants have been appointed to carry out design work, which will commence in Q1 2019.
- N52 Riverstown - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.1km of pavement in the village of Riverstown. The scheme also involves some footpath replacement, drainage works and the provision of traffic lights and a footway on the bridge across the Little Brosna River. 1.6km of the scheme is in Tipperary, while the remaining 0.5km is in Offaly. Offaly County Council is the lead authority and a Section 85 Agreement is in place between the two local authorities. Construction commenced in Q4 2018 and it is expected to be completed in Q1 2019.
- N74 Golden Pavement Improvement Scheme - This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approx 1.4km of pavement on the N74 NS route in Golden Village in County Tipperary. Construction commenced in September 2018 and will be completed in Q1 2019.



► National Primary and National Secondary Improvement of Texture

Approximately €800,000 of road surface Retexturing/Resurfacing works were carried out at a number of locations across the county to improve the skid resistance of the road surface.

► Strategic Non-National Road Projects

Thurles Inner Relief Road	Preliminary design completed. Awaiting funding to proceed.
R498 Nenagh to Thurles Upgrade Knockalton-Kilconane	Works commenced in December 2018 and the scheme is scheduled to be completed by May 2019.
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh bends	Consultants appointed to select preferred route in 2015-2016. Part 8 was approved in 2017. DTTAS approval is required to commence Land Purchase. CPO documentation has been finalised and will be published early in 2019.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass – Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Planning procedures, and Oral Hearing has been completed, the CPO is confirmed and Notices to Treat have been served on the landowners. DTTAS approval was received in Jan 2018 to proceed with the 3 elements of the Project as One Scheme. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q3 2019. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in 2020 taking in the region of 3 years to complete.

► Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

A sum of €202,015 was spent on low cost accident improvement schemes and works were carried out at a number of locations throughout the county during 2018. Works took place at the following locations:

- LL4204-1/L8211, Springfield Tipperary Town
- R670/L-7112-0 Grangemore, Cahir
- R639-26 Ballytarsna, Cashel
- L3206-014/L3207-0 Cloone, Templemore
- R494 Newtown, Nenagh
- R503/R497 Cooneen Cross, Kilcommon.

► Community Involvement Schemes

These schemes refer to the upgrading and improvement of tertiary and minor roads where residents contribute 15% of the cost of the works. A total of 26 schemes were completed in 2018 across five Municipal Districts. Grant funding in the sum of €601,079 was received from DTTAS under this scheme.

 26 Community Involvement Schemes completed in 2018



► **Local Improvement Schemes**

In accordance with the Local Improvement Scheme Memorandum of February 2002, improvement works can be carried out on private/non public roads. There must be more than one landowner on an LIS road and the road must be open to the public. A local contribution is an integral part of the LIS scheme and it varies from 10% to 15% depending on the number of residences on the road. A total of 24 schemes were completed in 2018 under Round 1 and Grant Funding in the sum of €612,919 was received from Department of Rural and Community Development.

Tipperary County Council received notification of Round 2 grant monies in the sum of €168,818 in December 2018, with selected schemes to be completed by the end of Quarter 1 2019.

► **CLÁR Schemes Funding 2018**

Grant Funding in the sum of €236,655 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2018 with works to be completed by the end of Quarter 1 2019. 10 projects were undertaken under Measure 1 (CLÁR Safety Package for Schools/Community Facilities). Match funding, in accordance with the award criteria, was provided under the following headings:

Local Authority Contribution	Community Contribution	Other
€13,168	€17,148	€12,500

► **Bridge Rehabilitation Works**

A sum of €645,567 was spent in 2018 in respect of bridge rehabilitation works. Works took place at the following locations:

Ballyheen Bridge, Templemore; Newcastle Bridge; Lackamore Bridge, Newport; Dillon Bridge, Carrick on Suir; Pallas Bridge, Borrisoleigh; Glangarra Bridge; Gourdeen Bridge, Nenagh.

A further sum of €28,432 was spent on Ardfinnan Bridge and €9,131 on Clonbeg Bridge, Aherlow, in respect of preparatory works.



Bridge works completed in 2018, Moyglass, Carrick on Suir District

 *Bridge Rehabilitation Works 2018 €645,567*



► Machinery Yard

The Machinery Yard, which has two bases in Clonmel and Nenagh, provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council. The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The machinery yard has approx 160 council owned vehicles and 23 leased vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa €4.2 million. In addition, it maintains the former Clonmel Borough Council, Tipperary, Cashel and Carrick Town Council vehicles, approx 40 vehicles, which would have an additional replacement value of circa €1.2 million.

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

- Fleet management in compliance with the Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012
- The inspection, operation and maintenance of the Council fleet, including its requirements under Statutory Instrument S.I. 348 of 2013 Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Regulations 2013).
- The supply of plant and machinery as required to the Districts and sections of the County Council
- The acquisition and disposal of plant and machinery
- To have available the staffing levels and skills necessary to maintain and operate the council's plant and machinery fleet efficiently.
- Arranging the long-term and short-term hire of commercial machinery for the Districts.

Machinery is hired in for a number of reasons including the need to:

- satisfy machinery requirements of the Council at peak periods
- avail of specialist machines with skilled drivers
- avail of specialist machines for seasonal work
- avail of plant and machinery for short-term hire.

There are 11 full time drivers and 8 seasonal drivers based in the Nenagh Yard and 13 full time drivers and 8 seasonal drivers based in Clonmel. The Machinery Yard also operates the winter maintenance service with a fleet of 12 salt spreaders. The Council has a fleet of 12 patching units, 4 No. 17T Velocity, 2 No. 12T Velocity and 6 no. 7.5T conventional patchers, which are used by the districts for pothole filling and patching of roads.



1 of the 2 new DAF 32 Tonne tipper trucks purchased in 2018 replacing 2007 models



17T Velocity Patcher





12T Velocity Patcher



7.5T Conventional Patcher



Self contained and banded fuel storage tanks and dispensing system

The Council operates its own machinery garages in Clonmel and Nenagh to meet the maintenance requirements for the various items of machinery. At present there is a foreman fitter and 5 fitters in the Clonmel workshop and a foreman and two fitters in the Nenagh workshop.

The machinery workshop is responsible for regular inspection of all commercial vehicles in the fleet, the servicing of trucks, pickups, vans and tractors as required by the manufacturers' specification, and the repair of vehicles as required. The process of upgrading the Machinery Yard and the attached civic amenity site in Nenagh is at preliminary design stage.

The Council operates its own computerised and automated fuel storage and dispensing system at Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel and Nenagh depots to avail of the cost reduction achievable with bulk purchases.



► Winter Maintenance

Winter Maintenance service consists of four distinct phases namely:-

1. Pre-salting of National Primary and Secondary routes and major Regional roads and routes of strategic importance
2. Salting and sanding of ice-bound National and Regional routes
3. Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs from National and Regional Routes
4. Clearance of snow by means of snow ploughs or mechanical loaders from county roads.

Phase 1 is termed precautionary treatment and is generally timed to be completed approximately two hours before the start of freezing conditions. Winter maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:

- Priority 1: National roads, and Regional roads of strategic importance
- Priority 2: Regional roads with high volume of traffic using the road
- Priority 3: Urban roads and Local roads on a priority basis, urban centres.



9 cubic Metre salt spreader mounted on 26 tonne Tipper Truck

In extreme weather events Priority 1 routes will take precedence over Priority 2 routes in terms of allocation of available resources.

The winter maintenance period lasts from 1st October to 30th April each winter with the aim of keeping priority routes safe and as free as possible from wintry hazards. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provided a grant of €366,950 for National road winter maintenance in 2018. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) allocated €500,000 for the treatment of non-national routes through the discretionary grant.

Due to snowfalls in March 2018 the total spend on winter maintenance for 2017/2018 was €1,060,996 - the difference was refunded by the TII and DTTAS.

In the 2017/2018 winter service season, there were 87 callouts, using 6,636 tonnes of salt. The average cost of a callout over the period was €12,195 plus the cost of the salt. The county has a roster of four ice-cast Duty Engineers who are responsible for use of the weather bureau service to examine the forecast and track the actual conditions for the area and for the issue of instructions for required winter maintenance based on specialist forecasts and local information.

The winter maintenance service is managed and operated by the Machinery Yard. Twelve crews are rostered on a weekly basis using 7 No. 6 Tonne and 5 No. 9 Tonne Salt Spreaders, mounted on Council trucks to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes (approx. 1,000 Km) in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice. The Council has an agreement with Limerick, Offaly, Waterford and Kilkenny County Councils on a quid pro quo basis for cross-boundary treatments of routes to increase the efficiency of the operation.

A complete schedule and map of pre-salting routes, and cross boundary agreements is published annually on the Council's website www.tipperarycoco.ie. Snow ploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading vehicles when snow is forecast and the clearance of snow by ploughing will commence as soon as snow depths on all or part of the Priority 1 network exceeds 30mm.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland manages the national procurement of road salt for National and Non-National roads and provided approximately 5,300 tonnes of salt for each of National and non-National roads, to the Council in 2017/2018. It also maintains a national reserve of salt for distribution to local authorities in the event of forecast of a severe weather event, i.e. a prolonged cold snap, or blizzard conditions. The Council's covered salt storage capacity is now in excess of 2,700 tonnes and salt storage barns are located in Cahir (600 tonnes), Clonmel (600 tonnes) and Nenagh (1,500 tonnes).

 *6,636 tonnes of salt used in winter maintenance season*

 *12 crews rostered during winter maintenance season to treat 1,000 km of priority routes*





30 Tonne aluminium trailer unit for drawing road salt from the ports to the Council salt barns

► Severe Weather/Storm Damage

Tipperary County Council has established a Severe Weather Action Team (SWAT) to deal with emergencies as they arise. The team comprises of the Senior Engineer (SE) Roads, Senior Engineer (SE) Water Services, and District Engineers (5) under the chairmanship of the SE (Roads). It was decided that the SWAT Chair should convene a teleconference meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team on receipt of all Orange and Red severe storm alerts from Met Eireann. This meeting should take place within one hour of the receipt of the alert to enable the team to assess the alert and its implications for Council services. The SWAT Team should then determine the appropriate level of response. Every warning should be considered in the context of other relevant information available to the SWAT, i.e. information from the Ice Cast System, local knowledge of roads, infrastructure, vulnerable communities etc. Depending on the nature of the weather impact assessment, a warning and/or a Severe Weather activation plan instruction should be issued to all appropriate sections of the Council as well as to relevant principal response agencies.

The Council responded to a number of weather events in 2018 the most significant being Storm Emma which struck in February. An allocation of €503,129 was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to this weather event.



► Public Lighting

The Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the county. Public lighting maintenance is now carried out under contract with Airtricity Utility Solutions. Energia supplies the electrical power to the lighting network. The total number of public lights in the network is circa 16,200.

Public Lighting is the single biggest user of energy in the overall Council's energy usage. Over the past number of years the Council has introduced LED lighting in a number of new and replacement public lighting projects. Over the coming years, it is likely that there will be a significant conversion to LED lighting. Globally, Sox lights are being phased out in favour of LED lights. This Council has and will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI and TII for energy efficiency projects. 452 lighting upgrades were carried out in 2018, and the Council received funding of €202,544 from TII.

In 2018, the Council continued to target some of our villages where there are currently lighting deficits. We have also targeted some of the arterial routes into our towns, in some cases to make energy efficiencies and in some instances to improve poor lighting. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns, and interface boxes is also ongoing as part of these schemes.

The Council is obliged to meet the National Public Service Efficiency Targets. This means that energy consumption must be reduced by 33% by 2020. Tipperary County Council has signed the Covenant of Mayors to give effect to this commitment.

 *Over 16,200 public lights provided and maintained by Tipperary County Council'*

 *'452 lighting upgrades carried out in 2018'*

 *'Energy efficiency in our public lighting has improved by 11% (2009-2017) even though the number of lights has increased by 16%*



► Smart-Space Project

Tipperary County Council has been successful in getting approval for ERDF funding for a project to develop Smart Sustainable Public Spaces across the north west Europe region with the project being called 'Smart-Space'. The Council, along with three European municipalities will receive funding to install a smart lighting system where the four partners will commit to a research project involving the installation and monitoring of this lighting system. Advances in intelligent lighting systems offer the opportunity to significantly increase energy efficiency, thereby reducing the carbon footprint. The primary location for the 'Smart-Space' project in Tipperary will be Thurles and in particular Liberty Square. The Council will include the villages of Clonoulty and Drangan in addition to Thurles to trial this technology in a rural context.

► eParking

eParking has been rolled out to 9 towns throughout Tipperary. This service is an additional, more convenient way of paying for parking. Methods of payment for parking by members of the public include a smartphone 'app', website or phone call. Promotion of eParking is on-going and two very successful promotions were held in 2018. One held during April incorporated a two week advertising campaign on local radio 'TippFM' and over 100 entries per day were received. A Christmas promotion took place in December where users were encouraged to download and use the eParking 'app' to be entered into a draw with 5 winners selected. New downloads per month for December 2018 averaged between 200 and 300.

 *Park by phone in 9 towns across Tipperary'*

 *'Download the app at www.tipperaryeparking.com*

► Taking in Charge of Estates

A total of 25 estates were taken in charge during 2018.

Municipal District	Estate	Date Taken in Charge
Clonmel	Kylemore, Cashel Road, Clonmel	21/03/2018
Nenagh	Boru Court, Ballina	19/04/2018
Nenagh	Roundhill, Finnoe Road, Shesheraghmore, Borrisokane	19/04/2018
Templemore-Thurles	Cluain Ard, Roscrea	25/04/2018
Carrick on Suir	Manor Close, Carrick Beg	25/04/2018
Carrick on Suir	Manor Gate, Carrick Beg	25/04/2018
Carrick on Suir	Manor View, Carrick Beg	25/04/2018
Templemore-Thurles	The Paddocks, Stradavoher, Thurles	25/04/2018
Templemore-Thurles	Cluain Glas, Templemore Road, Thurles	25/04/2018
Templemore-Thurles	Glencarrick(part of), Scart, Roscrea	25/04/2018
Nenagh	Silver Mews, Silver Street, Nenagh	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Gurteen Grove, Rathcabbin	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Derry Close, Rathcabbin	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Lough Derg Cottages, Dromineer	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Harbour View, Dromineer	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Derg Manor, Dromineer	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Pallas Derg, Newtown, Nenagh	19/07/2018
Nenagh	Killeen Court, Borrisokane	19/07/2018
Templemore-Thurles	Marlstone Manor, Brittas Road, Thurles	25/07/2018
Templemore-Thurles	Whitethorn Hill, Tullaskeagh, Roscrea	25/07/2018
Carrick on Suir	Mount Saint Nicholas, Pill Road, Carrick on Suir	26/07/2018
Clonmel	Farranlahassery, Rosemount Avenue, Clonmel Road, Cahir	19/09/2018
Carrick on Suir	Cois Coille, Kilcash, Clonmel	22/11/2018
Cashel-Tipperary	Caiseal Na Ri, Golden Road, Cashel	26/11/2018
Clonmel	Beechwood Close, Patrick's Road, Silversprings, Clonmel	19/12/2018





► Clonmel to Carrick-On-Suir Blueway

€765,000 of additional funding to complete enhancement work on the Suir Blueway was secured by Tipperary County Council in 2018 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport - this funding will be drawn down in 2019. The branding and signage of the Blueway is almost complete and installation of the signage will be carried out in early 2019.

A marketing plan is being prepared by the Council's Tourism Officer and the official launch is planned for May 2019.



Suir Blueway

► Launch of Tipperary Road Safety Strategy

2018 was a busy year for the Road Safety Section of Tipperary County Council, who in conjunction with its partners, the Road Safety Authority (RSA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), An Garda Síochána (AGS), Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service and the HSE/National Ambulance Service, in June launched a strategy for road safety in Tipperary.

This is the first strategy of its kind for Tipperary and covers the period 2018-2020. It is based on the Government Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 and sets the ambitious target of reducing fatalities and serious injuries to 4 and 10 respectively per year in County Tipperary by 2020. This will require a reduction of 69% on the 2016 figures and requires a co-ordinated approach to road safety promotion.

The Mission Statement contained in the strategy is “to create a greater awareness of road safety through all our stakeholders with the aim of reducing the number, severity and life-changing impact of road collisions, thereby making County Tipperary a safer place for all road users.”

The Strategy examines specific local issues relevant to Tipperary. It offers a strategic direction for road safety in Tipperary in terms of Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. This requires a co-ordinated approach between all the stakeholders to provide a focus on collision and casualty reduction in the county and to try to improve overall safety levels within our communities.

The Strategy also encourages all members of the community to play an active part in reducing fatalities and injuries on Tipperary's roads by taking responsibility for their own behaviour as road users.

It is the sincere hope of all the stakeholders that the continued focus on road safety in County Tipperary as part of this Road Safety Strategy will contribute further to collision and casualty reduction in the County over the lifetime of the strategy.



Pictured at the launch of the first all-county Road Safety Strategy for Tipperary were:

Front row left to right: Declan O'Carroll, Sergeant in Charge, Nenagh Garda Station; Joe MacGrath, C.E.O., Tipperary County Council; Catherine Kehoe, Chief Superintendent, Thurles; Padraic Powell, Inspector, Thurles.
Back Row left to right: Fiona Kavanagh, Road Safety Promotional Officer RSA; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council; Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer Roads Department, TCC; Janice Gardiner, Roads Department, TCC; Carmel Banville, Superintendent, Cahir; Dave Carroll, Chief Fire Officer; David Nolan, Superintendent, Nenagh; Mary Murphy, Roads Department, TCC; Matt Shortt, Director of Services, TCC; Eilish Mulhern, Senior Road Safety Promotional Officer, RSA.



► Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG)

It is a requirement under the government Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 that each local authority establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG). This group is made up of representatives of Tipperary County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Síochána (AGS) and Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services. This group met three times in 2018 to complete work on the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy and following the launch of the Strategy, to review the implementation of the actions it contains.

Two local Road Safety Teams for Tipperary have been established, one covering the northern part of the county, the other covering the southern part of the county, in line with Municipal and Garda Districts. Both teams met three times in 2018 and discussed operational issues and, among other things, the Collision Prevention Programme (CPP).

Road Safety Actions 2018

- Organised a media campaign to promote roadside hedge cutting during the hedge cutting season.
- Communicated Road Safety Information bulletins in co-operation with the Road Safety Authority.
- Supported Irish Road Safety Week in October 2018.
- Supported the third “European Day without a Road Death” (Project Edward) on 19th September 2018. This initiative was organised by the European Traffic Police Network (TIPSOL). It was also supported by AGS and the RSA. The aim of the project was that there would be no road deaths in the 30 member countries on that day.

► Balance Bike Blitz

A Road Safety Representative attended two Balance Bike Blitz events on 12 and 13 of June which were organised by Tipperary Sports Partnership and Tipperary County Childcare Committee for National Bike Week.

These events were organised for Pre-School children and consisted of a number of events including Road Safety. In the Road Safety Event the children were guided around a road safety obstacle course which included a pedestrian crossing, traffic lights and a level (train) crossing. They were taught through play to look out for the lollipop lady, slow down at traffic lights, stop if the light is red, to watch out for pedestrians crossing and stop at a level crossing if the barriers are down. The events took place in Moyle Rovers GAA Club, Clonmel and The Dome, Thurles. Seven pre-schools attended in Clonmel and six in Thurles giving a total of more than 200 children who participated.

► Keep Safe Event

A Road Safety Representative from Roads Section of Tipperary County Council attended a “Keep Safe” Event in the Scouts Hall, Nenagh on the 14th June 2018. The “Keep Safe” programme is sponsored by the Health and Safety Authority and facilitated by Junior Achievement Ireland who bring together 5th and 6th class children from primary schools in various locations for a “Keep Safe” event. These events have been held nationwide.

State agencies, and regional organisations with a safety remit, come together to talk to children with a common message - Keeping Safe. The event is an opportunity to present children with practical safety messages in a new and interesting way in order to keep themselves safe in any number of situations.

“Keep Safe” takes place over a morning where children from local schools arrive at a central venue, accompanied by their teachers.

Approximately one hundred and twenty 5th and 6th class school children from local primary schools took part in the “Keep Safe” event. The Primary Schools which attended in Nenagh were Carrig Primary School, CBS Primary School, Nenagh, St. Mary’s Primary School, Nenagh and Gael Scoil, Nenagh. The children were organised into groups of ten. Each agency presented a ten-minute interactive scenario to their group on a series of safety issues such as road, water and coastal safety, construction safety, electricity, farm safety, travelling safely, and personal safety. As the event took place during National Bike Week an interactive talk/demonstration was given by the Road Safety Representative on cycling safely.

The other agencies who participated in the day were ESB, Bus Éireann, Irish Water Safety, RNLI, Teagasc, An Garda Síochána, Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services and Tipperary Civil Defence.



► Road Safety Matters

Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service in collaboration with the Roads Section of the Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE and the RSA ran a “Road Safety Matters” event in the Park Hotel Clonmel on 27 November 2018.

The event was geared towards students from Transition year through to 6th year that are likely to be obtaining a driving licence in the near future. We had a number of speakers in the morning from members of the emergency services. The coroner also spoke about the effect of driving under the influence of drink and/or drugs, and the tragic result of road traffic accidents. A compelling presentation was given by a family member affected by a fatal road traffic collision. Students attending were later given a demonstration on the work of the emergency services in the aftermath of a road traffic collision.

Throughout the day the Road Safety Authority Ireland’s road shuttle and Roll Over Simulator was on site where students and teachers alike could experience the latest simulations and immersive technologies. Students were able to witness firsthand the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt in the roll over simulator. They could practice their driving skills in the realistic car simulator or practice the Driver Theory Test on one of the interactive touch screens. RSA staff were on hand throughout taking questions and offering advice.



Pictured at the ‘Road Safety Matters’ event are (l to r)

Mary Murphy, Roads Section Tipperary County Council, Garda Claire Murphy, Carol Kennedy, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services, Fiona Kavanagh, Road Safety Promotion Officer RSA and John Perry, Paramedic

 *Tipperary Road Safety Strategy launched in 2018*

► Roads Abutting Certificates

A total of 671 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2018 (an increase of 15.5%) and 569 Certificates were issued (an increase of 18.5%).

► Abnormal Load Permits

A total of 206 applications for Abnormal Load Permits were received during 2018 and 197 permits were issued.

► Road Opening Licences

The MapRoad Roadworks Licencing (MRL) administered by the Road Management Office (RMO) is the national system for the management and processing of roadworks licence applications. Once a utility or civil contractor is registered on the MRL system, this registration enables them to apply to any of the Local Authorities in the Country, who are aligned to the MRL system.

The procedure used on the MRL system is based on the “T” model. “T” model licences contain limits such as total excavation area, advance notification periods, licence validity periods, number of days allowed for works to take place and distances between excavations.

- T1 Notification: A T1 Notification is required when it is intended to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity of the proposed works. A T1 Notification is not a licence. The notification process allows adequate time for consultation and joint planning between the applicant and the authority.
- T2¹ Licence: Following determination of the T1 notification by the roads authority, the applicant subsequently submits T21 licence(s) for the project.
- T2 Licence: Works of moderate to significant impact
- T3 Licence: Works of low impact
- T4 Notification: A notification of emergency works as defined under legislation. A T2 or T3 licence may be subsequently required to complete the works that are not of an emergency nature.
- T5 Notification: A notification by the applicant to the local authority of completion of works carried out under T2¹, T2, T3 or T4

In 2018 the Roads Section received 872 Road Opening Licence online applications. In conjunction with the Districts the Council favourably determined 45 T1 notifications in respect of various utility and energy projects throughout the county and granted 613 T2¹, T2, T3, T4 licences during the year. This was inclusive of applications received in 2017 and granted in 2018. The balance of applications received in 2018 are at various stages of Processing / Conditioning / Approval.

 *872 Road opening licence online applications received in 2018*



► Tipperary County Council Community Employment Projects

Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel-Tipperary, Clonmel, Templemore-Thurles Municipal Districts.

Tipperary County Council has supported Community Employment programmes since their introduction in 1985.

The Council, in partnership with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, continues to promote and encourage the development of Community Employment. Accordingly, Tipperary County Council sponsors two Community Employment projects. Approval was granted for the employment of four supervisors and sixty one participants in respect of the 2018 Schemes. The schemes operate over thirteen locations including the Town and Environs of Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Thurles and Tipperary Town and the communities of Boherlahan, Clonoulty/Clogher, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Nine Mile House and Rosegreen.

The Community Employment initiatives involve a range of activities including:

- Horticultural, landscaping and environmental improvement projects
- Maintenance works in parks, towns, and cemeteries
- General Operative/Driver/Traffic Management Duties/Road Crossing Wardens

Emphasis is placed on providing valuable employment experience and training for participants through an individual learning plan. All participants benefit from mandatory Health and Safety training such as Safe Pass and Manual Handling which is a transferrable skill required in similar work places. Participants may also take part in Understanding of working on roads, SSWP Induction, Health and Safety at road works course (one day).

After achieving mandatory Health and Safety training and road works training, participants then follow on with job related or skill specific courses to prepare for employment in the environmental, building, security, administrative/commercial or food industry sector, such as:

- Horticultural Tools and Equipment/Operation of Lawnmowers/Handheld Pesticides
- Fork Lift/Ladder Induction/Thermal Insulation/Plastering Level 3/ Brick – Block Laying
- Door Security/Basic Guarding Skills/Fire Evacuation/Occupational First Aid
- Communications/Customer Service/IT/Beauty Therapy
- Food Safety

The community in Tipperary benefits by having cleaner towns, improvement of amenities and the landscaping of areas. Participants gain in confidence and self esteem that enable them to work as part of a team within their own community. A number of the participants have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement in the projects.

► National Construction Schemes Office

In October 2018, Tipperary County Council established the National Construction Schemes (NCS) Office in Nenagh and began providing verification and certification services on behalf of SOLAS (the Further Education and Training Authority). The office operates under an agreed framework for cooperation and communication between SOLAS and Tipperary County Council to achieve the efficient operation of the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) and the Quarry Skills Certificate Scheme (QSCS) programmes.



► Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies

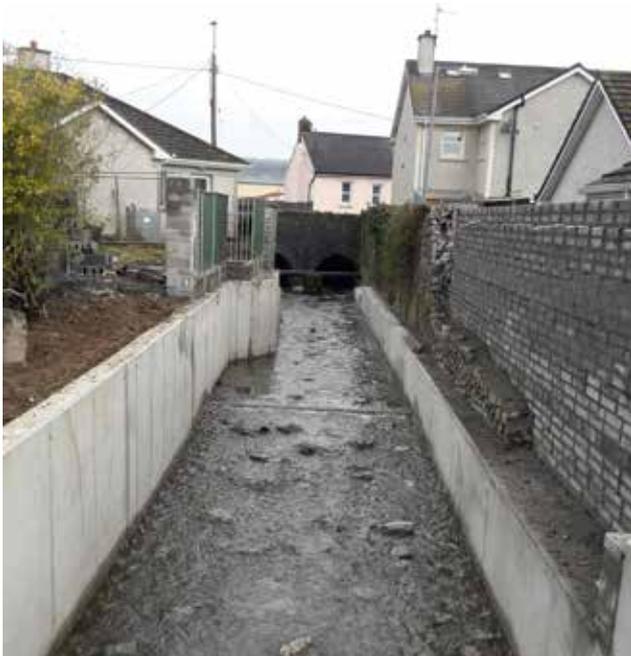
During 2018, Tipperary County Council had 9 schemes with funding approvals under the Office of Public Works (OPW) Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies.

Work was completed in 2018 on 2 schemes The Millrace, Cahir in Clonmel Borough District and at Mullinahone in Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, for which a total allocation of €260,500 has been made available by the OPW.

Three schemes at Ballinahalla, Clogheen in Clonmel Borough District; Ballinderry in Nenagh Municipal District and Waller's Lot, Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District secured funding approval totalling €115,311 and works were completed in 2018 at these locations.

The Council is still in discussion with the Office of Public Works in relation to a number of other proposals and it is hoped that further schemes will be progressed.

The Council acknowledges the support of the OPW and will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2019 where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to "at risk" properties.



The OPW funded Mullinahone River Channel repair scheme is pictured, under construction by GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd in February 2018. This was a project dear to the heart of former Councillor Eddie O'Meara, RIP, who passed away in April 2018.

► Health and Safety

Tipperary County Council Roads Section continues to pro-actively implement a comprehensive Health and Safety management system in accordance with our Parent Safety Statement and legal obligations. The focus on health and safety is maintained through regular meetings and committees where issues such as policy and procedures are discussed. The harmonisation of north and south Road Safety Statements was completed in March 2018 with the adoption of a merged Roads Ancillary Safety Statement. Regular site inspections were also undertaken during 2018 along with recording of accidents and incidents and investigation of root causes.

► Pavement Management System

A Pavement Management System is in operation in Tipperary as part of a National electronic database of all Local and Regional roads. The maps displayed on this system provide colour coded information on the road surface condition on a scale of 1 to 10 for each road category.

This information allows Tipperary County Council to quantify in a scientific fashion the different treatments required for the different road categories. This is a dynamic system which is updated automatically when a section of roadway is surveyed.

► Hedgecutting

Under the Roads Act 1993, Section 70, the owner or occupier of land is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of public road, a road authority may serve a Notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land.

It is important to note that under the Wildlife Act, 1976 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, it is an offence to destroy vegetation growing in a hedge or ditch between the 1st March and 31st August each year. 146 hedge cutting notices were sent to landowners in 2018.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Planning Section of the Council administers the Planning legislation as contained in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the various Regulations made there-under.

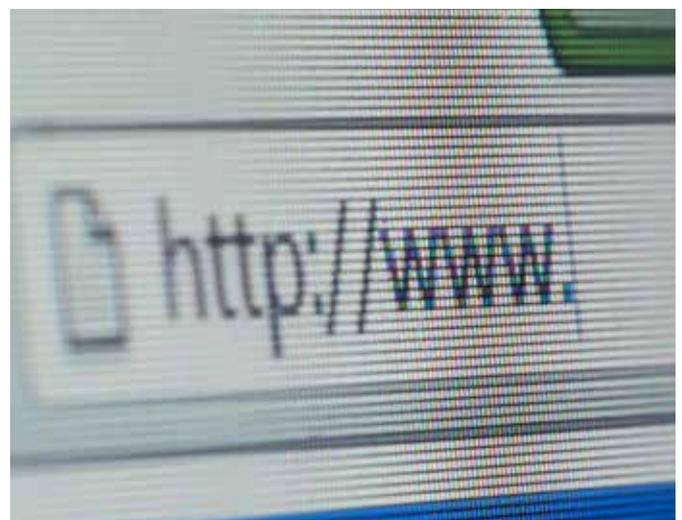
► Development Management

Development Management involves processing planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie. Set out below are figures for 2018 planning applications.

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number granted	Number refused	No. of Decisions appealed to An Bord Pleanala	Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanala
Individual House	232	222	10	3	2
Housing Development	17	16	1	2	0
NIA/EIA	16	16	0	n/a	n/a
Other Applications	765	755	10	19	2
Total	1,030	1,009	21	24	4

► e-Planning

We continue to utilise the I-Plan system, Enforcement system, idocs and digitising of the Planning Register Map resulting in greater efficiency within the Section and to the public. All valid planning applications received in 2018 were made available through planning enquiry system on www.tipperarycoco.ie. The Council's Website was used where appropriate, e.g. details of application forms, weekly lists, variations to plans etc. It is government policy under rebuilding Ireland/Broadband plan to progress ePlanning. An e-Planning project board was established and Tipperary County Council is a member. Its purpose is to progress the delivery of e-Planning functionality in order to increase and provide enhanced customer service. Tipperary County Council will be a pilot site for the project in 2019.



DEVELOPMENT PLANS/LOCAL AREA PLANS

► National Planning Framework - Ireland 2040: Our Plan

The National Planning Framework (NPF) was launched on the 16th February, 2018.

► Urban Regeneration and Development Fund

As part of Project Ireland 2040 and the National Development Plan, the Government allocated €100m to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

The aim of the URDF is to stimulate new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns.



Applications were lodged for the following projects:

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration (Category A and Category B)**
 This application seeks funding for one project “Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration”. Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new use for the town. “Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration” includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely; Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement.
- Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles (Category A)**
 Seeks funding to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles. A place to live, shop, work, socialise, play, or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square would become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and would enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment.
- Nenagh 25: An Integrated Plan for Town Centre Regeneration and Compact Growth (Category B)**
 ‘Nenagh 25’ is a plan for town centre regeneration which will enable Nenagh to reach its potential in the Southern Region and as a Gateway to the Hidden Heartlands. This will be achieved by harnessing the economic potential of its heritage assets; transforming the town centre public realm and investing in the sustainable and compact expansion of the town. Nenagh proposes an interdependent framework with three pillars, namely; Enhancement of the Tourism and Cultural Assets at Banba Square, Preparation of a detailed Nenagh Town Centre Enhancement Scheme and Link Road and Railway Bridge to support the Development of a Residential Quarter.



National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund

Project	Progress in 2018	Next Stage
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Project.	Funding of €1.35M was approved for the project.	Project Management Plan to be implemented. Tenders to be invited.
Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration.	Funding of €2.89M was approved for the project.	Steering and Working Groups to be established and Project Management Plan to be implemented.

► Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

The Government has committed to providing an additional €1 billion for a new Rural Regeneration and Development Fund over the period 2019 to 2027 under Project Ireland 2040 and the National Development Plan. The Fund will provide investment to support rural renewal for suitable projects in towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas. It is administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The new Fund provides an unprecedented opportunity to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland, to make a significant and sustainable impact on rural communities, and to address de-population in small rural towns, villages and rural areas. It will be a key instrument to support the objectives of the National Planning Framework, and in particular to achieve Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities – one of the National Strategic Outcomes of the NPF.

Initial funding of €315 million is being allocated to the Fund on a phased basis over the period 2019 to 2022.

Applications were lodged for:

- Cluster Housing in Villages: A Best Practice Serviced Site Initiative (Kilsheelan (Category 1) and Templetuohy (Category 2)).**
 Management of the development, including the design and construction of the serviced sites and the administering of the sale of the site following the completion of the infrastructure works.
- Public Realm Works at Market Yard and the Provision of a River Walk along the River Ara in Tipperary Town (Category 1)**
 (i) Funding was sought for works to include the re-paving of the market stall area of the market yard and raising the level of the one-way road access from Main Street to create a shared surface, the roadway will be converted to a wider footpath and pedestrianised area, construction of a tensile fabric canopy to create space for outdoor market stalls, additional planting, lighting, signage and seating will be provided.
 (ii) Proposes to link Abbey Street to Glenview Square via an 800 meter river walk along the banks of the River Ara.
- Fethard Town Park (Category 2)**
 Funding for a full Feasibility and Value for Money Study, Community and Club Asset Audit, Community Consultation, Needs Analysis, Evaluation Strategy and all planning & legal requirements to make certain that the proposed park meets the amenity and recreational needs of the community and associated clubs and groups with a strong business model and financial basis to ensure that a sustainable legacy project is achieved.
- Gas Connection to the National Bioeconomy Campus Lisheen (Category 2)**
 Funding to complete a feasibility study into the provision of a natural gas pipeline supply to the site of the former Lisheen Mine, to facilitate the redevelopment of the site with industry.



► Preparation of Regional and Spatial Economic Strategies (RSES)

The Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031 will provide a long term regional level strategic planning and economic framework, in support of the implementation of the National Planning Framework, for the future physical, economic and social development of the Southern Region.

The Southern Regional Assembly commenced the preparation of the Southern Region Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) in December 2017. The Council made formal submissions to the process in February 2018.

A joint meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC and members of the Regional Assembly took place on the 28th September 2018 to discuss the emerging working draft documents.

A Draft Strategy was adopted in November 2018.

► Design and Best Practice for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages

The preparation of Cluster and Serviced Site Guidelines is an objective of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied), in order to facilitate and promote the growth and viability of the rural villages in the county. The guidelines will provide best practice options for small housing schemes to encourage the development of high quality homes to meet the needs of the rural population.

The guidelines were noted and endorsed by the Planning and Emergency Services SPC in October 2018 and was listed for noting by the elected members of the Council at the Council meeting on 21 January 2019, which will be followed by final publication.

► Built Heritage Scheme 2018

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme is aimed at the repair and conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act (2000) as amended and in certain cases, for the conservation of structures within Architectural Conservation areas and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professional, craft workers and tradespeople. It seeks to encourage the leveraging of private capital to invest in small-scale, labour-intensive projects.

For 2018, Tipperary County Council was allocated €50,000 under the Scheme. The Council recommended 13 no. projects to the Department for consideration. All projects were approved for funding. A total of 11 no. of the projects were completed successfully. The two projects that did not go ahead the monies were re-distributed amongst the other 11.

► Structures at Risk 2018

The Structures at Risk Scheme is to assist with works to safeguard structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), where in the opinion of the Department, an urgent need for works to such structures has been demonstrated.

The Council recommended 2 no. projects to the Department for consideration. Both projects were approved by the Department for funding of €32,000 in total, as follows:

- The Corner House, Borrissleigh: €17,000
- The Thatch, Cloneen: €15,000
- Projects proceeded in accordance with the conditions of the grants scheme.



► Medieval Walled Towns

The planning section worked with a **Landscape Architect in the walled Town of Fethard to prepare a design for a new park and extension to the Town Walls trail.**

This will open up the section of Wall from the East Gate (Burke Street) to Pierces Gate (Barrack Street).

Work commenced late last year with a grant of €100,000 from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and it is expected that the park will be opened in Spring 2019.

► Energy in Agriculture Conference

Tipperary County Council in partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency and Gurteen College, participated in running the 'Energy in Agriculture Event' on the 21st August, 2018. The event was a great success with over 2,500 attendees.

► Taking-in-Charge of Estates

Twenty five estates were taken in charge in 2018 - a total of 828 housing units. Commencing January 2019 there are 68 housing developments with valid taking-in-charge applications being processed by the Planning Department. This represents a total of 2,537 housing units.

Developments TIC by Municipal District in 2018

Municipal District	No. of developments TIC.	No. of housing units.
Nenagh	10	154
Clonmel	3	145
Carrick-on-Suir	5	70
Templemore/Thurlas	6	347
Cashel/Tipperary	1	112



► **Planning & Emergency Services SPC**

Meetings of the Strategic Policy Committee for Planning & Emergency Services were held on 2nd May 2018, 27th September 2018 and 22nd October 2018. Presentations were made on the National Planning Framework, Draft Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES) and Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages.

The membership of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC is as follows:

Sector	Name
8 Councillors	Chair – Michael O’Meara
	Micheál Anglim
	John Carroll
	Joe Bourke
	Gerard Darcy
	Denis Leahy
	David Dunne
	Martin Browne
1 Agriculture	Matthew Mounsey
1 Dev/Construction	Tom Gallahue
2 PPN	Richard Long
	Lyn Mather

► **Number of Planning Applications received in 2018**

A total of 1553 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2018 compared to 1451 for 2017, an increase of 7%. 385 applications were deemed invalid and 52 were withdrawn. During the year 1065 applications were decided with 1041 being granted planning permission (98%) and 24 being refused (2%). Further information was requested in 413 cases.

► **Enforcement**

The enforcement part of the Section deals with compliance with the conditions of permissions granted, collection of development contributions and follow up of reports received from the public and/or council officials of possible unauthorised development.

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2018 are as follows:

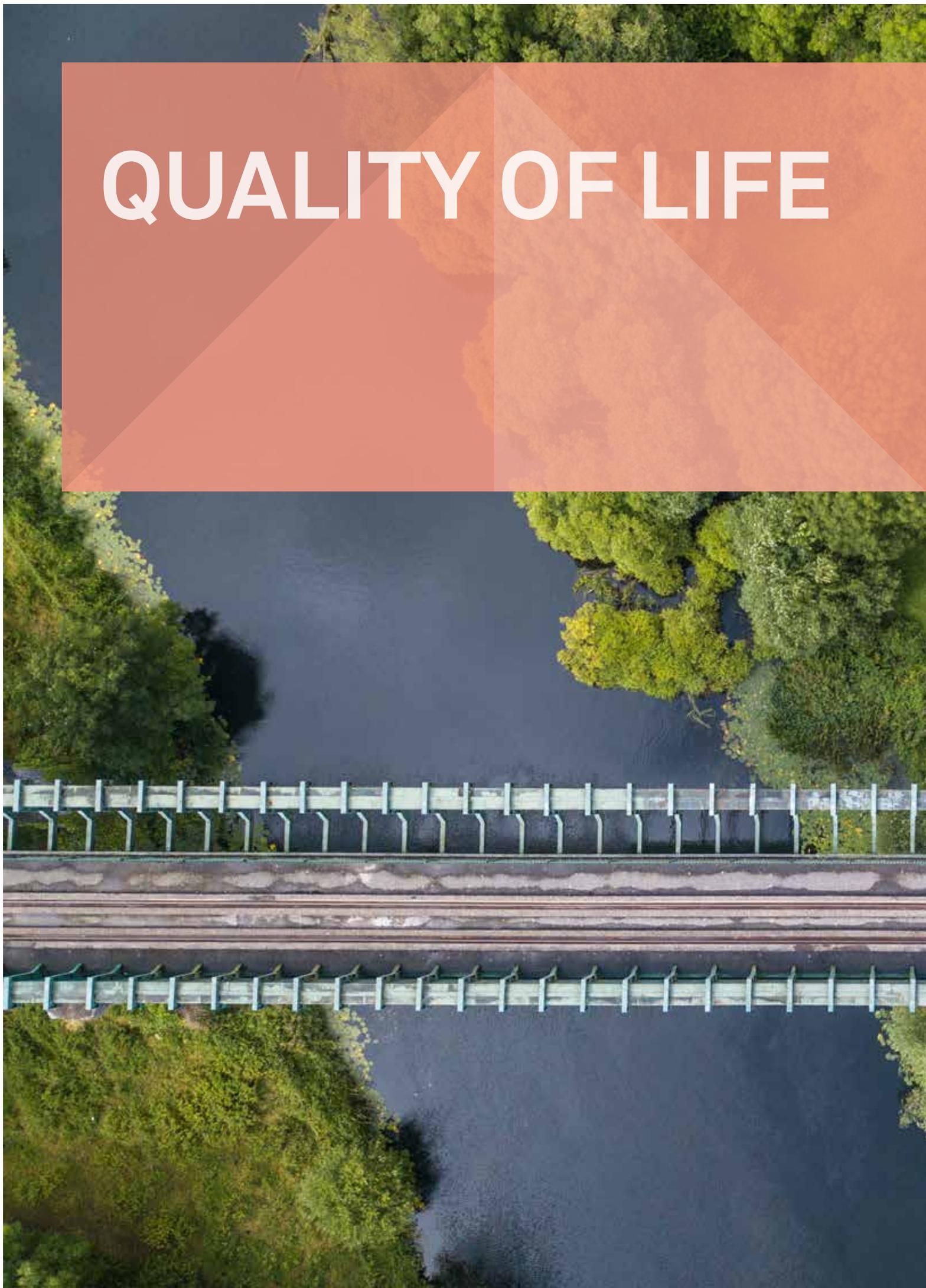
Complaints received	215
Warning Letters issued	154
Enforcement Notices issued	29

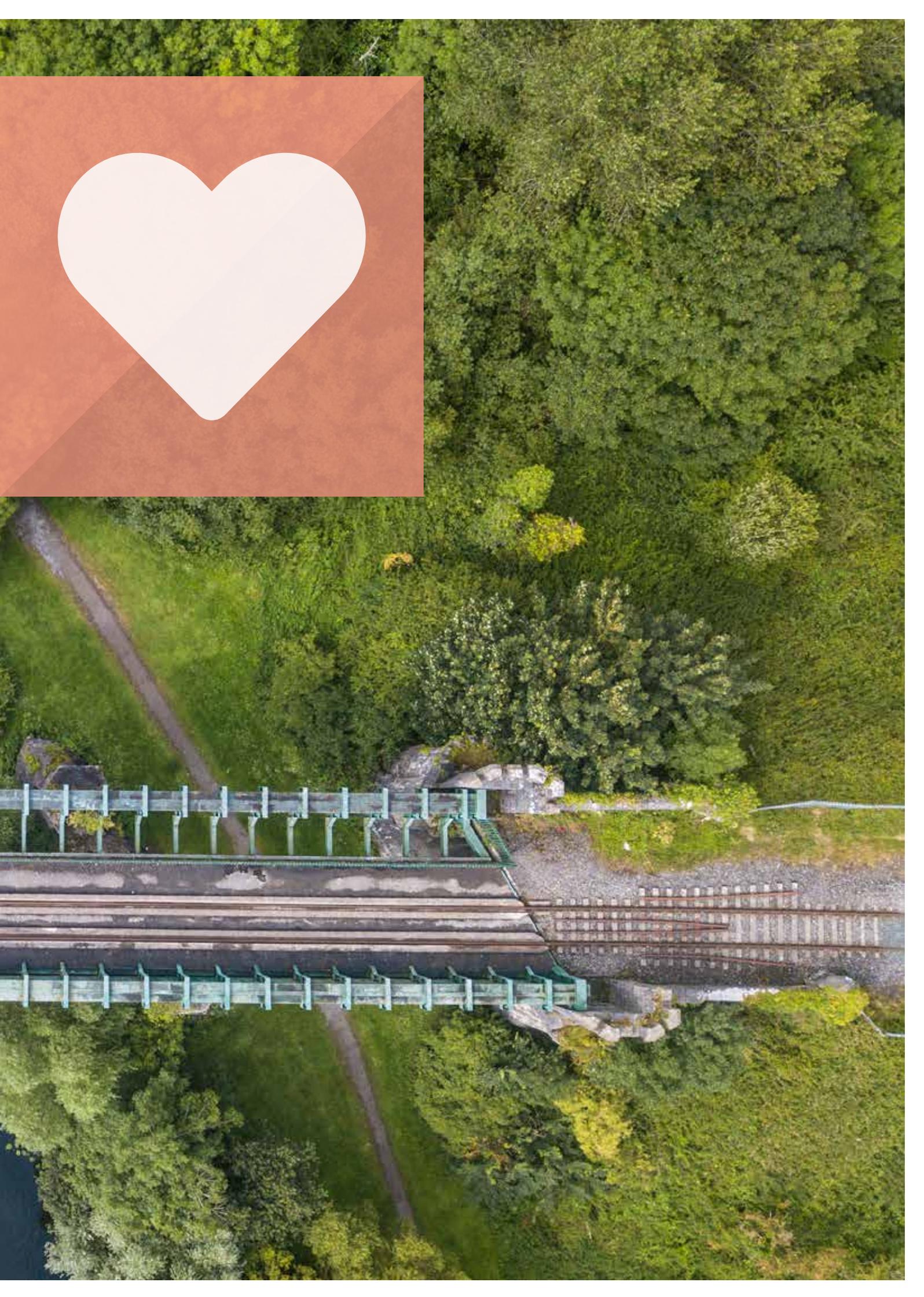


Photo 1. Front facade of Beechmont House with new ironwork center porch



QUALITY OF LIFE





HOUSING

HOUSING, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Housing and Community and Cultural policy.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership is comprised of members of the County Council, representatives from the PPN, Trade Union and Business sectors.

Tipperary County Council:

- Cllr Seamus Morris, Chair,
- Cllr Pat English,
- Cllr Imelda Goldsboro,
- Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan,
- Cllr Martin Lonergan,
- Cllr Michéal Lowry,
- Cllr Louise McLoughlin,
- Cllr Marie Murphy,
- Cllr Jim Ryan.

The following Housing related items were considered during 2018:

- Policy on naming of Local Authority Estates
- Protocol for Part 8 Planning for Housing Estate Developments
- Review of Tenant Handbook.
- Review of Homeless Services in the County.
- Rebuilding Ireland - Homeloan guidelines
- Presentation by the Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel (O.N.E.) in regard to their future plans to assist homeless and in need former members of the Defence Forces:

External Representatives:

- Mr. Liam Hayes – Public Participation Network,
- Ms Terry O'Connor – Public Participation Network ,
- Ms Trisha Purcell – Public Participation Network,
- Mr John O Shaughnessy, Development & Construction.



HOUSING NEED

The social housing need for Tipperary County Council at the end of 2018 is

3658

► Housing Allocations 2018

- A total of 321 applicants were allocated dwellings in 2018.
- 68 persons refused offers of Local Authority dwellings in 2018

► Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SLI) / Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Under the above Schemes, the Department of the Housing Planning and Local Government has allocated funding for local authorities to lease residential properties from private landlords. The schemes allow the Council to lease good standard accommodation in the private rental sector on medium to long term contracts. These properties are used to provide accommodation for social housing applicants, who are currently unable to provide suitable accommodation from their own resources.

Progress 2018:

	Contracts Procured
RAS	64
Leasing	37

► Housing Assistance Payment

518 housing applicants were assisted to secure social housing support in the private rented sector under the Housing Assistance Payments Scheme across the county in 2018. On average 9 housing applicants were assisted per week under the Scheme which surpassed the target set down of 2 per week by the Department.

► Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Repair and Leasing Scheme is a key action under the Government's Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness. Tipperary County Council commenced operation of the Scheme during 2017. The basis of the Repair and Leasing Scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation, the properties are then leased to the Council/Approved Housing Body and the cost of the works is deducted from lease payments over the agreed lease term.

Tipperary County Council received 63 applications since 2017, the breakdown of which is as follows:

Position at 31/12/2018	Applications Received
Application Finalised and Lease Agreement Signed	1
Applications Deemed Unsuitable (6 following desktop evaluation & 8 following inspection)	14
Applications Withdrawn	15
Applications Awaiting Inspection	1
Awaiting Documents to Validate Application	2
Inspected, cost estimate to be issued	1
Applications at Quotation Stage	29
	63

► 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 older vacant homes and assist in the improvement of derelict and disused areas within our villages and towns.

The vacant homes officer is in the process of establishing the current vacancy rates and will then target viable properties. Pilot surveys are currently being carried out and this will extend to the larger towns in 2019. Research will then be undertaken to ascertain the owner(s) by a combination of local knowledge, land registry searches and neighbourhood enquiries and other methods.

The Council has a number of active offers on properties at present under the Buy and Renew Scheme.



HOMELESSNESS 2018

The South East Homelessness Action Plan 2013 – 2016 and the Mid West Homelessness Action Plan 2013 - 2018 set out the structures, principles and actions required to prevent and eliminate long term homelessness in the county. The plans provide for performance service indicators for the first time in the area of homelessness. They also provide for a more co-ordinated approach to funding arrangements for homeless services in the south east region, including Tipperary. Waterford Council has been delegated as lead authority in relation to homeless funding.

Central to the provision of homeless services are the Homeless Action Teams (HAT). The Homeless Action Teams are established in each local authority area in the region and have helped to achieve a standardised approach to care and case management in respect of those clients presenting as homeless. The HAT is a multi-disciplined approach, which meets fortnightly in both Clonmel and Nenagh with representatives from the various service providers for the homeless, such as the Local Authority, HSE, Mental Health Services, Cuan Saor Women's hostel, NOVAS, Department of Social Protection, Focus Ireland and South East Simon.

Homeless Supports within Tipperary

- Homeless Action Team (H.A.T.)
- Tenancy Sustainment Service (Focus)
- Resettlement Team

These housing supports address the issue of homelessness and its prevention. Temporary B & B can be made available in an emergency, pending the sourcing of private rented accommodation/social housing. Tenancy Sustainment Services continue to play a central role in addressing the issue of homelessness.

During 2018, an examination of the homeless service provision has been carried out and a new structure and service provision will be introduced in 2019, providing for the HAP Place Finder Service, the Housing First Model, the Housing Led Model, family mediation service and a County wide approach to the HAT teams.

A total of 361 presented as Homeless in 2018, with many of these being repeat presentations.

177 clients received emergency accommodation, with the majority moving on to private rented accommodation with the aid of the Housing Assistance Payment.



HOUSING RENTS

- 5005 Local Authority Social Houses at 31/12/2018
- Average Rent for 2018 = €54.22
- % Collection 93%

► Social Housing Investment Programme - (Ship)

Tipperary County Council received an allocation of €18,905,539 in 2018 for construction of social housing in various locations throughout the County and an additional €15,322,166 was provided for the acquisition of houses.

A Department Grant of €908,036 was provided to return Void units to productive use and the Council spent an additional €619,924 on Void units in 2018.

There was 327 units of accommodation in the Housing Construction Programme at the end of 2018 and this comprised of sites/developments at 27 different locations between the Local Authority and the Voluntary Housing Bodies. Of the 27 schemes 10 received Part 8 Approval in 2018 allowing 148 dwellings to proceed to detailed design and preparation of tender documentation stage. (Stage 3)

A further 104 were on site and at varying stages of construction in 2018, with completions reflected in the adjoining table.

End of Year Position 2018

Delivery Method	Department of Housing Target	Tipperary County Council Delivery
Construction	50	50
Acquisition	22	77 (TCC) 41 (AHB)
Buy & Renew	-	8
Long Term Leasing	45	37
Repair & Leasing	-	1
Total	117	214

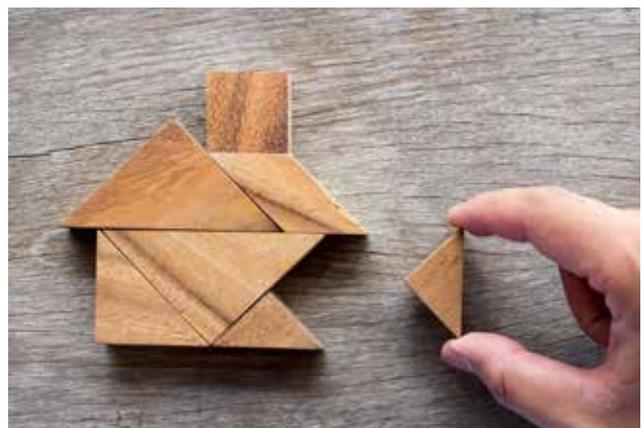
► Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes

The Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes cover three grant schemes operated by the Council. The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability provides for the provision/adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of people with a disability; works include access ramps, stair lifts, level access showers, extensions, etc. The Mobility Aids Grants is a fast track scheme to address mobility problems; works include level access showers, ramps, grab rails and stair lifts. The Housing Aid for Older People assists older people in carrying out necessary repair and improvements to their home.

The combined capital allocation, which was notified to this Council in 2018, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings, was €3,481,163 of which €696,232 was to be provided from this Council's own revenue resources. The Council has drawn down its allocation in 2018. A total of 343 projects were completed. Additional funding of €430,000 was sought and received from the Department in 2018. This is included in the above figures.

► Energy Efficiency Works Phase 1 (Allocation €3.1M)

Phase 1 Energy Efficiency works have carried out to approximately 1800 dwellings in the southern districts in the past eighteen months with a further 200 dwellings in progress with an anticipated completion of Spring 2019. This includes rural dwellings and dwellings which previously had partial works completed. The typical works carried out include attic and cavity wall insulation, lagging jackets and insulating pipework, wall and roof ventilation with mechanical ventilation to the bathroom and kitchen, together with the fitting of a carbon monoxide detector.



TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

A review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme for 2019 – 2024 commenced in September 2018, with a notification published in local newspapers informing interested parties of Tipperary County Councils intention to review the Traveller Accommodation Programme.

September 2019 is the latest date for the new Programme to be adopted by Members.

The following accommodation has been provided over the life of the previous Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 - 2018.

	Standard Housing	Group Housing	Halting Bays	Single Housing	AHB	Leased	Total
2014	11	1	1	2			15
2015	9	1	0	2			12
2016	10	7	0	2			19
2017	10	0	1	2			13
2018	14	1	1	3	1	2	22
Total	54	10	3	11	1	2	81

► General

With the reduction in funding for Traveller Specific Accommodation, Tipperary County Council is using the various Social Housing Options available to provide accommodation, including Council owned Housing, Rental Accommodation Scheme and Social Leasing.

► Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

The Traveller Consultative Committee meets quarterly or as deemed necessary by the members. Membership consists of representatives from the Travelling community, elected members, Council officials and representatives from voluntary and statutory agencies.

► Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, on 30th November 2018. The total number of families was 375.



VOLUNTARY HOUSING

► Capital Assistance Scheme.

Tipperary County Council acknowledges the progress being made by Approved Housing Associations in the delivery of social housing units at various locations across the County. Thurles Lions Trust has received Stage 2 Approval for the delivery of 19 No. Units at Stanwix Village, Thurles which includes the refurbishment of a protected structure known as Stanwix House at Kickham Street, Thurles. Cluid Housing Association received Stage 2 Approval for the construction of 9 Units at Glenconnor Road, Clonmel and are now in the process of seeking tenders for the construction of the project. The Approved Housing Associations also purchase properties that become available under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme and lease the properties back to the owners over a 30 year period. This prevents the owners of the property from becoming homeless and allows them to remain in their own home.

► Capital Advance Leasing Facility

The Calf Scheme allows the approved Voluntary Housing Associations to purchase existing properties and lease them back to this Council for social Housing. Oaklee Housing Association purchased 15 no. Units at Mill House Carrick-on-Suir for a sum of €1,028,000 and these apartments are leased to the Council for a period of 30 years. Co-Operative Housing Ireland Society Ltd are purchasing 19 Houses at Ashgrove, Monadreen, Thurles for a sum of €2,775,000 and these properties are also leased back to this Council for a period of a 26 years.

► Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government announced a new Incremental Purchase Scheme providing for the sale of existing local authority houses to tenants in 2015. All tenants were notified of the Scheme in March 2016.

Tipperary County Council received 73 applications from tenants to purchase their house in 2018.

Formal applications to purchase received during 12 months ended 31 December 2018	73
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued) during 12 months ended 31 December 2018 but sales not completed at that date	35
Sales completed during 12 months ended 31 December 2018	27
Total proceeds of sales received during 12 months ended 31 December 2018	€1,378,830.00

► Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers. It is available nationwide from all local authorities from 1st February 2018. A first time buyer can apply for a Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan to purchase a new or second-hand property, or to build your own home. You can borrow up to 90% of the market value of the property. Maximum market values of the property that can be purchased or self-built in Tipperary is €250,000. In 2018 a total of 154 applications were received by Tipperary County Council.

Number of Applications Received	154
Valid	82
Approved	32
Number of loans issued	21
Total value of loans issued	€1,631,220.00



► Estate Management

Tipperary County Council continues to promote estate management initiatives and awarded amenity grants to Resident Associations under this Council's 2018 Estate Management Budget.

This funding aims to enhance and develop the physical appearance of our Local Authority estates.

Training in the form of educational excursions and up skilling workshops are provided and help encourage ongoing participation from residents.

The Council's seven Community Liaison Officers work to address anti-social behaviour, providing pre tenant training, also developing further training initiatives and continuing the second chance programme, involving inter-agency support and community and youth projects.

They work closely with a number of organisations such as An Garda Siobhan, HSE, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, local Community and Family Resource Centres and others to improve the quality of life for all residents and tenants in Tipperary

The Fethard Area Resident Network and Tipperary Town Resident Network 15 year Anniversary event last June. Resident Associations from all over the County were invited to attend this milestone celebration.



Fethard Area Network with Vice Cathaoirleach Cllr Roger Kennedy



Tipperary Town Network with Catriona Crowe, CLO and Ruth Smith, Knockanrawley Resource Centre.



Tipperary Town Resident's Network enjoying Christmas Wreath Workshop at Joe's Garden Centre organised by Tipperary County Council.

► Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

The Housing Authority is continuing to implement and effect enforcement of standards within the private rented sector.

During the year a total of 1049 inspections were carried out.

Where necessary, letters issued to owners of property identifying items to be addressed and further follow up action is being taken to ensure compliance with the standards.





COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LCDC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

► Local Community Development Committee

The Tipperary Local Community Development Committee met eleven times in 2018. The LCDC is made up of nineteen people with ten private (PPN & Business/Agricultural Pillar and Local Development Companies) and nine from the statutory agencies including elected representatives. During 2018, three new representatives were nominated from the PPN as the term of the previous nominees expired. Ms. Sinéad Carr Director of Services was replaced by Mr. Pat Slattery Director of Services as Chief Officer of the LCDC in March 2018.

The LCDC plays a key role in monitoring and reviewing the actions outlined in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) with updates from lead agencies provided regularly to the meeting. In 2018 presentations were made to the LCDC by a number of delivery agencies including the Volunteer Center and the PPN

The key role of the LCDC is to have oversight and management of all local community development spend that comes under its remit so as to ensure maximum value for money, effectiveness and reduce unnecessary duplication.

► Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The LECP 2018 Community and Economic Annual Plans were implemented during the year. The plans were reviewed by Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) at both mid-year and year-end with lead agencies being asked to submit progress on actions. The LECP is the strategy which provides a framework for all activities under the Community and Economic Development Directorate.

A three year review of the LECP plan was carried out in December 2018. The review found that of the 92 community actions in the plan 77% were ongoing while 20% were complete, 3% were either not commenced or no longer valid.

Key Economic actions from the LECP for 2018 were:

- 3D Plan for Ballingarrane
- Lisheen Bioeconomy Centre of Excellence Project - €4.6m
- Kickham Barracks & Frank Drohan Sports Hub Plan
- Supporting economic development throughout the county - T&V Renewal Scheme, LEADER etc.
- Butler Trail in north of county to Roscrea, and Flights of Discovery Project, Clonmel



Sectoral & Enterprise Support -

- Implementation of Promotional Plan to market the county
- Workforce development through Employer Engagement Forum
- Digital Strategy completion and implementation
- Programme to support AgTech
- Craft Strategy implementation
- Implementation of SEAP Actions
- Tipperary Tourism – Destination development, marketing, product development, and trade networking
- Munster Vales – Marketing Plan implementation
- Lough Derg – Feasibility for Discovery Points and development of Lough Derg Roadmap



CLÁR Scheme funded playground under construction in Gortnahoe

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

2017 Scheme – During the year implementation of the thirteen DRCD funded projects continued (eight of these projects are community-led, with five led by the Council). €857,384 in grant aid was awarded by the DRCD towards these projects. At the end of 2018, four projects remained to be completed.

► Local Development Strategy /LEADER

In County Tipperary a LEADER budget of €7.5m has been assigned to Tipperary LCDC for LEADER projects up to 2020 inclusive. The LEADER programme supports activities, projects and programmes in rural areas under 4 key themes – enterprise/tourism; basic rural services; youth; and bio-diversity. By end of 2018 a total of 102 project applications had been approved for grant-aid of nearly €3.1m.

► Council co-ordinated Community Funding Schemes

CLÁR Scheme (Measure 2)

This Scheme allows for funding to be secured for community playground projects in rural CLÁR designated areas. Applications for funding for three projects (Gortnahoe; Drangan; Cloughjordan) were submitted by the Council to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) with all obtaining approval for grant support. The total value of the grant awarded was €124,700. These projects, involving upgrade and refurbishment works, were ongoing at the end of 2018.

Town/Village	Project Title
Borrisokane	Ring Fort & Workhouse Graveyard enhancement works
Cashel	Pedestrian Walkway along Circular Road in Cashel
Fethard	Develop Pocket Park at Burke Street and extension to Fethard Historic Town Walk
Grange	Enhancement works in the village
Holycross	Enhancement works in the village
Kilross	Develop a Garden of Remembrance
Killenaule	Creation of an off-street Car Park with 100 Spaces
Littleton	Community Centre Car Park enhancements
Mullinahone	Develop a community village wild-flower garden
Nenagh	Enhancement works to Lewis Lane
Roscrea	Implementation of the Roscrea Signage Strategy and extension of “Butler Trail” App to include Roscrea
Rosegreen	Enhancement works in the village
Terryglass	Enhancement works in the village





Town & Village Renewal 2017 Scheme funded Pier Refurbishment project in Terryglass



Town & Village Renewal 2017 Scheme funded Pedestrian Walkway along Circular Road in Cashel



Town & Village Renewal 2017 Scheme funded Garden of Remembrance in Kilross

2018 Scheme

In October 2018, the Council received approval from the DRCD for eight funding applications it had submitted. The total value of the funding awarded to €913,266. Five of these projects are community-led, with three being led by the Council. Implementation of these projects has commenced and will continue during 2019.

Town/Village	Project Title
Aglish	Enhancement works in the village
Carrick-on-Suir	Upgrade works to Heritage Centre
Cashel	Public realm improvement works at Lowergate Square
Cloughjordan	Extension to woodland walking trail
Nenagh	Public realm improvement works at Banba Square
Puckane	Enhancement works in the village
Terryglass	Enhancement works in the village
Thurles	Integrated Renewal Strategy for Town Centre

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

A walkway project at Townlough, Portroe linking the Graves of the Leinstermen with the Millennium Cross was completed in 2018 with funding awarded in 2017 through this Scheme.

Funding of €756,000 was also secured from the DRCD at the end of 2018 for four significant projects to be undertaken during 2019 under Measure 2 of this Scheme.

Location	Project Title
Cashel	Circular Road, Cashel to Hore Abbey Walking Route
Templemore	Enhancement/Improvement of Access to Templemore Town Park
Tipperary	River Ara Walking Trail
Clonmel & Newcastle	River Suir Blueway Canoe Trail Enhancement



Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities

The Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities 2016-2019 was developed by the Council to provide community-based groups, clubs and voluntary organisations with a capital fund to support:

- Development of “needs-based” facilities to deal with deficits in community infrastructure and amenities;
- Availability of appropriate community infrastructure and amenities for all groups of the population at a convenient distance from their homes and places of work;
- Opportunities for communities to improve and give added-value to their existing facilities;
- Strengthening of community relationships by supporting communities to work together to provide facilities needed in their locality;
- Equality of access to all community facilities and amenities.

In April 2018, the Council announced funding awards of between €10,000-€40,000, totaling €2.1million, to in excess of 100 projects. Approximately one-third of the projects were completed by the promoters by the end of 2018. Implementation of the remainder will be finalised in 2019.



Scheme of Capital Grants funded LED floodlighting project at Moyne-Templetuohy GAA Club



Scheme of Capital Grants funded Courts project at Hillview Sports Club, Clonmel



Scheme of Capital Grants funded multi-functional recreation space project in Circle of Friends Cancer Support Centre, Tipperary Town



► Strategic Projects Unit (SPU)

The SPU is involved in accessing European and other funding streams to assist the Council to deliver on its corporate objectives and plans. The Unit:

- Project manages the implementation many of the EU co-funded projects in which TCC is a partner (see below table for projects being implemented in 2018);
- Sources and identifies Calls for Proposals of relevance to TCC; and liaises with sections of TCC to identify areas suitable for inclusion in Calls for Proposals;
- Works on behalf of TCC to develop project applications in collaboration with relevant external agencies, e.g. TEA, LIT, YWI Tipperary, LEOs, etc;
- Co-ordinates preparation & submission of project bids for funding.



Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Chairperson, Carrick-on-Suir MD with speakers at Workshop held in The Tholsel, Fethard as part of INTERFACE Fragile Communities Project



Facilitated discussion with attendees at Workshop held in The Tholsel, Fethard as part of INTERFACE Fragile Communities Project

Project Name	Funding Programme	Objective of Project
Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions (SWARE)	INTERREG EUROPE	Achieve a better balance between protection and sustainable exploitation of natural and cultural waterway resources through improving development programmes/policies of partner regions
Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets (SUPER)	INTERREG EUROPE	Improve SME uptake of environmentally sustainable innovations into their business through improving the development programmes and policies of partner regions
RURAL SMEs	INTERREG EUROPE	Improve policies of partner regions to develop entrepreneurship and the creation of innovative SMEs in rural areas
Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Fragile Communities in Europe (INTERFACE)	ERASMUS+	Develop & pilot test a training programme, through community workshops and training of community coaches, for fragile communities which face ongoing demographic, economic and social challenges
CATALYST	Ireland-Wales INTERREG	An enterprise support initiative to capitalise on applied R&D expertise amongst project partners in areas of product & service design, communications technology and materials development; and targeting the sectors of Food & Drink and Life Sciences



► Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme



The LCDC is responsible for oversight and management of the SICAP programme which is delivered in Co Tipperary by North Tipperary Development Company and South Tipperary Development Company. 2018 was the first year of the new SICAP programme which will run over five years from 2018-2022 inclusive. The Development Companies worked with 75 Local Community groups across Tipperary in 2018 and put in place Community Action plans for each of those. They also worked with 1,076 individuals across the County to support them back to education, training, employment and self employment.

The LCDC had the scope to identify 'emerging needs' as part of the procurement process and the area of Newport Town was identified as the need for the North Tipperary Lot while Wallors Lot in Cashel was identified as a community in need of specific attention in South Tipperary. A need analysis and action plan for Newport was finalised in 2018 and the implementation of that plan has commenced.

► Revitalising Area through Planning Investment and Development/ Community Action Partnership



The RAPID (Revitalising Area through Planning Investment and Development) programme continued to be sustained in Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel and Tipperary Town during 2018. A consultant was procured to develop three new RAPID Plans for each of the RAPID Towns in consultation with local communities and agencies. A new RAPID plan for each of the areas was developed in 2018 in conjunction with local communities and stakeholders

Community Action Plans have been developed for Littleton and Roscrea with Community Action Planning Teams in place to implement the programme in these areas. The teams are made up of statutory agencies and well as community representatives. In 2018 the Roscrea CAP plan underwent a review process and key areas for focus were identified. Littleton CAP funded enhancement works in the village in summer 2018. A Work Winners programme was carried out in Littleton.



► Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

Implementation of the Joint Policing Committee Strategy for 2016-2021 continued in 2018. The Annual workplan for 2018 was agreed early in 2018. Each meeting of the JPC includes a review of levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behavior in the county which is delivered by the Chief Superintendent. A number of presentations to the JPC took place in 2018 including a presentation by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) and on the Restorative Justice model by Lindsay Malone of Carlow Institute of Technology. Maureen Walsh of the Suir Valley Community Based Drug Initiative presented at the December meeting which was held in the new civic offices in Carrick-on-Suir. All five Municipal Districts continue to hold safety and security meetings with An Garda Síochána, the outcomes of which feed into the JPC.



Members of Tipperary JPC listen to a presentation of Maureen Walsh of the Suir Valley Community Based Drugs Initiative – December 2018

► Mental Health

Tipperary County Council actively participates in the implementation of 'Connecting for Life – South Tipperary' - an action plan for suicide prevention in South Tipperary and 'Connecting for life – Mid West' - an action plan for Suicide Prevention in the Mid West region (including North Tipperary). These plans set out specific actions to locally deliver the seven goals of Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide. In 2018, Tipperary County Council became involved in the 'green ribbon' campaign for the first time. This campaign aims to reduce the stigma of mental health and encourage people to start the conversation about mental health. South Tipperary Area Network was supported to organise the Positive Mental Health Festival which took place in October 2018.

Events were held in Thurles to publicise World Mental Health Day. A very successful inaugural 'Connecting for Life Mid-West' Conference was held on 29th November in Limerick.



Above are members of South Tipperary Area Network at the launch of the positive Mental Health Festival October 2018

► Diverse Tipperary

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Tipperary Volunteer Centre launched the Diverse Tipperary Initiative. Workshops took place across each Municipal District and an event was supported in Cahir which was led out by the Together Ireland Programme. Work on the initiative will continue into 2019.



► Pride of Place

The purpose of Pride of Place is to acknowledge the work being done every day by communities all over the island of Ireland. The competition is based on communities demonstrating directly to the Pride of Place judges their pride in their place by oral presentation, exhibitions of community activities and culture and a tour of the area highlighting the aspects of which they are particularly proud. Tipperary County Council entered Donohill village to represent County Tipperary in category one (0-300 population).

A huge community effort was put into the entry and presentation for the judging event that took place on the afternoon of 3rd of August. During their three hour visit to Donohill, the judges had an opportunity to talk to many local people and were given a visual presentation outlining the outstanding work carried out by various organisations within the village and its environs.

A number of local organisations were represented on the day and spoke enthusiastically of their working partnerships and admiration for the difference the people of Donohill have made to their local community.



Donohill Village judging day on 3rd August 2018



Donohill Village at the Pride of Place awards in Cork City Hall

► Comhairle na nÓg



Members of Tipperary Comhairle na nÓg meeting with Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr. Katherine Zappone at the National Showcase in Croke Park 2018

Comhairle na nÓg is the child and Youth council of Tipperary which gives young people a voice on the development of local policies and services in Tipperary. They are the recognised national structure for participation by children and young people in decision-making in all 31 local authorities.

Comhairle na nÓg carries out its functions in two ways: working on key topics of importance to young people and acting as a consultative forum for adult decision-makers in the local authority area. The members of Comhairle na nÓg are elected at the AGM and are responsible for carrying out the work plan for the year.

The topics progressed in 2018 included gender equality, the UN convention on the rights of the child through social media and a cyber bullying video on the need to be safe online and deter bullying behaviour. A 'Let's Go Mental' positive youth mental health event was held in Nenagh in October to promote World Mental Health Day. One sub-group worked on the theme of diversity and linked up for an event with the Bridgewater Centre in Carrick-on-Suir.

The AGM was held in October and was a huge success, with participant numbers reaching over 140 from secondary schools and youth groups throughout Tipperary. There was a varied programme for all participants at the AGM ranging from workshops, a talk by the Ombudsman for Children, Dr. Niall Muldoon, discussions and the 'big brother' booth on what Tipperary means to young people.

Coordinators and members attended the National Showcase 2018 in Croke Park on 22nd November, where the young people met and presented their work to Minister Katherine Zappone.



► Disability Awareness

Tipperary PPN in conjunction with Tipperary County Council and HSE Disability Services held a workshop to establish an all County Disability linkage group in June. This workshop was very successful and a further meeting of the newly established linkage group was held in November. The group has also commenced the process of preparation of a disability action plan.

Back in 5 minutes campaign Tipperary Town

People with disabilities, service providers and Tipperary County Council carried out a accessibility audit of Tipperary town to highlight issues around universal access in the town, as part of the Gold Star programme.

The Irish Wheelchair Association in partnership with the HSE's Tipperary Gold Star initiative and Tipperary County Council ran a very successful media campaign in Tipperary town in May to highlight the frustrations people with disabilities face every day when able-bodied people park their cars in wheelchair accessible spaces without a valid parking permit or reason to do so. Each regular car space in one part of the street had an empty wheelchair/mobility aid parked in it with a note pinned to the back with messages such as "Be back in 5 minutes" "just gone to the bank," or "just running in for a coffee". This campaign received widespread media coverage on both radio, newspaper and social media.



Disability Audit – Tipperary Town

A Disability Awareness calendar which promotes the 'Sign of the Times' Irish sign language project was funded by Tipperary County Council.



► Play Day and Recreation Week 2018

DCYA National Play Day took place on Sunday 1st July and National Recreation Week took place the week beginning 2nd July 2018. The theme was 'Celebrating 25 years of a child's right to play'. Activities focused on free play.

The Friends of Bridgewater House was funded for an event that incorporated fun and games from all countries. This group was assisted by the Carrick-on-Suir/Clonmel Comhairle na nÓg sub group.



Friends of Bridgewater House Play Day 2018

Play day was celebrated in Roscrea which showcased the community spirit of the area. Templemore Community Centre Services was funded for an event to provide a free play outdoor activity including exploring music making with a music wall, created by the children and the staff.

Down Syndrome Tipperary was funded for different activities in Littleton Community centre including free art play, finger painting etc. Funding was provided for New Inn Tidy Towns for an interpretative visit to Heffernan’s Bog and ‘mucky’ play event in the village. Ballyporeen Gala Committee was also provided with funding for a children’s fun day. Donohill Development Council received funding for a play day event in Donohill playground.

Tipperary Town Heritage Group was funded for Back to Basics, old fashioned play.



Tipperary Town Heritage Group National Play Day 2018

► **Playground Policy**

Funding was received under the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) Capital Grant Scheme for Play and Recreation 2018. This funding was for the refurbishment of two playgrounds in Tipperary (Fairgreen playground, Carrick-on-Suir and Duneske playground, Cahir). All Municipal Districts are now providing weekly reports on relevant playgrounds. Community playgrounds can engage in a playground maintenance agreement.



► **Tipperary Public Participation Network**



Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN) has 1,434 members made up of organisations from the community and voluntary, social inclusion and environment sectors. The focus of the PPN is to empower and assist groups to participate in local decision making.

The main areas of PPN work is to provide:

- Access to information and networking
- Community representation and participation in various structures
- Capacity building through training and support.

Tipperary PPN has 16 linkage groups in operation.

In 2018 two Plenaries were held in March and November. A Plenary is a meeting of the entire membership of the Network and all groups are encouraged to attend. The Plenary in March 2018 provided the platform for Healthy Tipperary Strategy consultation and Community Health and Wellbeing Event in the Dome in Thurles. At the November Plenary the focus was on ‘Building Sustainable Communities’. This event was a very informative evening with guest speakers, information on funding and advice on grant writing applications.



Newsletters were circulated on a monthly basis during the year to all members informing them of activities, training, funding opportunities, public consultations etc. The PPN holds elections and seeks representatives on behalf of the Local Authority for Public Representatives on the SPCs, JPC and LCDC and the membership continue to provide a valuable contribution to the policy-making structures of local government.



► Tipperary Age Friendly



In 2018 Tipperary County Council was accepted as a member of the WHO Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities. As a member Tipperary will be part of a global movement of communities striving to better the needs of their older residents. This membership recognises the desire and commitment to promote healthy and active ageing and a good quality of life for their older residents.

Tipperary County Council engaged consultants to develop the Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy and a number of workshops were held with community volunteers and voluntary sector and the stakeholders in delivery of potential actions and partners. Following this consultation the Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy was adopted at the December Council meeting.

In 2019 Tipperary County Council will continue to promote the aspirations and vision of the Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy and progress actions identified within the strategy and a core objective for 2019 will be the development of the Older Persons Council and ensuring that the voice of the older adult is represented in the policy and shaping actions developed for older people across the county.

The theme for Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy is that



“Tipperary has been successful in adding years to people’s lives, now this strategy aims to add life into those additional years”.

► Healthy Tipperary

Tipperary Healthy Ireland has been developed in line with the National Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing. Healthy Tipperary has been supported by national Healthy Ireland funding. Strand 1 completed in June 2018 had 20 actions and an overall budget of €123,919. Strand 2 commenced in September 2018 with 12 actions and overall fund of €112,100. Both strand funding applications and actions are joint ventures by Tipperary LCDC & Tipperary CYPSC.



Healthy Tipperary makes connections across various strategies and focuses on delivering objectives for Tipperary across a range of actions.

In March 2018 a public consultation process and stakeholder engagement process was undertaken and the Strategy was adopted at the LCDC in May 2018. The Strategy was formally launched by Minister of State Catherine Byrne in September 2018.



► **Tipperary Children and Young People’s Services Committees (CYPSC)**

The membership of the Children and Young People Services Committee (CYPSC) is composed of representatives of major statutory service providers, from childcare, family support, school & youth services sectors, as well from Local Development Companies.

In March 2018 Tipperary CYPSC launched a commissioned report from AIRO which provided statistical information and analysis of the full county.



The 5-year CYPSC plan based on the 5 national outcomes was reviewed in 2018 and launched in January 2019. In 2018, 5 sub groups were setup in line with the national outcomes:

- active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing;
- achieving full potential in learning and development;
- safe and protected from harm;
- economic security and opportunity;
- connected, respected and contributing to their world.



Partnerships have grown, supported by funding such as Healthy Ireland, to develop the action areas identified and will continue to explore opportunities to further develop actions within the CYPSC plan.



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



In 2018, the Sports Partnership delivered over 80 individual programmes / initiatives with over 6,725 participants and successfully secured in excess of €579,609 in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2018 include:

- The implementation of the TSP Strategic Plan 2016-2020 continued with a midterm review concluded in 2018 with the production of a report.
- TSP further expanded its marketing tools with the development of an Instagram site for social media and the purchase of branding items such as hash tag signs. The Sports Partnership continued to actively promote and market all its programmes and events, via Facebook, Twitter and on www.tipperarysports.ie along with relevant Press Releases sent to the local media. TSP continued to promote TCC through its activities and programmes throughout the year.
- Walking was to the fore with 5 Operation Transformation Walks in January, with 1,096 participants in Clonmel, Cahir, Templemore, Nenagh & Tipperary Town. In addition, TSP hired Siul Eile to deliver five 8 week walking programmes which included walks in Clonmel, Drom and Inch, Nenagh, Moyne and Slieveardagh. These programmes were a huge success within the communities with 217 walkers participating in total, following the programmes each community set up their own walking group, attended leadership training and continue to walk on a weekly basis.



Final walk of the Suir Transformation along River Suir Blueway

- The promotion of women in sport was highlighted through the #20x20 national campaign. In Tipperary, the ninth Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held in Thurles on 30th September with 600 females. 3 'Swimmin Women' programmes were delivered in Clonmel & Thurles, with 36 females improving their swimming technique. In conjunction with the Tipperary Knights, 360 teenage girls took part in the Hoops for Girls programme. In late, 2018 linkages were formed with Weightlifting Ireland to pilot a new weights programme for teenage girls with 85 participants.
- A number of programmes targeting young people were facilitated and supported - Sports Hall Athletics Programme was delivered to 13 schools in North Tipperary; 2 Primary School Athletics Events were supported which saw over 2,100 pupils participate. 2 Sports Leader programmes were facilitated in Cahir and Nenagh with 42 students. 2 'Get Going Get Rowing' programmes were facilitated with 40 primary school pupils and a rowing leadership TY project with 20 participants.





Participants on River Suir at Get Going Get Rowing programme in Clonmel

- In conjunction with Tipperary Childcare, TSP delivered the Buntús Start programme to 7 childcare services. The Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Programme continued with 1,003 toddlers taking part. In addition to the programme, during Bikeweek, 2 Balance Bike Blitz Events were held with 222 preschool pupils enjoying bike activities.



Preschool children in action at the Balance Bike Blitz

- Numerous activities were facilitated for older adults, which included the annual Go for Life Festival, 8 Go for Life Workshops, Go for Life Games, CarePALs Workshops and Walking Football. A new activity Chair Volleyball was also introduced to groups from across the County.



Participants at the chair volleyball workshop in Littleton

- Bike Week took place the week of the 9th to 17th June with a total of 24 events supported across the County which included Family Cycles, Information Evenings, Bike Maintenance & Sport Activities with support from communities in the County. Over 1,000 participants took to the roads in Cashel, Carrick-on-Suir, Clogheen, Cloughjordan, Clonmel, Fethard, Kilsheelan, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore and Tipperary Town as part of these events.
- A Kids' Cycle League was held in Clonmel in conjunction with Clonmel Cycling Club in April for young people between 6 to 14 years of age. Over 50 children took part over a four week period. 2 Cyclocross Events were supported in Clonmel & Upperchurch with a total of 171 participants taking part.
- One of the highlights for the Sports Partnership was the delivery of 3 Swim For A Mile training programmes in Clonmel, Thurles and Tipperary Town. Following on from the programmes a Swim for a Mile event was held in Thurles Leisure Centre on 12th April with 31 participants swimming a mile (64 lengths).



Swim for a mile participants at event in Thurles Leisure Centre in April



Quality of Life

- Child Welfare, Club Children Officers and Designated Officer workshops continued with 256 volunteers receiving training.
- 27 sports grants totalling €8,899.75 were distributed to sports clubs in the form of Coaching and Club Development grants
- In December, the ninth annual Volunteer in Sport Awards were held as part of the Canon Hayes Awards night. 12 sporting volunteers were honored from across County Tipperary from different sporting disciplines.
- Work continued on the development of the Suir Blueway Tipperary, with work commenced on the signage strategy and the marketing and promotional materials in partnership with TCC and Tipperary Tourism. Maintenance work was also conducted on the Canoe Slalom Course and Lady Blessington's Weir. A masterplan for the development of Suir Island was also completed with TCC.
- As part of the Community Sports Hub, education and training programmes aimed at developing and supporting Canoeing & Kayaking were delivered through the provision of a School 'Paddles Up' programme, Summer Camps, Teen Adventure Camps, Adult Taster Sessions, Adults Skills Programmes and Skills programmes with targeted groups. In addition, 2 Freestyle Clinics were facilitated in Clonmel and 2 Canoe Slalom Events which attracted the largest numbers in Ireland were held. In 2018, 530 people participated in Paddle Sports on the Suir Blueway through the Outdoor Hub and 321 certificates were issued.
- 'People with a Disability': Over 300 people with a disability in Tipperary participated in sports programmes delivered during 2018 under the Social Inclusion Programme 'Inclusive Communities through Sport'. Programmes include Para Badminton, Boccia, Inclusive Swim, Sailability, Enjoy Tennis, Multi-Sports Club for children with a physical disability, Schools Adapted programmes and Disability Awareness Training. Disability Awareness Training was facilitated for all TY students of St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh in September and St Ailbe's Secondary School Tipperary town in November. A further addition to the 'People with a Disability' sports programme has been the Healthy Ireland funded 'Smart Moves' workshop, and the 'Stepping Ahead' programme. Smart Moves is targeted at parents, teachers, SNA'S etc who have contact with children with Dyspraxia / DCD. The workshop explores gross motor skills and fine motor skills for these children. TSP hosted a very successful workshop on 15th November in Moycarkey /Borris Community Centre with 43 participants. The Stepping Ahead programme is for children with Down Syndrome and this programme took place over 6 weeks in September / October in Larkspur Cashel with 18 participants. The programme explores fine and gross motor skills, and parents are given a programme of activity for each child to use at home.



Freestyle Coaching Clinics, River Suir, Clonmel. Co. Tipperary.



Participants in Boccia League from Moorehaven Centre, Tipperary Town



- 6 'Youth at Risk' programmes were delivered in partnership with North Tipperary Leader Partnership, Youthwork Ireland Tipperary, Tipperary ETB and Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service. These included a Sports and Physical Activity Programme for youths on the Roscrea Youth Services Programme, the Activ 8 programme (Tipp Town, Cashel, Templemore, and Littleton) the Clonmel Community Youth Project and the Clonmel Youth Diversion programme. Activities within these programmes included Surfing, Sailing, Hiking Programmes, Dance Workshops, Zumba and Gym Intro classes. A programme that made a significant impact at local level was the 'Teen Late Night Soccer leagues' in the Canon Hayes Centre Tipperary Town. Over 300 teens took part with these leagues with the FAI and local Gardai helping out with the organisation. Teens who participated are now getting involved with soccer in their schools for the first time. Over 600 youths engaged with our Youth at Risk programme during 2018.



Participants at the Teen Late Night Soccer League in Canon Hayes Centre, Tipperary Town.

- Marginalised communities were supported through the Roscrea Community Soccer League and the Clonmel Community Soccer League in partnership with the FAI and resident associations in Roscrea and Clonmel. Over 500 7-12 year old boys and girls participated. TSP worked with the Direct Provision Centre, 'Bridgewater House' in Carrick on Suir and a yoga programme was delivered to participants. We also linked these asylum seekers with the local soccer club and they participated in local fun runs in the community. Another Healthy Ireland funded programme for 2018 was the 'East meets West' programme with YWIT – an integration programme with the Syrian Community in Thurles. An integrated yoga / mixed activities programme was delivered, inclusive of Irish and Syrian women. Syrian men also participated in a Swim Education programme, creating a link for them with the local leisure centre.



'East meets West' participants enjoying one of their classes

- Mental Well Being: Two SafeTalk (Suicide Awareness) education programme for sports coaches were facilitated by TSP in Nenagh and Clonmel with a full course of 25 participants during 2018. A 'Positive Youth Mental Health' programme was held during Mental Health Week in October in Tipperary Town.
- Two Traveller Participation programmes were implemented in partnership with the Tipperary Rural Traveller Programme and NTLP. These programmes comprised of a 'Littleton Sports Programme' which took place for 20 traveller youths and a 'Health for Traveller Men's programme in Tipperary Town with 20 participants.

- TSP has developed a Club Education set of workshops with YWIT called 'Inclusive Clubs'. Topics include youth mental health and tackling bullying. A 'Tackling Bullying' workshop was held in Thurles in September 2018, in partnership with Youthwork Ireland Tipperary.



FAI

► Social Inclusion

- Late Night League ran in Tipperary Town in association with Youth Work Tipperary & TSP with 40 boy/girl participants.



- A community soccer league was facilitated in Roscrea with over 300 children taking part.
- Walking Football sessions in Cashel with Local Men's shed, 8 week block completed (12-14 participants).
- National Learning Network Coaching sessions in Clonmel Town FC (12-14 participants weekly).
- "Football For All" coaching sessions were delivered with Knocklofty Rehab Care & Bridge Water House Rehab Care in Clonmel Town FC (12-14 participants weekly). Participants also attended a blitz in Kilkenny.



- Sessions were held in St. Cronan's Nenagh & Roscrea (15 - 20 participants).
- Fun day in Nenagh AFC with St. Anne's Special School Roscrea (25 participants), also regular sessions in the school.

- Intercultural Show Racism the red car was delivered to 4 schools in South and North Tipp with over 100 pupils during UEFA FARE Week(s) which highlights the issues and also provides information to those who may have been affected in some way during their time in the game. Additionally a 6 week after school programme was delivered to students of Cahir Boys NS highlighting and illustrating again how to deal with issues around racism in sport.
- AIMF programme completed in Peake Villa FC for 12 Syrian Refugees
- Female Futsal Recreational League, 7 weeks concluding on Monday 28th January with a Cup & Shield Final (35+ participants with 5 teams).
- Men's Winter Cup (Recreational League) 6 weeks, which concluded with a Cup & Shield Final (45+ Participants).

► Women's/Girls Football

- Girl's football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county having girl's football within their club structures.
- 6 Soccer Sister Club Programmes – Birdhill FC (52 Girls), Shinrone Ladies FC (14 Girls), Moneygall FC (20 Girls), Two Mile Borris/St Kevin's FC (26 Girls), Clonmel Town FC (65 Girls) and Peake Villa FC (25 Girls).
- 1 Soccer Sisters School/Club Link programme with St Mary's Convent, Nenagh and Ballymackey FC – 110 participants.

► 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 550 elite underage players from the ages of U10 - U16.

Player Development Plan workshops delivered in 5 clubs in 2018, over 80 coaches participating.

► Club Development

Ballymackey FC were awarded FAI Club of the Year 2018. There are a number of clubs in Tipperary currently in the process of achieving the FAI Club Mark award



► Coach Education

PDP1

- St Anne's Secondary School, Killaloe/ Ballina (14 participants)
- Borrisokane Community College (8 participants)
- LIT Thurles x 2 courses (52 participants)
- Two Mile Borris FC (15 participants)
- Slievenamon Celtic FC (19 participants)
- Ballymackey FC (12 participants) Female Only course
- Rearcross FC (16 participants)
- Carrick Secondary CBS (10 TY Students)
- LIT Thurles - 14th & 28th November 2018

PDP 2

- Killavilla United AFC (22 participants)
- Clonmel Town FC (16 participants)
- Holycross FC (16 participants)
- Ballymackey FC (20 participants)
- Cahir Park FC (24 participants)

Strength and Conditioning

- Nenagh AFC - (11 participants)

PDP3

- Nenagh AFC (14 participants)
- Lough Derg FC (22 Participants)

National D Licence

- Nenagh AFC (21 participants)

Safeguarding 1

- 2 courses x Nenagh AFC (26 participants); Newport Town AFC (19 participants); 2 courses x Two Mile Borris FC (55 participants); Clonmel Town FC (20 participants); Cashel Town FC (12 participants)
- Slievenamon Celtic FC (17 participants); Rearcross FC (24 participants); Portroe (16 participants); Templemore (27 participants)

Safeguarding 2

- Nenagh AFC (16 Participants)

Schools

- 3rd/4th Class Primary Futsal Blitz had 47 Schools, 107 teams with over 1,000 students.
- Post Primary Futsal had 17 schools, 35 teams and over 400 students.
- Schools coaching sessions in numerous Primary and Post Primary schools in the county over the year were held.
- Schools Coaching Programme funded through Tipperary Sports Partnership and Healthy Ireland in 12 Schools over 10 weeks.



Pictured above is Littleton NS taking part in the programme.



ARTS SERVICE

The key objective of The Arts Service is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county in partnership with a range of stakeholders including our funding partners, The Arts Council.

Our work is guided by the Tipperary Arts Strategy 2017-2021 across six strategic priorities:

- Creative Communities- Public Participation
- Creative Practitioners- The Artist
- Creative Solutions – Arts Partnerships & Collaboration
- Creative Supports – Arts Information & Advice
- Creative Infrastructure – Arts Venues & Festivals
- Creativity & The Public Realm – Public Art



Gaelscoil Carrig na Siúire with artist Una O'Grady



Exhibition Showcase - Tipperary Artists in Primary Schools Scheme - January 2018 – Civic Offices, Nenagh & County Museum, Clonmel

Initiatives to support the development of the **Arts in Education** are a key element of the Tipperary Arts Programme. **The Artist in Primary School Scheme** placed 11 artists in schools working with students and staff across artform areas including the visual arts, theatre, dance and circus. The scheme supports direct access to the arts for children across the county and provides direct employment for artists. Work completed under the 2017 scheme was showcased in a multi-locational exhibition in Nenagh & Clonmel in January 2018 in advance of application closing dates for 2018 to demonstrate and make more visible the high level of artistic practice which is being supported and developed through this programme.



Gaelscoil Chluain Meala with artist Des Dillon





► The prints for schools exhibition

The prints for schools exhibition toured to three second level schools in Tipperary during 2018. This initiative enables second level schools to host an exhibition of 32 contemporary prints by Irish Artists in their school and to avail of educational printmaking workshops and educational support materials. This initiative offers teachers a contemporary, practical resource while also introducing artists, materials and processes to students.



Print workshops at The Abbey Secondary School, Tipperary Town

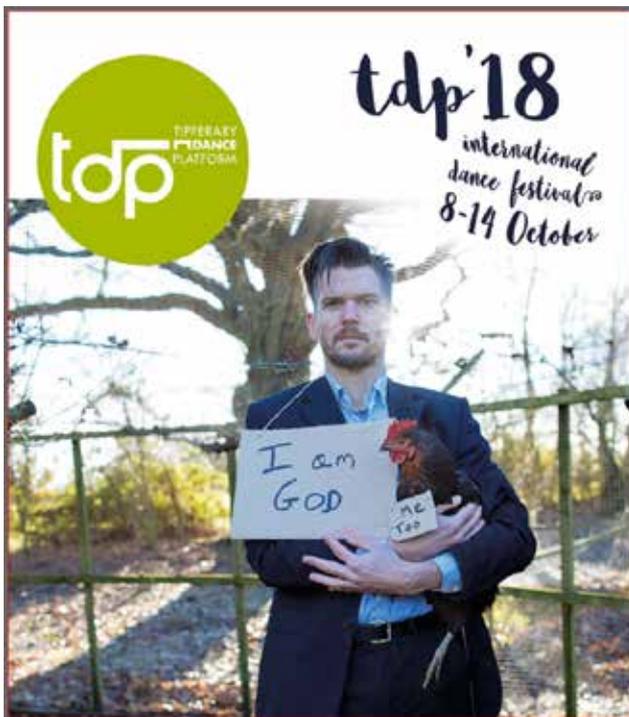
► Tipperary Youth Theatre

Tipperary Youth Theatre continued to provide a youth led space for teenagers to access the arts during 2018 and members participated in post show discussions and attended selected performances in their local arts centres in Nenagh and Thurles in addition to their weekly rehearsals. Fracture YT (Thurles) performed 'The Real Inspector Hound' by Tom Stoppard in The Source auditorium in April with young actors involved in all aspects of the production. Fracture Youth Theatre was one of only 13 youth theatres selected to participate in the National Festival of Youth Theatres in Kilkenny in July. The autumn 2018 season in both Nenagh and Thurles focussed on an eleven week skills development programme with guest facilitators in Dance, Technical Aspects of Theatre and Directing for Theatre.



► Tipperary Dance Residency

Tipperary Dance Residency was established in 2008 with Iseli-Chiodi Dance Company in partnership with The Tipperary Excel Arts Centre in Tipperary Town. In the intervening years it has successfully developed contemporary dance both as an artform and practice in Tipperary Town and its hinterland. Key programme areas include new choreographed work, an internationally recognised curated dance festival (Tipperary Dance Platform), professional development opportunities for dance artists, together with a public engagement programme. In recent years the festival has extended its reach to collaborate with new partners e.g. the County Library Network, Nenagh Arts Centre, The Source Arts Centre, Thurles and The South Tipperary Arts Centre in Clonmel. The 2018 programme of activity included a new co-production with Toronto based choreographer Holly Small which was premiered at Tipperary Dance Platform (TDP) Festival 2018 in October. During 2018, the dance in school programme actively involved 22 students over three months at St. Ailbe's Secondary School in Tipperary in a focussed period of dance practice which culminated with two performances for 120 children at St. Michael's Boys National School in April.



► The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival

Organised in partnership with Tipperary Libraries, The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival presented a programme of over 91 events to 2,678 participants throughout the County in May. Celebrating Creativity in Older Age, the festival included opportunities for older people to engage with the arts across artform areas including literature, music, the visual arts, film and theatre. Linking artists with audiences and communities was central to the approach this year. Highlights included "Powerful Voices" a public discussion event between artist Alice Maher and Catriona Crowe, former Head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland, public commentator and broadcaster. In a wide ranging discussion this event gave an insight into the creative process, the artists career to date and her influences from a social and political perspective. 2018 was also the first year that we programmed a dawn chorus event as part of Bealtaine in Tipperary. Linking two groups, The Mellow Tones, (an all-female choir from Cloughjordan) with The Rosie Greys, (a choir established as part of the Age Friendly Roscrea initiative) and choral director Liz Powell, participants engaged in a collaborative project in the lead in to Bealtaine to perform together at Dromineer on the Shores of Lough Derg on 26th May. In the south of the County, Operatic Delights, a collaboration of two Tipperary musicians, Gina Oberoi and Suzanne Buttimer toured to Day Care Centres in Cashel, Clonmel, Ballyporeen, Tipperary Town and Cappawhite.



► Culture Night

Culture Night 2018 took place on 21st September with 62 events in 35 venues across 10 towns in Tipperary. Culture Night is co-ordinated by the Arts office with funding support from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and 3,801 people participated in Tipperary in 2018. Building on two key strands within our County Arts Strategy of “Creative Communities” and “Creative Practitioners”, we worked in partnership with key cultural providers in the county to develop links with Tipperary based artists to present locally distinctive, engaging programmes across the county.

In addition, a broad range of Community groups and organisations throughout the County hosted events, showcasing local talent in the arts, encouraging increased participation and providing a platform for introducing new audiences to the arts.

The Culture Night Commission this year supported the first exhibition in Ireland of work by Carine Arnakis, a Romanian artist based in Nenagh whose exhibition entitled “The Journey” engages with world cultures and folklore. The exhibition was launched at Nenagh Arts Centre on Culture Night and is accompanied by a colouring book based on the artists drawings for children to engage with the artworks. Clonmel based artists Maurice Caplice and Diarmuid Vaughan led a public community drawing project which invited people to participate in a group drawing project on 1st September which was then displayed on the Tesco roundabout in Clonmel in the lead up to Culture Night.



Culture Night Clonmel

During 2018, 36 local community and voluntary groups were allocated funding under the Arts Act Grant Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county. 85 festivals received funding through the inaugural Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme with an investment of €223,782 across the county.

Tipperary County Council views the creative practitioner as central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. Direct financial assistance to artists supported development initiatives to 24 artists in 2018 across artforms and throughout the County. In addition, the Arts Office hosted an information session for the Music Network Music Capital Scheme in February in Thurles, supported a one day intensive workshop with Master Printer Patricia Hunsinger from New York State in association with Damer Gallery, Roscrea in September and led a professional development day for artists interested in working in formal education contexts in November in partnership with Mary Immaculate College. Support, advice and/or funding was also provided to a range of artists, arts festivals and organisations throughout the County during 2018.





HERITAGE SERVICE

The role of the Heritage Office is to work with local communities and the local authority to

- Promote awareness and appreciation of the Heritage of Tipperary;
- Promote active conservation of the Heritage of Tipperary;
- Support the gathering and dissemination of information on the Heritage of Tipperary.

In addition to this the Heritage Office also delivers the

- Creative Ireland Programme for Tipperary in conjunction with Creative Ireland, and
- Commemorations Programme for Tipperary in conjunction with Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

► Heritage Plan Funding with Heritage Council

The River Suir Heritage Audit for Tipperary was completed in 2018. We now have complete baseline data for the river in Tipperary which informs interpretation projects and development along the Suir.

A swift survey of 86 Towns and Villages in the County saw good engagement with local communities in highlighting and raising awareness of this vulnerable species of bird. We were delighted to find that we potentially have the largest nesting swift colony in Ireland here in the county at the community care centre in Clonmel.

► Biodiversity Action Plan funding

We were delighted to collaborate with our colleagues in the National Biodiversity Data Centre to produce two training videos on the importance of hedgerows with local farmer Sean O Farrell and John Fogarty.

We also collaborated with the Rural Water Team in the Council and provided funding to initiate pollinator projects at our pump houses and reservoirs.

► All Ireland Pollinator Award Tidy Towns

The All Ireland Pollinator Award is supported managed by Local Heritage and Biodiversity Officers as part of the National Tidy Towns Competition. We were delighted when Clonmel won the national pollinator award this year. The Tidy Towns in Clonmel also hosted members of the Western Massachusetts Pollinator Group in Clonmel as part of their Irish Study visit in October.

► Heritage Week

Heritage Week took place 18th -25th August with approx 70 events happening across the county highlighting areas of our built and natural heritage.

► Historic Towns Initiative

We were delighted to secure funding under this new initiative for streetscape enhancements on Carrick on Suir's Main Street. The project was managed by the Municipal District and the Heritage Office organised a walk and talk with Dr Barry O Reilly of the NIAH and also commissioned a communal drawing project with Visual Artist Maurice Caplice entitled 'Ode on a Castle and a Clock Tower'.

► Creative Ireland

Continuing to roll out this programme promoting opportunities for our communities to engage in creative activities through Arts and Heritage, we managed our Creative Communities Grant scheme which funded 40 projects across the county in 2018, and 4 projects were funded through an Open Call programme. We also hosted the inaugural Crinniú na nÓg on June 23rd with Thurles Library, Nenagh Arts Centre and South Tipperary Arts Centre which provided a day of creative engagement and play for children across the county. The Creative Strategy for Tipperary was launched in Dublin in September.

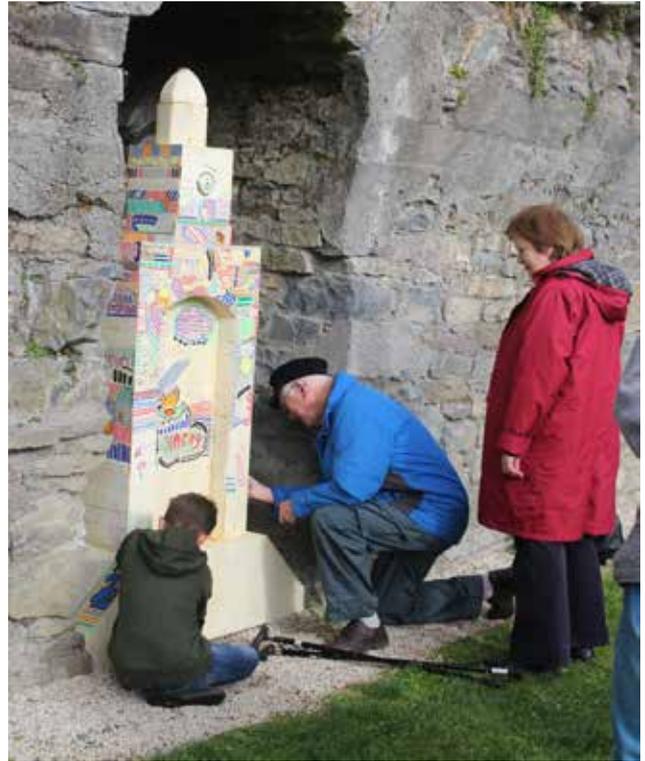


► Commemorations:

As we enter the latter part of the Decade of Commemorations, a submission was prepared in early 2018 for the Department in response to a call from the Expert Advisory Committee on Commemorations. A grant scheme for commemorations was rolled out at the end of the year for commemorative projects and 11 initiatives were supported across the county.



Róisín O Grady Heritage Officer with members of Clonmel Tidy Towns Martin Behan and Frank O'Donoghue and Tom O Sullivan and Peggy McLeod of Western Massachusetts Pollinator Group



Ode on a Castle and a Tower House project



31 Local authorities launch Culture & Creativity Strategies in Dublin with Cathaoirleach Cllr Mattie Ryan



Maurice Caplice and Sheenagh Hennessey in Ormond Castle with 'Ode on a Castle and a Tower House project



Local Authority Creative Ireland Coordinators with new Creative Ireland Chief Executive, Tania Banotti



Cahir Tidy Towns Swift Watching





Clonmel Junction Festival: St Olivers in Clonmel with Pat Looby and the River Suir tapestry



Ode on a Castle and a Tower House Project



TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM

The main objective for the County Museum in 2018 was to secure funding to develop and re-imagine our extensive collection. Through our successful application to Fáilte Ireland, the Museum secured €200,000 with matching funding being provided by Tipperary County Council. This will mean that Tipperary County Council Museum's Collection visibility will be enhanced across Tipperary and further afield. Additional funding from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaelteacht through the Regional Museum Fund and CREATIVE Ireland ensured that the Museum could develop an innovative and exciting programme of events and exhibitions through our Art Collection.



► A series of rotating community exhibitions ensured that the local community was at the heart of the museum's programming.

Significant Projects in 2018:

- Fáilte Ireland funding was secured to develop the museums Storytelling and Interpretation of its collection.
- The development of the Museums gallery to reflect its extensive collection.
- The Curator and Educator in Residence researched the historical background of the Museums Art collection and produced the content for an art catalogue. In addition, a drop-in educational facility for families, schools and community groups was developed for them to engage and understand art techniques.
- The Museum's Art and Coin Collection was digitised.
- The following conservation projects were completed:
 - *The conservation & display of the Hogan Jersey 1920.*
 - *The conservation & display of the Museums art collection*
 - *The conservation and display of Clonmel's Civic Regalia*
- New museum initiatives - 'Passing on the Past' and 'Museum Take- Over Day' took place. These intuitive and successful projects partnered with 70 Presentation Secondary School Transition Year students, assisted by 4th year students from LIT to write and develop a primary source oral history project. 20 students from the group took over the Museum's social media, reception duties and gave guided tours to primary and secondary school students.

2018 Programming Highlights included:

- Newly developed 'Nenagh Architectural Trail' devised by the museum in association with St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh.
- Artist Robert Ballagh launched the STAG50 Exhibition in June with over 65 exhibitors.
- During Heritage Week the museum coordinated a bus trip to Youghal Clock Gate, Town Walking Tour and St Mary's Collegiate Church 17 participants.
- During Culture Night (with the Arts Service) the Museum organised a talk on Passive architecture.
- ARTiculation is a UK based initiative with Tipperary Museum as the lead Irish partner. 3 additional Irish partners were secured for 2018-2019: The Butler Gallery Kilkenny, Kerry County Museum and Pearse Museum/Kilmainham Jail, Dublin.
- Dinner Theatre, Clonacody, Fethard on 28th June – A sold out site specific theatre performance themed around the museums collection – 30 attendees
- Museum Summer Camp 17th – 20th July: 20 attendees each day – As a direct result of the positive feedback received, the Young Archaeologists Club was setup. It is aimed at students aged 8-12 years with an interest in learning more about our past in a contemporary and interactive way.
- Visited Ormond Castle, Carrick on Suir, archaeology dig, Leather Purse Making, Ogham and Viking Writing & Archaeology Olympics.
- The 6th Annual Lecture Series 'Death and Disease' commenced in October 2018 and will run until April 2019. There has been 600 attendees to date.
- Museum Curator Marie McMahon & Heritage Officer Roisin O' Grady represented Tipperary County Council at a networking event in Brussels in June part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage.



Recent Acquisitions:

- De Buitléir family donated a significant collection from the deceased South Tipperary County Manager Padraig de Buitléir 1964 – 1969 and his brother, a local chemist.
- Petronelle Clifton Brown donated a insightful family collection of Petronell Grubb aged 11, who died of Typhus in 1919.

A major objective for the Museum is for greater public access to our collection. Jayne Sutcliffe, our Collections Officer worked with Tipp FMs Fran Curry to record monthly radio slots. The aim of these 15 minute slots is to showcase the museum's collection and some of the interesting objects we have which are currently not on display.

The museum objects which have been discussed to date are:

- Cromwell's death mask and the origin of death masks
- The Victorian Wedding gown and the purpose of corsetry
- A horse's skull and Iron age domestic rituals
- A Victorian magneto machine and Victorian medicine
- Viking Hack silver, bullion economy of that time and metal detecting



'Passing on the Past' exhibition with TY Students from Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel



Launching 'Reflection' Tipperary County Museums Art Collection



Launching STAG50 with founding members of South Tipperary Art Group S.T.A.G. with Museum Curator Marie McMahon, Artist Robert Ballagh and Cllr. Catherine Carey.





Christmases Past Workshop in the Main Guard



Secondary School Students taking over reception during 'Museum Take Over Day'



Students from St. Mary's Primary School enjoying the Museums Art Drop in Room



LIBRARY SERVICE



Tipperary County Council Library Service offers a welcoming democratic space which is a cornerstone of family, cultural, and civic life. The Library Service has essential role in the community as a trusted resource preserving the values of the past and enriching the quality of life for all.

The library service aims to foster a culture of reading, literacy and lifelong learning in Tipperary by providing a range of services to schools, families and community groups, and promote the library as a place of culture and knowledge.

The service is responsible for the collection development, preservation and accessibility of all records of historic interest for County Tipperary. The library service develops and promotes access for all citizens to online and digital information resources, including broadband internet PCs, Wi-Fi, online resources and free access to e-government/local authority information and services.

The service operates a network of twelve libraries throughout the county at Thurles, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore, Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary, Cashel, Cahir and Killenaule.



Science Week - Clonmel Library





Caitriona Perry giving a talk at The Source, Thurles



Dr. Brian Lucey, TCD giving a lecture in Nenagh Library as part of the EU Direct Project



Launch of Growing Imaginations Project at Cashel Library



So you say, a duet based on the writings of children's author Dr. Seuss performing in Clonmel Library



Workshop by the author Sadhbh Devlin in Carrick-on-Suir Library



LearnIt Robotics workshop for Cruinniú na nÓg Day, The Source Library, Thurles



Workshop by the author Gerard Siggins in Roscrea Library



► Main Activities in 2018:

In 2018, there were over 493,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary, 491,000 books were issued and 67,000 Internet sessions were booked. In addition, new services such as Wi-Fi / remote printing and self-service technologies were introduced to our Branch Libraries.



Opening of the New Library at the Excel Centre, Tipperary Town. From left to right: Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Cashel / Tipperary Municipal District, Cllr Dr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council and Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council.

► New Library in Tipperary Town Opened

The new Library at the Excel Centre, Tipperary Town was officially opened by Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council in the presence of Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach of Cashel / Tipperary Municipal District on 24th May 2018. The new Library became the first in County Tipperary to provide a suite of new technology solutions to the public. These included the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) which allows Library users to check out their own books.

The Library Service has also invested heavily in a brand new book stock for the Library with a particular emphasis on Children's stock. There are over 15,000 new books on the Library Shelves. There has been a recorded increase in usage of 93% in the new Library in comparison to the previous Library in Dan Breen House throughout 2018.

► Introduction of Self Service Technology



New Self-Service Kiosk

Tipperary County Council received grant funding of €230,000 to introduce Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology in all Branch Libraries in 2018. Library users can now borrow and return books and use the Library IT facilities on the new state of the art kiosks which have been installed throughout the County. In addition, new services such as Wi-Fi printing from a phone or tablet and remote printing from home have also been introduced.



► Tipperary Studies Digitisation Project

The Tipperary Studies digitisation project aims to make available online a range of sources, both historical and genealogical, which are part of the fabric which makes up the history of Tipperary. Many of the documents are unique to Tipperary Studies and one of the aims of the project is to make these sources available to everyone, free of charge on the Tipperary Studies website www.tipperarystudies.ie.

Key highlights from the project in 2018 include:

- The digitisation of the Murphy Negative collection of 1,251 images. This work featured on national television on TG4 (8th February 2018) and RTÉ 1 Six-One News and RTÉ Nine O'Clock News (9th February 2018).
- The digitisation of the back catalogue of match day programmes of Tipperary GAA County hurling and football finals and divisional finals in hurling and football along with the actual match day reports from local newspapers. Overall there were 315 match programmes and 322 press reports scanned.
- The digitisation of the Workhouse registers for Cashel, Thurles and Roscrea Poor Law Unions. The digitised Cashel register for 1847-48 was featured on TG4 Nuacht, on 28th December 2018.



Lecture by Dr. Mary Ryan in Nenagh Library as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme



Lecture by chartered physiotherapist, Caroline O'Connell in Tipperary Town Library as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library Programme

► Healthy Ireland at your Library

Healthy Ireland, a Government-led initiative, is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing, placing a focus on prevention, individual awareness and keeping people healthy for longer.

As Part of the overall Healthy Ireland Programme, public libraries deliver resources, information and events directly to their communities using local health and well being experts within national guidelines, supported by a national media campaign. All 12 libraries in Tipperary participate in this programme. In 2018, 35 events were held, with over 1,000 people in attendance. There is a collection of over 100 titles in each library. This Service is free and has been very successful. Events range from Chair Yoga, Diet and Nutrition to Heart Health awareness.



Launch of the Children's Book Festival in Nenagh Library by Cllr. Mattie Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council

► Children's Book Festival

The Children's Book Festival is a nationwide celebration of reading held in October each year. It puts the spotlight on children's authors and illustrators, giving children the opportunity to meet them in libraries all over the country.

In October 2018 Tipperary County Council Library Service hosted authors, illustrators, puppeteers and dancers in our libraries, to highlight the power of reading. The Library Service held forty-three events across our libraries with over 1,500 children in attendance.



QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT





ENVIRONMENT

The Environment & Climate Action Section is responsible for protecting and enhancing Tipperary's environment, and the delivery of quality environmental services in the county. The section is responsible for environment protection, infrastructure and maintenance, waste management and enforcement, Energy and Climate Action environmental awareness and community services.



Glen of Aherlow

► Green Public Sector Organisation of the year

Tipperary Co Co was the 2018 winner of the Green Public Sector Organisation of the year. The award was made in recognition of initiatives undertaken in 2017 to keep our environment greener and to foster community involvement. In association with Tipperary Energy Agency a wide range of projects targeting biodiversity, energy efficiencies, waste reduction and environmental awareness were implemented.



The projects associated with natural habitat and biodiversity helped highlight the importance of good water quality and has given local communities an insight into life on our rivers.

The energy reduction initiatives ensured the county remained the leading authority in the country in energy efficiency through the installation of PV arrays, retrofits of buildings and lighting upgrades.

Waste reduction measures included the distribution of mutt dispensers and ongoing engagement with community groups to raise awareness on environmental issues. Tipperary Co Co is a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors and started the rollout of the Sustainable Energy Action plan to meet its goal of reducing carbon emissions.



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION



The main area of work was the continued implementation of the Water Framework Directive and assisting the local authorities water programme. Reported pollution incidents were investigated and notices issued where remedial works were required.

► Pollution Investigation and Inspections

As part of the RMCEI plan, staff continue to investigate the factors causing poor water quality in stretches of rivers that have been identified as polluted or where monitoring shows a deterioration in quality. This investigative monitoring programme helps to identify the specific problems affecting water quality e.g. Septic tanks discharges, agricultural activities and commercial activities. In 2018, 864 samples were taken from 150 monitoring points along 56 rivers.

► Farm Inspections

108 farm inspections were carried out for the purposes of drinking water source protection, pollution investigation, catchment investigations and GAP follow-ups. A brochure explaining catchment friendly farming was produced and circulated to the farming sector.

► Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems

Inspections were completed at 41 Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems to meet our obligations under The National Inspection Plan 2018-2021.

► Licensed Facilities Inspections Discharge Licenses

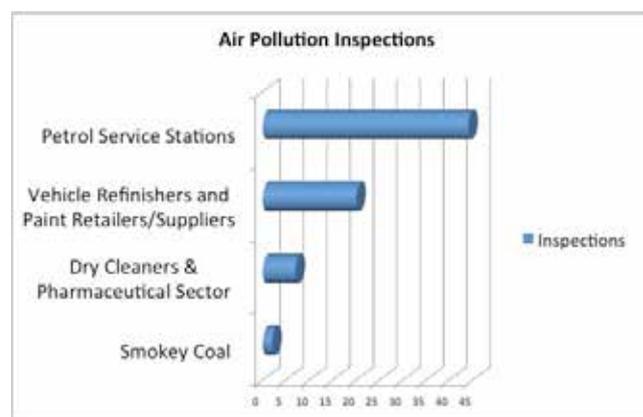
Activities discharging wastewater directly to a river or large discharges to groundwater require a license, in accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 - 2007. Staff monitor these facilities regularly to ensure that all treatment systems are operating effectively and are not causing pollution. In 2018, 72 inspections were completed.

► Nutrient Management

18 nutrient management plans were assessed for the use of bio solids on agricultural lands and 23 inspections were completed.

► Air Pollution Enforcements

Monitoring of sites to ensure compliance with air emissions licenses were carried out at 73 sites and are categorised as follows.



INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE

► Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures

There were 52 sites listed on the Derelict Sites Register at the end of 2018. The section issued 44 legal notices. The environment section continues to work with property owners in relation to rendering sites non-derelict.

► Burial Grounds

A draft copy of the Burial Ground Bye laws was presented to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee. Further consultations to finalise these will continue in 2019 with the Municipal Districts, undertakers and monumental sculptors.

► Burial Grounds Maintenance

224 Burial Ground Maintenance Committees applied and received grants totalling €163,114.

► Burial grounds minor capital and improvement works

The section carried out a number of burial ground minor capital and improvement works throughout the county. This included the installation of 109m² of headstone plinths at Cahir, Ballynacourty, Grange, Kilcommon, Shanrahan, Gortnahoe and Carrick on Suir Burial grounds.



New plinth at grange burial ground

In addition new concrete roadways were installed at Holycross and Ballynacourty burial grounds. At Mullinahone burial ground the parking areas and footpaths were resurfaced. A professional survey and assessment of dangerous trees was carried out and tree works have been prioritised based on their condition.



New roadway at Ballynacourty burial ground



► **Civic Amenity Sites**

Tipperary County Council has five civic amenity sites which accept paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, and metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling.

Upgrades to three Recycling Centers at Nenagh, Roscrea and Donohill were carried out during the year. The numbers visiting the sites in 2018 were 121,295.



Weighbridge and reception at Carrigeen Civic Amenity Site

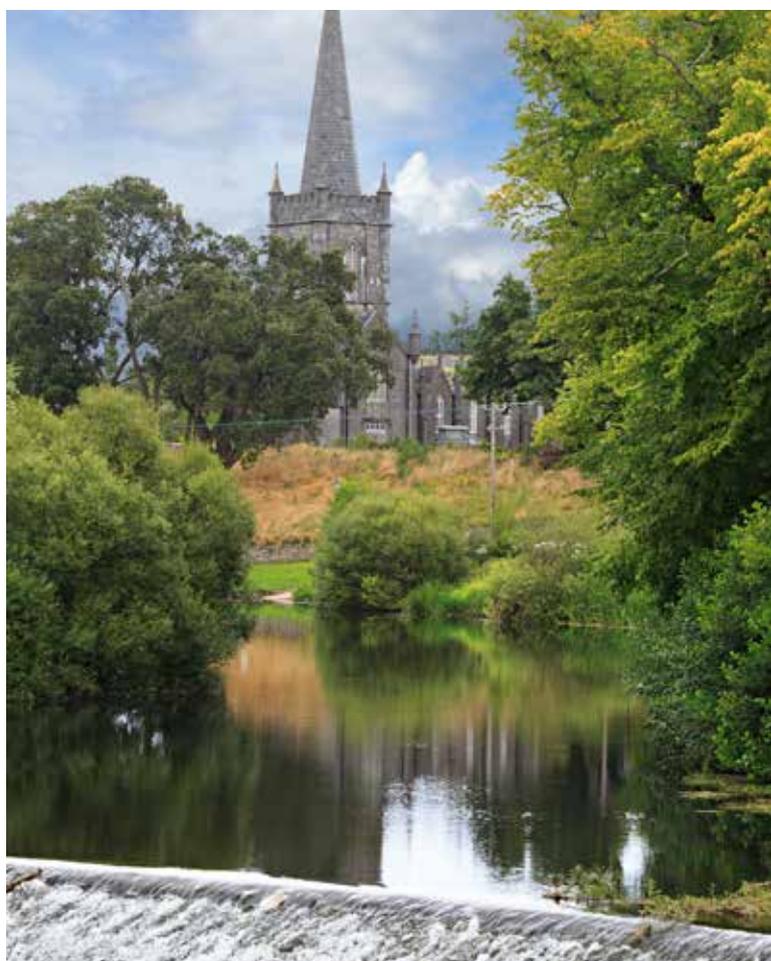
Civic Amenity Sites	No of Visitors
Clonmel - Carrigeen	21,795
Cashel - Waller's Lot	23,819
Tipperary Town - Donohill	9,748
Roscrea	22,366
Nenagh	43,567

► **Landfill Restoration**

The council has a number of landfills that are required to be rehabilitated under regulation. Restoration works were progressed at the Donohill Landfill in Q4 of 2018. The landfill capping is 90% complete.

At Ballaghveny the tender for the appointment of a contractor to construct additional groundwater monitoring wells was completed. Plans have been drafted for landfill infrastructure works for the acceptance of waste at the site.

A consultant was appointed to complete the Certification of Authorisation and Design/Implementation of Remediation Works at the closed Tipperary Town landfill site. Consultants were appointed to carry out Environmental Risk Assessments (ERA) at the four other historic closed landfill sites. (Brittas Road, Thurles; Moananearle, Thurles; Coole, Knocklofty and Convent Cross, Dundrum.)



WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT

► Waste Management

The Waste Management Act makes provision for the prevention, management and control of waste and gives effect to provisions of certain EU regulations.

► Waste Presentation Bye-Laws

The Waste Presentation bye-laws were introduced in order to regulate and control the storage, presentation and segregation of household and commercial waste and to help meet EU and National waste targets.

Following the adoption of the Waste Presentation bye-laws in October 2018, the next step will be to carry out inspections to determine how householders are disposing of their waste.

► Permits and Inspections

Under waste legislation, permits are issued to waste facilities and inspections are carried out to ensure compliance with regulatory and permit conditions. The following table sets out the number of inspections carried out during the year.

Waste Management Legislation	Inspections
Facility Permit and Registration Regulations 2007-2015	29 inspections of facilities with Waste Facility Permits. 125 inspections of facilities with Certificates of Registration.
Collection Permit Regulations 2007-2015	5 Waste Collection Permit inspections.
Packaging Regs. 2014	6 inspections of a Packaging Major Producer.
End of Life Vehicles Regs 2014	11 inspections of ELV Producers.
Tyres/Waste Tyres Regs 2007	50 inspections of tyres suppliers.
EU (WEEE Regs 2014 & EU Battery Regs 2014	51 WEEE & Battery inspections of WEEE / Battery suppliers.
Farm Plastics Reg 2001	18 Retailers inspected for farm film plastic levy.
Plastic Bag Levy Regs 2001-07	20 Retailers inspected for plastic bag levy.
Food Waste Regs 2009	27 inspections of commercial food waste producers.
Household Food Waste Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Regs 2009 – 2015	51 Household waste surveys. 10 inspections of controlled burning were carried out.
Road Checkpoints Multi Agency Inspections	5 Env Checkpoints 4 Inspections NTFSO 17 Inspections
Hazardous Wastes CCTV operations	5 CCTV installations 2 Unauthorised waste activity inspections
Unauthorized Waste Activity	

► Illegal Dumping Initiatives

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment provided funding to local authorities to target illegal dumping at known black spots. Sites prioritised were the clean-up of illegal dump sites at Nenagh, Mill-river and College Green walkway.

Other funded initiatives were

- Marfield Village Clonmel,
- Ballylynch Estate Carrick on Suir
- Grangemockler loop walk.

Community and voluntary groups assisted in the clean up and play a role in ensuring the sites remain litter free.



Pre & Post Clean up Marfield Village



► **Keep Tidd Tidy**

The Keep Tidd Tidy Campaign is a key to the success of the Litter Management Plan, by highlighting how members of the public can play their part in reducing littering on our roads, reporting illegal dumping in the countryside and dog fouling. Awareness initiatives undertaken include Roadside Litter, dog fouling and the public awareness trailer. It was launched in Clonmel on 21st July 2018 and included the distribution of car bins to the public.



Staff from the Environment Section along with a number of Elected Members distributed car bins to members of the public.

► **Roadside Litter**

This was followed up with an initiative targeting litter on roads from fast food outlets. The enforcement officer for Clonmel designed a menu poster with the message “takeaway is not a throwaway”, which the fast food outlets agreed to display on their premises as a deterrent to throwing coffee cups and burger boxes on the roadside.



Helen Fahey Circle K, Service Station with Clonmel Enforcement Officer Francis Keogh

Additional roadside billboards were erected on the approach roads to encourage motorists not to dispose of their car rubbish while driving. The initiative was launched in Clonmel and will extend to other towns in 2019.

► **Dog Fouling**



The Anti Dog Fouling Campaign was launched in Clonmel and Cahir in November 2018 to highlight to dog owners the environmental and health hazards of dog faeces.

Visual signage was erected on known walking routes and the circulation of information leaflets to deter dog fouling along the streets and parks.

► **Public Awareness Trailer**

Public awareness trailer is our main channel to communicate with the public on a range of environmental issues. During the year staff visited Bانشa and Clonmel shows.



The Staff Officer Anne Marie Clifford distributing information at the Clancy Festival

► **Waste Enforcement**

A team of five enforcement officers deal with dumping and litter complaints and issue letters and enforcement issues based on evidence.

Number of waste enforcement actions	Number
Warning letters issued	18
Enforcement Notices Issued	29
Prosecutions Initiated	0



► Complaints

The section received 2,475 Environmental complaints of which 2,361 were resolved, representing a 95% completion rate.

► Litter

A new Litter Management Plan was adopted in 2018. This plan covers the period 2018-2021 and outlines objectives and actions which will be implemented over the next three years to address litter prevention, litter control and litter awareness. The section issued 112 litter fines during the year.

► Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Strategic Policy Committee for Environment and Water met on four occasions during the year to discuss and agree policy decisions on environmental matters. The waste presentation bye-laws and litter plan were presented and reviewed at these meetings prior to being adopted by the council.

► Community Services Work Programme

The Community Services work programme includes a range of projects with a community focus. These include projects with schools, community groups and voluntary associations. The section has engaged with Tipperary Public Partnership Network in the promotion of environmental initiatives. Examples of community based initiatives supported in 2018 including the following:

► Re-use October month.

The Cashel Tidy Towns, the Spafield Resource Centre and Cashel's Mens' Shed formed a group to participate in the re-use month and made garden furniture from timber pallets for the Tidy Towns.



Garden furniture made from used pallets by Men's Shed in Cashel

► Distribution of Trees and Wildflower seeds



Lorrha National School wildflowers

Community groups and schools around the county were supplied with trees and wildflower seeds to promote environmental awareness. In total, 700 trees were distributed to 93 groups and 150 boxes of wild flower seeds were distributed to 138 groups.

► National Spring Clean Initiative.



A total of 347 community groups registered to participate in the National Spring Clean initiative. Clean-up packs were provided and arrangements made for the collection of the waste for disposal at our civic amenity centres.

► **Tidy Towns Grant Scheme**

97 Tidy Town Associations received funding to the value of €182,752.

In the tidy towns’ competition, Tipperary had 77 entries, which was the seconded highest entry number in the country and accounted for 9% of the overall entry of 883. The county received awards in all categories and won a total of nine medals in addition to other awards.

Town Village	Award	Category
Clonmel	National Winner of the Local Authority Pollinator Award	
Clonmel	Gold Medal	Large Town
Roscrea	Bronze medal	Large town
Nenagh	Bronze medal	Large town
Cahir	Bronze medal	Large town
Birdhill	Gold medal	Small Villages
Terryglass	Gold medal	Small Villages
Emly	Gold medal	Larger Villages
Silvermines	Silver medal	Larger Villages
Killusty	County Endeavour	
Ballysloe	County Endeavour	
SilverMines Enhancement Group	Water Communities Award	



Roisin O Grady heritage Officer with the Clonmel Winners of the ‘Let’s get buzzing’ Local Authority Pollinator award

► **Local Agenda 21 Grants**

Grant aid of €36,110 provided assistance to 57 community groups to undertake small-scale environmental projects.

Samples of the projects undertaken are as follows:

- School gardens and Polytunnel project.
- Outdoor classroom project.
- Community Gardens project.
- Pedal Energy Workshops

► **Schools Programme**

184 schools registered with An Taisce as part of the Green Flag programme. During the 2017/2018 school year, 52 schools received a Green Flag.

The annual Tidy School Competition received a total of 59 entries and shared a prize fund of €12,000.



St Mary’s CBS Primary school in Carrick on Suir – vegetable garden.

► **Control of Dogs & Horses**

Dog shelter facilities operate at Ballyclerihan, Clonmel, and at Knockalton, Nenagh. A total of 502 dogs were surrendered or seized by the Dog Wardens in 2018. Of this number 400 were re-homed. The number of dogs licensed in the county was 9,745. Tipperary County Council works with a number of animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

The number of horses seized was 105. The section assisted in the delivery of a number of projects with the Tipperary Traveler Horse Owners Association including a horse welfare programme.



► Food Safety

A total of 842 inspections were carried out in 22 abattoirs, to ensure compliance with animal welfare standards and hygiene standards in abattoirs prior to slaughter and also post mortem. A total of 2,431 cattle, 7,377 sheep, 111 pigs, 18 goats and 3,766 deer were inspected in these abattoirs.

► Energy and Climate Change

Tipperary County Council continues to reduce their energy intensity and increase their share of renewable energy in line with the Strategic Energy Action Plan which aims to achieve savings in energy consumption and contribute to a lowering of the Council's carbon footprint.

The following table summarises the annual cost and consumption of electricity and fuel by Tipperary County Council in 2017:

2017 Electricity - Total Annual Spend	€2,067,618
2017 Electricity - Annual Spend on Public Lighting	€1,179,422
2017 Transport Fuels (diesel / petrol / bio fuel) - Total Annual Spend	€933,199
2017 Heating Fuels (Gas / oil / biomass etc) - Total Annual Spend	€392,850
2017 Electricity - Total Annual kWh	22,237 MWh
2017 Electricity - Annual kWh used by Public Lighting	8,567 MWh
2017 Renewable Electricity Generation (32% 2018)	7,115 MWh

Tipperary Co Co has maintained its top position amongst local authorities with a performance result of 46% energy savings according to the 2018 - SEAI Annual report on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance Report.

► Energy Management

As part of their Energy Management Action Plan, Tipperary County Council has also supported projects in the local community through the development of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan which is a county wide initiative branded as Sustain Tipp. Under this umbrella of Sustainable Tipp, energy efficiency workshops targeting sports clubs, community centres, farming, transport, residential and nondomestic sectors were supported as well as a housing statistical analyses and county wide heat load analyses.

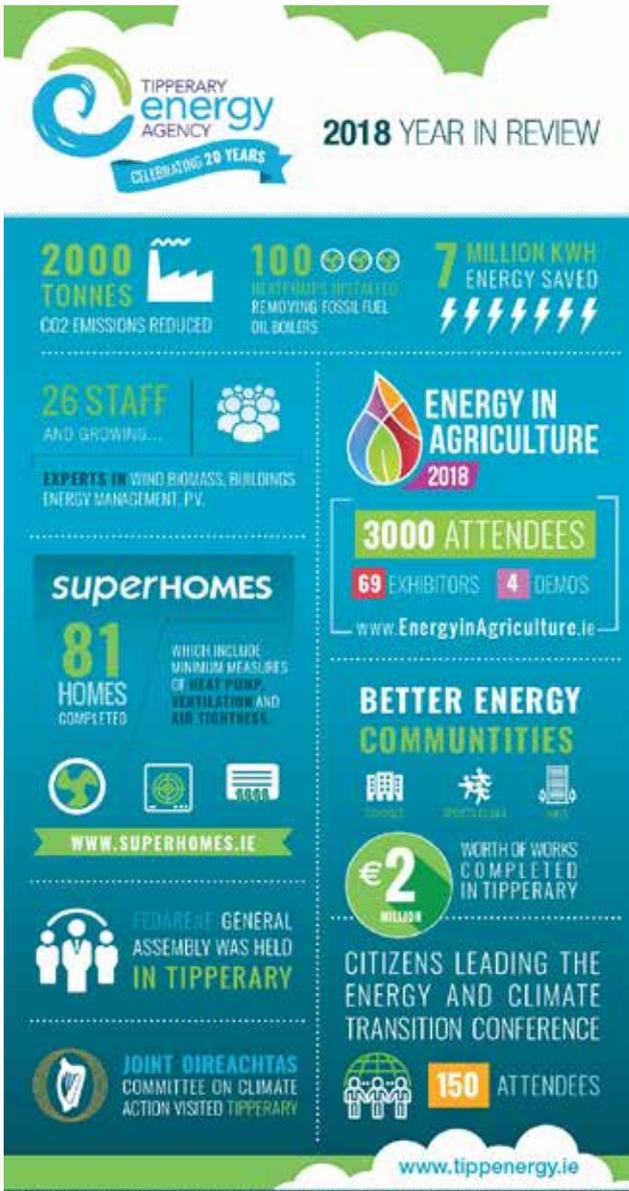


In 2018 Tipperary County Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve its energy performance. A number of projects were carried out in 2018 including high efficiency pump retrofit in a leisure centre, energy efficient lighting upgrade in Thurles library and renewable solar photovoltaic installation in Waller's Lot. These projects were 50% grant aided through SEAI's BEC programme. Combined these projects generated a saving of 69,124kWh and €10,134 per annum.



Solar Panels – Wallers Lot CAS Cashel





Through its continued work and support of the Tipperary Energy Agency projects in the wider Tipperary community also included supporting the LED pitch lighting project in Templetouhy GAA Club and the Templetouhy Church heating and lighting upgrade as two examples.



Tipperary County Council also supported the third Energy in Agriculture event in August 2018 and the Energy Transition conference in the Minella Hotel, Clonmel in September 2018. The deep retrofit programme administered and managed by Tipperary Energy Agency continues to go from strength to strength with 60 deep retrofits of houses completed nationally in 2018.

The highlight of 2018 in terms of public relations was the visit of the Oireachtas Climate Action Committee to several sites in Tipperary including Tipperary County Council sites such as the Nenagh Leisure Centre and sites supported indirectly by the Tipperary County Council, i.e. Youghalarra National School through the work of the Tipperary Energy Agency. This site visit took place in November 2018.

A final point and a worthwhile achievement of both Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary Energy Agency is the notable investment that has been realised through the European Investment Bank's Elena fund. 2018 saw investment of €8.35million in energy projects nationally, all a direct consequence of Tipperary Energy Agency's technical support and assistance.

Tipperary Energy Agency partnered with Tipperary Co Co in the Green Awards submission



Pictured at the Green awards left to right Marion O Neill Tipperary Co Co Environment & climate Action, Bernie Kiely, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment, leas Cathaoirleach Mr Roger Kennedy and Ms Paula Gallagher Tipperary Energy Agency.



FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

The Council maintains fire brigades in twelve fire stations located in Nenagh, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Carrick on Suir, Templemore, Newport, Borrisokane, Tipperary, Cloughjordan, Cahir and Cashel. The dedicated crews, together with modern vehicles and equipment, ensured the delivery of a prompt, efficient and effective response to 1911 incidents on a 24/7 basis in 2018. This is supported by the Munster Regional Control Centre located in Limerick City Fire Station, which receives calls from the public through the 999/112 service and mobilises the appropriate fire service resources in Tipperary.

Services such as administration, fire safety activities, dangerous substances licensing, building control, major emergency management etc., are delivered from the Fire Service Headquarters at Limerick Road, Nenagh and from the Clonmel Fire Station at Heywood Road, Clonmel.

Activities undertaken in 2018 include:

- Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service operates a Community Smoke Alarm Scheme in conjunction with community alert groups, neighbourhood watch schemes, An Garda Síochána, the HSE and other local community and voluntary groups. The aim of the scheme is to identify those that are most vulnerable from fire in the community and ensure that they are protected by smoke alarms. As vulnerable households are identified, arrangements are made for two firefighters to visit the household, complete a home fire safety checklist with the occupant(s), fit a minimum of 2 smoke alarms and provide a smoke alarm 'testing stick'. 2018 saw a dramatic increase in Home Fire Safety Checks from the previous year from 82 to 789. This was largely as a result of public advertising of the scheme on social media, local radio, local newspapers and the Tipperary Local Authority Website.
- Of these 789 Home Fire Safety Checks, 1,392 new smoke alarms were fitted to homes across the county. 56% of these homes had no working smoke alarm before the Home Fire Safety Check was carried out and over 64% of homes checked and found to be without a working smoke alarm were found to be occupied by persons living alone, predominately in rural areas.

Work re-commenced on a new fire station in Templemore in 2018 with a projected finish date in mid-2019. In addition to this a site for a new fire station in Cashel has been procured and a design team was appointed in 2018.

► Training and Quality Management

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2018 by all members of the service. 2018 saw the service successfully audited against the new ISO 9001: 2015 by the NSAI.

► Fire Safety

In addition to the operational activities, the Fire Service was also very active in promoting fire safety and continues to inspect public-assembly buildings in an effort to meet the obligations under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003.

A brief summary of our facebook statistics are as follows:

- A total of 10,702 Likes (likes/followers) of our Tipperary Fire and Rescue facebook page is an increase of over 2,000 followers from 2017. During 2018 we ran, in conjunction with the Park Hotel Clonmel, a competition which reached 58,000 people and gained the page somewhere between 800 to 1000 additional new likes/followers.
- Post for our RTC Demo in the Park hotel reached 12,000 people, Christmas post reached over 16,000 people.
- Our 'Test It Tuesday' campaign reaches an average of just under 2,900 facebook users per week, up from 2,361 per week since June 2017 and peaking on fire safety week at 4000 reaches.
- Tipperary Fire Service is the most followed/liked Retained Irish Fire Service page on facebook.
- A Residential Property Owners Fire Safety Seminar was held in the Anner Hotel in May 2018. A total of 25 persons attended from the sector in Tipperary.
- A total of 217 inspections were carried out throughout the County by Fire Officers.
- Fire-fighters from all 12 brigades in Tipperary visited every Primary School 3rd class in Tipperary in 2018 to deliver the Safety Team programme. The objective of the programme is to educate children about the dangers of fire so that they in turn will bring the message home and thus enhance fire safety in the home and in the community.



► Road Safety Matters

In 2018 the Fire Service, funded in part by the Roads Section and in collaboration with An Garda Síochána, the HSE and the Road Safety Authority ran a “Road Safety Matters’ event in Clonmel.

The event was geared towards students from Transition Year through to 6th year that are likely to be obtaining a driving licence in the near future. We had a number of speakers in the morning from members of the emergency services. The coroner also spoke about the effect of driving under the influence, and the tragic results of road traffic collisions, but perhaps our most compelling presentation was that of a family member who has been affected by a road traffic collision.

After lunch the students were directed to the car park where a member of Clonmel Fire Brigade took them through a Road Traffic Collision (which we had staged in the enclosed car park).

Throughout the day the Road Safety Authority Ireland’s road shuttle and Roll Over Simulator was on site where students and teachers alike could experience the latest simulations and immersive technologies. Students were able to witness firsthand the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt in the roll over simulator. They could practice their driving skills in the realistic car simulator or practice the Driver Theory Test on one of the interactive touch screens. RSA staff were on hand throughout taking questions and offering advice.



Attendance at the Road Safety Matters Event - Clonmel

► Health & Safety

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service won the Supreme Award at the 2018 NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Awards in recognition of an unstinting commitment to reaching the highest safety standards possible.

It has been a steady progression for the Premier County’s Fire & Rescue Service. We won the Best New Entrant in 2013 and followed up with the Best Public Service Award for the past four years running. This year’s crowning achievement at the awards recognises the work and dedication across all sections and levels of the service. It is widely accepted that firefighters and their operational managers often face difficult dilemmas and have to make decisions in what are sometimes extremely hazardous, emotionally charged and fast-moving situations. In this case, Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service aims to strike a balance between operational duties and health and safety duties. This award has given a boost to the entire organisation and helps to maintain the momentum of behavioural change which is key to continual improvement in the health and safety field.

This represents the first time in its 27 year history that the award has been won by a public sector organisation.



(L-R): John Shinnars (SACFO), Liam Quinn (Safety Advisor), Cllr. Mattie Ryan (Cathaoirleach), Joe MacGrath (Chief Executive) Dave Carroll (CFO), Eddie Ryan (SACFO)

► Building Control

There were 95 Fire Safety Certificate applications, 70 Disability Access Certificate applications and 442 Commencement Notices received in 2018. A total of 53 Building Control inspections were carried out in 2018.



WATER SERVICES

IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN:

The initial Irish Water Capital Investment Plan (CIP), 2014-2016, has been reviewed.

In 2016 Irish Water (IW) submitted both its Emerging Investment Plan (IP2), 2017-2021, and its proposed Interim Revenue Control (2017-2018) to the then Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) (renamed the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) on 02 October 2017) for approval.

On 12 December 2016, the then CER published its decision paper (CER/16/342) on the Irish Water Allowable Revenue for the two year period from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2018. The decision paper is accompanied, inter alia, by the Irish Water Interim Revenue Control 2017-2018 Investment Plan 2017-2021. This decision paper approved funding of €1,843 million to IW for the Investment Plan for the two year period 2017-2018, which represented a reduction of €165 million (8.2%) on the IW submission.

In 2017, IW restructured the delivery of the CIP into two streams:

1. Infrastructure Portfolio which includes major water and wastewater projects, both treatment plants and networks; and
2. Capital Delivery which includes the implementation of a large number of smaller interventions that will target specific areas of assets.

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 2018 status of capital projects in Co. Tipperary.

► Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for Tipperary

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Consultant	Contractor	Current scheme Status
Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh Town	Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh Town	JB Barry	Balfour Beatty	Contract completed. Snagging to be completed.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Nenagh Wastewater Network Advance Works	JB Barry	Balfour Beatty	Contract completed. Snagging to be completed.
Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Advance Works)	Storage North of Clonmel and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer	John Craddock	Contract ongoing.
Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 (WTP & pipelines)	Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 Design Build Operate (DBO) Water Treatment Plant and pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Glan Agua Limited	Contract ongoing.



B. Schemes at Pre-Construction / Design	Contract Name	Current scheme Status
Ardfinnan Regional Water Supply Scheme/Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme	Mechanical and Electrical Works Ballylooby Springs including Drumroe and Kilroe Reservoirs	JB Barry Consultant. Planning permission granted. Tender assessment ongoing.
Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme (Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Water Abstraction Order)	Clonmel Town and Rural WSS -WTP, Reservoirs, Intake Works and Pipelines DBO Contract	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant. Design ongoing. Preparing EIS, Water Abstraction Order, CPO, Planning.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed. Surveys completed. Plan due early 2019.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed. Surveys completed. Plan due early 2019.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Wastewater Treatment Plant and Network Upgrade	ARUP Engineering Consultant appointed. Design ongoing. Preparing EIS and planning application.
Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant issued Draft Feasibility Report to IW. Workshop to follow.
Newport Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant issued Draft Feasibility Report to IW. Workshop to follow.
Cashel Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant issued Draft Feasibility Report to IW. Workshop to follow.
Fethard Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant issued Draft Feasibility Report to IW. Workshop to follow.
Tipperary Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant issued Draft Feasibility Report to IW. Workshop to follow.
Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	WWTP Upgrade assessment	RPS Engineering Consultant issued Draft Feasibility Report to IW. Workshop to follow.



Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme - Reservoir at Giantsgrave, Clonmel under construction



Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Water Scheme - Intake completed at Rathkennan, Holycross, Thurles



Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme -Water Treatment Plant under construction at Bohernacrusha, Holycross, Thurles



IRISH WATER CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMMES

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 and establishing root causes of problems and addressing these.

These programmes address issues such as water quality, water availability, health and safety, regulatory compliance (with respect to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)), 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.

The Water Network Portfolio Delivery programme is detailed below.

► Networks Portfolio Delivery (Water):

Irish Water has established a new contractor framework to replace the existing frameworks. Irish Water has appointed Sharex Ltd. 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.

14.5km of new watermains were completed in 2018 at Ballina; Garrykennedy; Crotty's Lake, Carrick-on-Suir; Lackmore, Rearcross; New Inn; and Fawnagowan, Tipperary.

4.6km (2.3km trunk and 2.3km distribution) watermains are ongoing near Tipperary from Cordangan to Ballyglass and a further 1km is ongoing from Tully's Cross to Birdhill.

A further 4.4km is at design stage including Killenaule to Ballinunty (2.3km); Ardfinnan Village (0.4km); Clonmore (0.45km); Tullaheady, Nenagh (1km); Ballinard Bridge, Fethard (0.2km).

Backyard service replacement design is ongoing for Glenegad Road, Irishtown Upper, Abbey Road (all Clonmel) and Sean Treacy Avenue (0.86km), Bohernanave (0.45km) and Inishfallen Avenue (all Thurles).



Ballina Watermain Rehabilitation



Fawnagowan, Tipperary Watermain Rehabilitation



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► Water Conservation:

Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to reduce our demand for water. This helps to preserve our natural water resources, puts less pressure on our wastewater treatment facilities, gives greater value for money for customers and provides a greater level of service and water quality for all consumers.

Leak detection and repairs are ongoing as part of the Water Conservation Project, which was rolled out across the county in 2005. Water conservation is important as it allows for active leakage control and better planning of watermain rehabilitation.

Irish Water is acutely aware of the importance of water conservation to the delivery of water services and recognises that the Water Conservation Project Team forms an integral part of Water Services. Water conservation was a key feature of the Annual Service Plan (ASP) 2018 as agreed by the Council with Irish Water.



RURAL WATER PROGRAMME 2018

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Figure 1
Eleanor Maher, Administrator and Manager of Frolic-Carney Group Water Scheme making a presentation to Nellie Ryan on the occasion of Nellie's retirement after 48 dedicated service to her community.

► Rural Water Projects 2018:

Rural Water Capital Grants invested €519,301 in GWSs infrastructure in 2018. This represented an increase of 1% on 2017 and a record 39 GWSs engaging with the programme bringing advantages to all. 6 GWS were in difficulty during the drought during summer 2018; however, committees managed their sources effectively. Further drought periods are anticipated and, in this regard, 18 GWSs installed probes to assist in source management. Probes will also assist with conservation.

Our weather posed many challenges for us in the Rural Water Team this year. Presented with the consequences of too much snow, rain and even drought yet again our Group Water Scheme Committees rose to the occasion. We are always humbled by the depth of commitment of GWSs personnel to their community. Pictured above is Nellie Ryan on her retirement from Frolic-Carney GWS Committee. Nellie's 48 years service is a record for community service. Eleanor Maher, Nellie's daughter is presenting her with a commemorative scroll and it is worth noting Eleanor has community service firmly within her gene pool. Eleanor is Manager for Ardcroney GWS, Carrigahorrig-Milford GWS and Secretary to Frolic-Carney GWS. She also sits on the County Federation of GWSs.

Sustainability is a requirement for all entities. Nationwide, GWSs are encouraged to employ managers to support the volunteer committee, provide continuous focus on water quality, conservation and sustainability. Where management has been introduced there is less pressure on the committee. GWSs are further encouraged to explore rationalisation and amalgamation in order to strengthen them for the future. GWSs in County Tipperary are considering possibilities. Rahealty GWS, Tonagha-Laharden GWS and Graigue-Pouldine GWS have employed TJ Maher as manager. Gurteenakilla GWS and Plunkett St. Tullaheady GWS are considering amalgamation; Rahealty GWS and Clobanna GWS have agreed to amalgamate.

39 GWSs come within the requirements of the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2014, as amended. With a planned monitoring schedule in place these water supplies are monitored by the Council during the year. Tipperary's compliance rate was 97% for 2018 with 2 Boil Water Notices placed. One related to the drought; the second related to a public health incident. It is vital that we continue to keep this high compliance rate of drinking water quality present in Tipperary GWSs. Funds are available to GWSs under the Rural Water Programme Measure 1 for this purpose.

Continued focus on drinking water quality, conservation and effective management and operation of Tipperary's GWSs, has put the following body of work in place during 2018:

- Water Quality, €141,818.86:
- 4 pumphouses upgraded;
- 9 validated ultra violet systems installed; and
- 4 chlorine dosing systems upgraded.

Water Conservation €79,093.40 and Improving GWSs €291,812.34:

- 1,216 m watermain upgraded;
- 12 GWSs installed metering;
- 11 new pumps, pressure systems installed;
- 3 GWSs upgraded valves;
- 6 bulk metering projects;
- 1 reservoir improvement;
- 18 hydrostatic level probes and data loggers; and
- 3 source land purchases.

Source Protection:

- Zone of Contribution reports, €5,519.52.

Research and Development, €1,056.89:

- Kyle Park National School, Moyne National School and Gortnahoe National School visits.



► Rural Water Outreach:

To strengthen and enhance the service we provide and learn from our colleagues, the Rural Water Team and GWSs engaged with Trinity College Dublin, Dr. Úna Fitzpatrick of the National Biodiversity Unit, Waterford Institute of Technology and the Council's Heritage Officer. Our co-operation brought about some unusual activities.

Pollinator Projects - 5 GWSs engaged in this aspect during 2018. John G. Fogarty of Ashill GWS, a biodiversity and pollinator friendly farming hero, has been the leader for Tipperary GWSs Pollinator Projects.

Dwr Úisce is an EU funded project to explore possibilities for recovering heat from wastewater and generating energy from excess pressure on water schemes. Patrickswell GWS and Moyne GWS engaged with Trinity College Dublin's Aonghus McNabola and his team visiting Ashlawn Nursing Home and Cooleeney Cheese to research and advise. The Rural Water Team were invited to speak on Community Engagement at the Dwr Úisce Conference in October 2018. Pictured below are Team members, the National Federation of Group Water Schemes, Dr. McNabola and Ana de Klumein.



Figure 2 Rural Water Team October 2018 Dwr Úisce Conference. RWT spoke on Community Engagement.

► Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

Our Rural Water Monitoring Committee (RWMC) met 3 times in 2018. The Committee's purpose is to assist in a structured approach to the work carried out under the Rural Water Programme.

With 14 members, the Committee reflects the interests of a broad group, as follows:

- 5 members of the Council;
- 3 GWS representatives;

2 representatives of rural organisations in the county;

- 1 representative of the National Federation of Group Water Schemes (NFGWS); and
- 3 Council officials.

Working with the RWMC the Council makes a submission in January to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for block grant funding for the year ahead. 2018 was the final year of the 2016 - 2018 Multi-Annual Programme. Funds were sought in January.

► Annual Maintenance Subsidy:

GWSs are invited to apply for the annual maintenance subsidy to assist with day to day expenditure of the GWS. 70 GWSs were assisted under this subsidy in 2018 with payments totalling €498,219.

► Grants for the Provision or Necessary Improvement of an Individual Water Supply to a House (well grant):

Here funding is made available to persons who have a private water supply. The focus is on water quality and supply. During 2018, there was strong interest in the scheme resulting from the drought. Many of those applying reported wells having gone dry. 93 applications were received; an increase of 9% on 2017. 52 grants were paid to applicants with 75% of applicants receiving the maximum of €2,031.58. A total of €101,428.42 was paid out under this heading.

► Grants payable pursuant to the domestic wastewater treatment systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013:

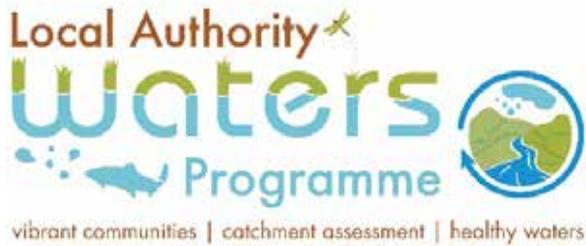
Two applications were received, approved and paid in 2018. Expenditure under the scheme was €6,500. This is not a "demand led" scheme and it is focused on the areas where water quality is at risk. These are notified to the Council by the Environmental Protection Agency annually. Responsibility for the administration of this scheme remains with the Council. Grants are recouped from the DHPLG.

► Grants Payable Under the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016:

No applications were received for consideration under this grant scheme in 2018. Again responsibility for the administration of this grant scheme will remain with the Council and grants are recouped from the DHPLG.

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LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME (LAWPRO)

The Local Authority Waters Programme is a national shared service based in Ballingarrane, Clonmel and led jointly by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils. It is located in the same directorate as the Environment & Climate Action section.



Photo: Staff and management of the LA Waters Programme



The Local Authority Waters Programme developed out of the LA Waters & Communities Office (LAWCO) on the expansion of the shared service in 2018, to include a Catchment Assessment Team comprising 35 scientists and 3 administration staff.

The combined shared service is funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and is managed jointly by Kilkenny and Tipperary County Councils. LAWPRO works alongside the 31 Local Authorities and in collaboration with public bodies and stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for Ireland 2018 – 2021.

The programme operates from 13 local authority centres throughout the country comprising two unique teams; the Communities Team and the Catchment Assessment Team. The respective remits of these teams are as follows:

Communities Team:

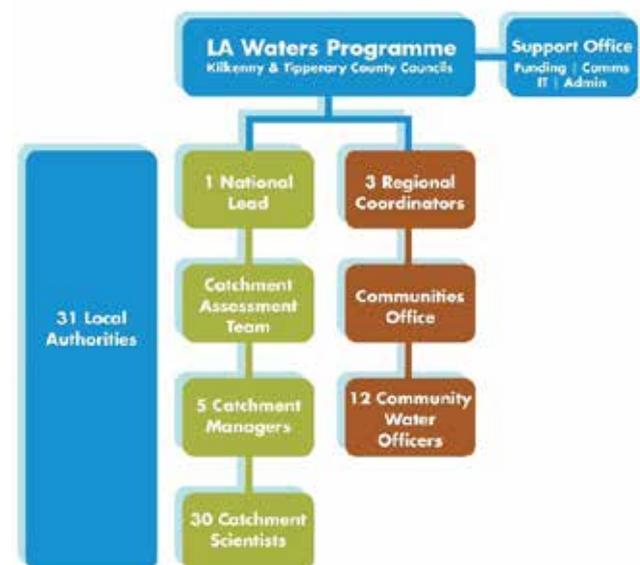
This team consists of three Coordinators and 12 Community Water Officers. It supports communities and stakeholders to deliver local water quality projects and initiatives. The team also works with rivers trusts and catchment partnerships, which are emerging throughout the country. The Community Water Development Fund, which is managed by LAWPRO supports community-led projects and builds linkages with funding streams such as LEADER and Local Agenda 21

Catchment Assessment Team:

Established in 2018, this team consists of 35 catchment scientists and managers with a wide range of technical expertise. Their work focuses on water quality objectives in 190 prioritised Areas for Action as set out in the RBMP. This involves community engagement, detailed assessments and stream walks to further understand the issues affecting water quality in individual water bodies. Working with local stakeholders; landowners, business owners and public bodies, this team develops practical solutions that deliver 'the right measure in the right place'. The programme also supports the *Agricultural Sustainability, Support and Advisory Programme*, in their work with farmers in the prioritised Areas for Action.

These two teams are supported by a back-office crew based in Ballingarrane that manage the funding, communications, IT and administrative aspects of the programme.

The following diagram illustrates how LAWPRO and the 31 Local Authorities work side by side to achieve common water quality goals.



The Local Authority Waters Programme works with local authorities, public bodies, stakeholders and communities to protect, maintain and improve water quality in our streams, rivers, lakes, estuaries, groundwater, wetlands and coastal waters.



CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence is a second line emergency service which provides a back up to the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's) in times of Major Emergencies. Civil Defence will also provide support to local community events with where possible.

2018 was again a busy year for Tipperary Civil Defence with volunteer training continuing on a weekly basis across the County. Training took place in First Aid, Missing Person Search, Communications, Swiftwater, Boating Activities, Manual and People Handling, Severe Weather driving, Radiation Monitoring and Welfare. All courses are accredited through the Civil Defence College and outside bodies such as QQI, Rescue 3 and the Food Safety Authority. Great credit is due to our volunteers who put in many hours of training and we thank them for their continued support and dedication to Civil Defence.



Control vehicle during a night time missing Person search in the Thurles area

► Missing person searches

Tipperary Civil Defence has developed its search capabilities over the past number of years and currently we can mobilise ground crews, our K9 unit, drones and our boating and swiftwater teams if required. Tipperary Civil Defence were tasked by An Garda Síochána on eight occasions during 2018 to assist with the search for missing persons. Many of the searches are completed within 24-48 hours however two evolved to be extended searches with one lasting eight days and another lasting six days. We also assisted Civil Defence units in other counties with search operations using our ground crews, our K9 (search dog), drone units and boating unit using side scan sonar. On many occasions during searches we work closely alongside other agencies such as the Coastguard, Garda Síochána and air support units.



Boat crew during search in Carrick on Suir Utilizing side scan sonar

► Severe Weather

In March our volunteers were activated during the severe weather event which saw much of the county cover in snow. Civil Defence was tasked to provide transport over a three day period with our 4x4 vehicles. Transport was mainly provided to HSE hospital staff and other essential staff such as nursing homes and Rehab care.

During the severe weather event an emergency tasking came from Garda in Nenagh requesting assistance to an injured walker on Keeper Hill. Crews were stood down from the transport tasking and diverted to Keeper Hill where the injured person was located, treated and transported to an awaiting HSE ambulance. Tipperary Volunteers and vehicles also assisted Wexford Civil Defence during this severe weather event as the conditions in the South East and East of the county took longer to clear.



Civil Defence volunteers treat injured walker on Keeper Hill





Tipperary Civil Defence 4x4 ambulance during severe weather

► Radiation Monitoring Service

In November a National exercise was conducted to test the capability of Civil Defence to respond to a request to take and submit the sampling of vegetation and soil along with background radiation level to the Environmental Protection Agency. Tipperary Civil Defence also acted as a regional hub for the collection of samples and delivery of same to the Civil Defence National Co-ordination centre in Phoenix Park Dublin.

► K9 Training

Tipperary is one of four counties with a K9 search dog unit. These units train on a regular basis and assessments are carried out by an outside dog training expert from the UK. In October Tipperary hosted a weekend training session in the Clonmel area.



K9 Training Weekend in Clonmel

► Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (Drone)

2018 saw Tipperary Civil Defence issued with new drone system by the Civil Defence Branch for use during missing person searches. After almost five months of training and examination by the IAA four of our volunteers were qualified as pilots for these systems. The volunteers were presented with their pilot certificates by the Minister with responsibility for Civil Defence, Mr. Paul Keogh, T.D.



Presentation of Drone pilot Certificates by Minister Keogh

► Community Events.

Tipperary Civil Defence provided assistance to 128 community events which ranged from cycle races, point to point races, Clonmel show, athletic events, charity walks/runs and cycles. We work closely with the local authority and Tipperary Sports partnership by providing Ambulance and first aid cover at many events organized by them.

► Training Centre Thurles

Plans are currently in progress to develop the old fire station in Thurles as a training centre. This will be an ideal venue as it's situated in the centre of the county and will facilitate central training and vehicle storage and will further enhance our ability to respond to callouts to emergencies. It is hoped the facility will be up and running by late 2019.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS





CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



Cllr. Louise McLoughlin was elected as Cathaoirleach

CATHAOIRLEACH & LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin was elected as Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District Members on the 28 of June, 2018. Cllr McLoughlin replaced Cllr. John Fahey (RIP), who had been Cathaoirleach since 2017.



PERFORMANCE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS

In 2017, the Municipal District Members held an Annual general meeting and eleven monthly meetings. The Members also held two security committee meetings with An Garda Siochana.



Commeragh College Choir performing in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Office, December 2018

A Schedule of Municipal District Works, totalling €5.4 million, was adopted by the members, who oversaw its implementation. The Schedule of Municipal District Works included the maintenance and minor improvement of the social housing stock in the District, the maintenance and improvement of the road network, the rehabilitation of bridges and the maintenance of open spaces.

The major project carried out by the District was the renovation and extension of the Town Hall in New Street Carrick-on-Suir. This work commenced in 2017 proceeded during 2018. It was completed in early December 2018, and occupied immediately. The first official meeting in the building was the Joint Policing committee on the 8th of December, 2018.

Other major work carried out in the district included

- Commencement of the rehabilitation work on Dillon Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir,
- Flood protection works in Mullinahone,
- Town improvement work was completed in Carrick-on-Suir, Mullinahone, Dualla, Drangan, and Cloneen.
- Strengthening work was carried out on 13.5 Kilometres of the road network,
- resurfacing work was carried out on 16.6 kilometres of the network.

Planning permissions for development by the County Council were granted for a public park at Bourke Street in Fethard, and for public realm work at Sean Kelly Square, Carrick-on-Suir. Work on the park at Fethard started towards the end of the year.

The following housing estates were taken in charge by the councillors during the year:

- Manor Close, Carrick-on-Suir
- Manor Gate, Carrick-on-Suir
- Manor View, Carrick-on-Suir
- St Nicolas Park, Carrick-on-Suir
- Cois Coille, Kilcash

In addition the members received reports from each Director of Service in relation to activity in the District, considered 15 notices of motion, and corresponded with the Garda Siochana, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue, The Irish Coast Guard, The Department of Rural Affairs, The South East Patients Group and the The Office of Public Works, relation to matters concerning the Municipal District.



HISTORIC TOWN INITIATIVE, CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Tipperary County Council carried out a Historic Towns Initiative in relation to a number of buildings in Carrick-on-Suir. This involved carrying out inspections and remedial work to fourteen buildings in the Town Centre. The total value of the work was €154,170.68.

This process was financed by the Heritage Council, who contributed €108,000; the owners of the buildings, who contributed €24,170, and Tipperary County Council, who contributed €20,000.

The work was carried out in accordance with the conditions of the grant made by the Heritage Council, and in compliance with relevant circulars including circular 44/2006 "Tax Clearance Procedures, Grants, Subsidies and similar type payments".



ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 66 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

The Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District assisted the following bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

► Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). The Association provides a heritage centre at the Main Street in Carrick on Suir, a community centre in Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir, and is involved in a number of training schemes in the town.

► Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee

A grant of €1,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC). The committee has representatives of the Local Authority, the Business Association and the Development Association. It has prepared a strategic plan for Carrick-on-Suir and is involved in a number of different measures to promote the town.

► Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performed in public without charge on six occasions in 2015.

► Sean Kelly Sports Centre

A grant of €40,000 was made to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

► Community Festivals and Events

A new scheme was introduced in 2018 for community festivals and events. The following events were assisted by the County Council under section 66:

Kickham Country Weekend, Mullinahone:	€2,500
Ireland Newfoundland Gathering Festival,	€2,500
Brewery Lane Writer's Weekend 2018:	€700
Fethard Summer Festival	€2,500
Ballynonty Field Day	€2,500
Haunted Laneways of Carrick-on-Suir	€2,500
Coolmoynes and Moyglass Vintage Club:	€2,500

► Municipal Festivals

A new scheme was introduced in 2018 to assist larger festivals whose impact was wider than the community festivals, and which had the possibility to attract large numbers of visitors to the district. Two festivals were assisted under this heading, the Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day Parade with a grant of €3,000, and the Clancy Festival in Carrick-on-Suir, with a grant of €4,700.



► Tidy Town Committees

Tipperary County Council sought submissions from Tidy Towns associations in relation to their plans for 2015. As a result, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members decided to make eighteen grants as follows:

Rosegreen Tidy Towns Association	€1,000
Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€1,000
Carrick on Suir Business Association	€1,000
Drangan Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000
The Commons Tidy Towns	€1,000
Kilcash	€1,000
Dualla	€1,000
Killenaule Community Enhancement Assoc.	€1,000
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€1,000
Ballinure Tidy Towns	€1,000
Clooneen Tidy Towns	€1,000
Ballinonty Tidy Towns	€1,000
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	€1,000

In addition, the sum of €26,900 was allocated to carry out works in Rosegreen to increase the village's marks in the tidy towns competition.



► Burial Grounds Grants

Grants were made to burial ground committees to assist with the maintenance of burial grounds, as follows:

St. Marys Drangan BG	€600
Magoury Drangan BG	€600
Lismolin BG	€600
Tullamaine Fethard BG	€600
Red City Fethard BG	€800
Killmaclough Fethard BG	€800
Rathcoole Fethard BG	€600
Killaghy Mullinahone BG	€600
Isterkiernan Mullinahone BG	€600
St. Michaels Church BG Mullinahone	€800
Kilvemnon Mullinahone BG	€800
Kilcooley Union Of Parishes Crohane & Kilcooley	€800
Boullick Gortnahoe BG	€600
Rosegreen BG	€600
Kiltinan Fethard BG	€800
Ballinalacken Glengoole BG	€800
Mogorban Parish Church	€600
Ahenny Carrick on Suir BG	€600
Holy Trinity, Fethard	€600
Dualla BG	€800
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir BG	€600
Famine Graveyard (Treacy Park Res Comm)	€600
Modeshill B.G.	€600
Woodehouse B.G.	€800
Ballinure B.G.	€800
Clooneen Old B.G.	€800
Clooneen New B.G.	€800
Ballingarry B.G.	€800



► Community Grants

The County Council invited submissions from clubs and other organisations providing facilities, or engaging in community based projects. Projects assisted included new facilities, Christmas lights, sporting facilities, and so on. Grants were made under the scheme as follows:

Group or Body	Items Assisted	Amount			
Castle Heights Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€750	Tinvane Park Residents Association	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€600
Strylea Residents Association, Fethard	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€1,250	Mullinahone Community Park and Playground	Maintenance	€2,500
Cluain Cregg Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€360	Mullinahone Tidy Towns	Landscaping	€100
Galteemore Kickboxing Club, Fethard	Purchase of sporting equipment	€2,000	Slieveardagh Football Club	Sports Equipment	€1,000
J.W. Productions, Fethard	Production of Marketing Material	€2,000	Cregg Lawns Residents Association	Maintenance of housing estate	€375
Rosegreen Development Association	Upgrade of community centre	€4,000	Slieveardagh Football Club	Sporting Equipment	€1,000
Rosegreen Development Association	Maintenance of Community Centre	€2,000	Cregg Lawns Residents association	Maintenance of housing estate	€375
Dualla Community Association	Maintenance of Community Centre	€2,000	Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club	Creation of riverside park	€3,300
Castlecourt Housing Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Maintenance of housing estate	€1,000	Carrick-on-Suir Boxing Club	Sporting Equipment	€1,000
Ballinarry Sports Centre	Upgrade of centre	€4,000	Ballylynch Residents Association	Maintenance of housing estate	€250
Rosegreen Tidy Towns	Landscaping	€200	CJ Kickham GAA Club, Mullinahone	Maintenance of sports centre	€3,750
Rosegreen GAA	Utilities	€950	Old School House, The Commons	Development of visitor's centre	€1,250
Thomas Walsh, Carrick-on-Suir	Publication of local history book	€1,000	Carrick-on-Suir Athletics Club	Maintenance of sports facilities	€1,750
Glenview Angling Club	Landscaping work on Carrick-on-Suir Blueway	€1,750	Mullinahone Men's Shed	Landscaping	€300
Lois Dubhaile Management committee	Maintenance of housing estate	€350	Grangemockler/Ballyneale Community History Group	Local History Publication	€2,500
Cluain Ard Residents Association	Maintenance of housing estate	€350	Ard Alainn Residents Association	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€750
Kilcash Tidy Towns	Landscaping	€600	Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	Christmas Lights	€10,000
Ravenswood Residents Association	Maintenance of housing estate	€650			
Clairin Residents Association	Maintenance of Housing Estate	€625			



► Tidy Towns Awards

A tidy towns competition was held for those committees in the district which participated in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Prizes were offered in two categories, one for smaller settlements, and the other for larger settlements. Prizes were awarded for the best new entrant and the best improvement in marks awarded. A prize was also awarded for the best performing committee in the Municipal District.

An awards night was held in the Community Centre, Clooneen on the 15 of November, 2018. Awards were made as follows:

Killusty	Most improved, Category A	€500
Ballinonty	Best new entrant, Category A	€500
Rosegreen	Most improved, all other Categories	€500
Carrick-on-Suir	Runner up, All other Categories	€500
Drangan	Overall runner-up, all categories	€500
Cloneen	Best overall result, All Categories	€1,000

► Other Projects

In addition to the schemes outlined, the district councillors allocated €15,000 to a project to improve access to Derrynaflan, €25,000 to a land use study in Carrick-on-Suir, and €13,000 to the development of a public realm design for the village of Dualla.





CASHEL - TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

The Annual Meeting of the Cashel- Tipperary Municipal District was held on 25th June, 2018. Councillor Michael Fitzgerald was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH



From Left:- Cllr. John Crosse, M McGivern, District Administrator, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cllr. Martin Browne, Cllr. Denis Leahy, Cllr. Tom Wood.

CIVIC RECEPTIONS/ WELCOMES/AWARDS

1. St. Joseph's Primary School Choir, Civic Reception on 24th April, 2018
2. Tipperary Vintage Rally Group, Civic Reception on 27th April, 2018
3. Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society, Civic Reception held on 22nd June, 2018.
4. Mr. Pierre-Emmanuel De Bauw, Belgian Ambassador Visit to Tipperary Town on 16th November, 2018.

► St. Joseph's Primary School Choir

On 24th April, 2018, a Civic Reception was awarded to over eighty children from St. Joseph's Primary School Choir. This was in recognition of their success in the Lyric FM National Choirs for Christmas competition. Their song called "Sparklejollytwinkle-jingly" won the competition beating 70 other schools from all over Ireland. It was a huge achievement for the Choir to win.



Second Row from left :- Cllr. Mary Hannah Hourigan, Cllr. John Crosse, Principal Louise Tobin, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Ms Helen Corbert, M. McGivern, District Administrator and Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer together with the Girls from St. Joseph's School Choir.



► Tipperary Vintage Rally Group

On 27th April, 2018, a Civic Reception was awarded to Tipperary Vintage Rally Group. This was in recognition of the voluntary effort of all involved in the rally committee who have fundraised significantly for the benefit of local charities and the community. Some of the charities that have benefited over the years included South Tipperary Hospice movement, Cluain Arann, Irish Heart Foundation and Circle of Friends to mention a few.

The committee members who spoke on the night acknowledged the tremendous assistance and support of a large group of volunteers who help out each year.



Front Row:- from Left:- Cllr. Martin Browne, Cllr. Mary Hannah Hourigan, Jack Leonard (Tipp Vintage), Steve Thornton (Tipp Vintage Rally), Marie McGivern, Mairead Ryan. Middle Row:- from Left:- Mary Ellard, Frances O' Regan, Bridget Breheny, Hannah Madden, Rosie Finnan, Carol Leonard, Phyllis Ryan, Catherine Ryan and Ann Breen. Back Row:- Aidan Finn, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cllr. John Crosse and Cllr. Denis Leahy.

► Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society

On 22nd June, 2018, a Civic Reception was awarded to Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society. This was in recognition of their contribution to promoting tourism in Tipperary. Earlier this year the Society were happy to report the completion of works at Christ the King viewing point in Aherlow. This was part of the sustainable initiative called Get Involved. Aherlow Failte Society are acknowledge for the enormous about of Tourism based work to improve visitors numbers for local providers, (thus increased employment) and they are outdoor and nature based to encourage locals, visitors and families to enjoy the outdoors.



Front Row:- from left:- Mary Fitzpatrick, Nora May Kennedy, Carmel Donovan (Chairperson, Helen Morrissey and Pauline Russell. From Middle Row:- from left Cllr. Martin Brown, Sinead Carr, Director, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Ms. M. McGivern, District Administrator, Cllr. Denis Leahy, Deputy Mattie McGrath. From Back Row:- from left:- Mr. Aidan Finn, District Engineer, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cllr. John Crosse and Superintendent Patrick O' Connor.

► Mr. Pierre-Emmanuel De Bauw, Belgian Ambassador and Jacques Vanhouche, Trade Commissioner, visit to Tipperary Town

On November 16th Cathaoirleach Councillor Michael Fitzgerald welcomed Pierre-Emmanuel De Bauw, Belgian Ambassador, and Belgian Trade Commissioner Jacques Vanhouche to Tipperary with a view to strengthening and developing the excellent relations between Ireland and Belgium.



From Left:- Jacques Vanhouche, Trade Commissioner, Clare Curley, District Director, Pierre-Emmanuel De Bauw, Belgian Ambassador and Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach.

► EU CHARTER

Dr. Niall Gregory was elected to the Presidium of the Charter of European Rural Communities on 16th June in Altes Kloster Hotel, Hainburg. Dr. Niall Gregory is from Cashel, Co. Tipperary. Cashel now has representation at the heart of the Charter. Cashel is the Irish representative town to the Charter, a unique organisation within small rural communities. As a collective of rural communities representing each EU country, the Presidium provides a strong and representative voice for all European citizens.



From Left: Back Row:- Tomas Kuchar, Joachim Kruger, Frank Holle, Niall Gregory, Eucharist Camilleri. Front Row: Boy Scholtz & Zsuzanna Lukacs. (Photo received from Charter of European Rural Communities)

► Cashel EU Group attended Mayors Meeting in Nadur, Malta

On 19th July a delegation from Cashel including Cllr Roger Kennedy attended the EU Charter of Rural Communities at their Annual Meeting in in Nadur, Malta.



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In February 2018, the members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Cashel Tipperary District. This provided for a total expenditure of €6.5m in respect of Housing Maintenance; Road improvements; Street Cleaning; Maintenance of Burial Grounds and Maintenance of Amenity Areas including playgrounds.

The main Programmes which benefited under the funding were:

- Circular Road, Cashel – works have been completed on the Circular Road Pedestrian Walkway, Cashel.
- Roundabout installed at Friar Street / Main Street Junction, Cashel.
- Upgrade of traffic lights at Crosses Corner, Tipperary Town, which included smart lights.
- New Signage (including bi-lingual signs) installed on the approach roads, Cashel.
- Enhancement of Public Realm – Applications for funding under the 2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme - Market Yard Enhancement Tipperary Town and Lowergate Square, Cashel.
- New Library opened in Excel, Tipperary.
- Proposed N24 Davitt Street, Church Street, Tipperary Town Road Improvement.
- Working towards the provision of Pedestrian access to lands at Rear of Courthouse, Cashel.
- The Hills, Tipperary Town – New Entrance installed with set back Roadside Wall.

► Circular Road, Cashel Walkway.



► Circular Road, New Lights installed



► Works on Rosanna Road, Tipperary Town



► **Ladyswell, Cashel Roundabout Installed**

Before Photo



After Photo



► **The Hills, Tipperary Town – New Entrance installed with set back Roadside Wall.**

Before Photo



After Photo



WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY/ ENHANCING TOWNS & VILLAGES

► Tidy Towns Grants

In 2018 the successful grants applicants were:

NAME	Allocation 2018
Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,180.00
An Duiche Residents Association	€1,180.00
Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,180.00
Cappawhite Tidy Towns Associations	€1,180.00
Cashel Tidy Towns	€4,880.00
Churchview Residents Association	€1,180.00
Clonoulty/Rossmore Development	€1,180.00
Crescent Court Residents Association	€1,180.00
Cullen Tidy Towns	€1,180.00
Donohill Tidy Towns Association	€1,180.00
Dundrum Tidy Towns Association	€1,180.00
Emly Tidy Towns	€1,180.00
Golden Tidy Towns	€1,180.00
Kilnamanagh Court	€1,180.00
Kilross Tidy Towns Association	€1,180.00
Lattin Tidy Towns	€1,180.00
Murgasty Hills Residents Association	€1,180.00
Murgasty Residents Association	€1,180.00
Oliver Plunkett Park Residents	€1,180.00
Spafield Family Resource Centre	€1,180.00
Summercove Residents Comm	€1,180.00
The Steeples Residents Association	€1,180.00
Thomastown Tidy Towns	€1,180.00
Tipperary Tidy Towns Committee	€4,880.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	€35,720.00

► Dundrum Tidy Towns

Before Works



After Works



► Golden Tidy Towns

Before Works



After Works



► Murgasty Hills Residents Association

Before Works



After Works



► Burial Ground Grants

In 2018 the successful grants applicants were:

Grant Recipient	Allocation 2018
Annacarty - Kilpatrick BG	€ 2,057.50
Ardmayle Burial Ground	€ 1,130.00
Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€ 1,130.00
Ballintemple Burial Ground	€ 1,085.00
Bansha Burial Ground	€ 1,085.00
Cappawhite Old / New	€ 2,215.00
Cashel Cathedral	€ 1,085.00
Clonbeg Church St. Sednas	€ 860.00
Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher B.G.	€ 2,915.50
Cullen	€ 927.50
Dangan - Dargan Maintenance	€ 927.50
Emly O'd/New Burial Ground Comm.	€ 1,990.00
Hollyford Burial Ground	€ 1,130.00
Kilshane Burial Ground	€ 927.50
lagganstown Burial Committee	€ 927.50
Lattin New Burial Ground Committee	€ 1,130.00
Lattin Old Burial Ground Committee	€ 860.00
Monard Church of Ireland	€ 860.00
Old Donohill Burial Ground Comm	€ 927.50
Shronell Graveyard Committee	€ 860.00
Solohead Burial Ground	€ 1,085.00
St. John the Baptist	€ 860.00
St. Marks Famine Graveyard	€ 860.00
St. Mary's Church of Ireland	€ 860.00
St. Marys Church, Dundrum	€ 860.00
St. Senans Burial Ground	€ 1,130.00
Templenoie Burial Ground	€ 927.50
Toem Burial Gound	€ 860.00
Total	€ 32,473.00



► Tipperary Festival & Events Grants 2018

Grants to the value of €27,144 were awarded to 8 groups across this District for 2018

Applicant	Festival	Proposed Grant
Tipperary Excel Heritage Company Ltd	Remembering 1918 - July 2018	2,500
Zero Waste, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	Zero Waste Festival, Cashel, Co. Tipperary - 22nd April 2018	2,040
Emly Tidy Towns	Celebration of Community Spirit 12-14th July	2,500
Bansha Agricultural & Industrial Show	22nd August 2018	950
Cashel St. Patricks Day Parade	17th March 2018	1,722
Donohill Football Festival	21-22nd July 2018	432
Total		€ 10,144

Municipal Grants

Applicant	Festival	Proposed Grant
Cashel Arts Festival	20-23rd September 2018	12,000
The Tipperary Festival	14th & 15th July 2018	5000
Total		€17,000
Overall Total		€27,144

► Tipperary Excel Heritage Company - Remembering 1918

Tipperary Excel Heritage Festival took place from August 22nd -25th inclusive and consisted of an exhibition/lecture and Town walk.

Photo below at the Remembrance arch (walk & talk at the festival).



► Zero Waste Festival

On Sunday 22nd April 2018, a Zero Waste Festival was held in Cashel. The festival was organised as part of the Zero Waste Cashel Project on April 22nd which is also international Earth Day. The theme in 2018 is 'End Plastic Pollution'. The one day Zero Waste Festival was held in Halla Na Feile, Cashel. There was a number of talks and workshops aimed at helping you manage and reduce your waste and save money at the same time. Workshops included learning how to make your own non toxic household cleaning products and detergents making reusable beeswax cloth wraps, making bath bombs for kids.

Zero Waste Cashel project urged shoppers to leave behind excess plastic packaging in supermarkets. Most of the main supermarkets had containers put out for shoppers to leave behind any plastic packaging they did not need.

There was lots of positive feedback from attendees to this new, first time event to take place in Cashel.

Photo below from the Zero Waste Festival.



From Left:- June Moloney, Sr. Mary Walsh, Josephine Quinn & Derry O' Donnell.

► Emly Tidy Towns - Celebration of Community Spirit 12-14th July.

The Spirit of the Community Emly festival took place from July 10th to 15th and was packed with family entertainment, music and local cultural events. The whole idea behind the Spirit of the Community Festival is that Emly Tidy Towns is celebrating 30 years in operation this year and the National Tidy Towns is 60 years in operation. It was decided to have a festival to mark this occasion but they also wanted the whole community involved as they have been with the Tidy Towns down through the years. All the clubs the schools and businesses are involved in the organising and running of different events. The highlights of the festival included a beautiful floral display in St. Ailbe's church that was created by all the local and surrounding church florists.

► Volunteers and participants of the Emly Spirit of the Community Festival at the official launch in St. Ailbe's Church car park.



► Bansha Agricultural & Industrial Show

Bansha Agricultural & Industrial Show held its 62nd Show in the village of Bansha in August 2018. This is an Agricultural & Industrial Show with a variety of exhibits from Cattle, Ponies, Horses, Sheep, Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables, Home Crafts, Agriculture Vehicles as well as Fancy Dress Competitions for the children and a Dog Show.

Photo below from the Bansha Show



► Cashel St. Patrick's Parade

Cashel St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Saturday 17th March, it appealed to everyone both young and old and made it a great family day out.



► Donohill Football Festival

Donohill Football Festival took place on Friday 3rd August in Donohill Soccer field, Co. Tipperary. This festival appealed to Locals, visitors, sports followers, soccer fans and parents of local children. This festival created a great atmosphere around the village.



► Cashel Arts Festival

Cashel Arts Festival opened on 1st September, 2018 at the Rock of Cashel and launched its brochure in the medieval surrounds of the Vicars Choral. The Arts Festival celebrates the richness of art, crafts music and theatre that add light to our lives and homes. The festival took place on 20th - 23rd September which included inaugural Taste of Cashel, craft demonstrations, culture night, music, workshops, street theatre, film, visual arts and a host of other events. Sponsors of the event included the Arts Council, local business, Tipperary County Council and others.

Cashel Arts Festival Cultural Night



The Light the Lanterns at Cultural Night.



► The Tipperary Festival

Tipperary Town “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary Festival” took place on the 13th and 14th July, 2018. The events included, the Pride of Tipperary crowning, the All Ireland Churn Rolling Championships, a food & craft market, dog show and street entertainment.

Picture below from the Festival



► CASHEL TIDY TOWNS

Keeping Cashel Clean

Cashel Tidy Towns Group were joined by members of Cashel Rock Pedallers Cycling Club in June sweeping and weeding the Camas Road, used by many tourists to walk into town from the Rock or to visit the Hore Abbey.



► Donation to Cashel Tidy Towns

Cashel Tidy Towns received a donation of gloves and bags from Derek Fanning of Tipperary Volunteer Centre. Pictured below are Cashel Tidy Towns Volunteers and Derek Fanning.



► Knockanrawley Resource Centre – Organic Garden celebrate their 20th Anniversary.



On Saturday 30th June Knockanrawley Resource Centre celebrated the 20th Anniversary of its Organic Garden. The highlights of the events included the opening of the new wildlife pond. There was a talk from the Hogsprickles Animal Rescue and an opportunity for all to visit the beautiful garden, tunnels and see the many plants, herbs and vegetables. opened it’s new wildlife pond.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

▶ TIPPERARY TOWN ENTERPRISE TOWN

Community Sports & Culture Expo.

A Business Community and Sports Expo was held in the Cannon Hayes Sports Centre on Friday 25th May 2018. The evening included showcasing the best of Tipperary Town and Local Business.

The day saw a busy schedule of presentations, business talks and hurling master class for kids with Mick Ryan Tipperary Manager, John Kiely Limerick Manager and celebrity Daithi O' Shea.

Picture below from the Business Community and Sports Expo



Vintage Rally Tipperary Town

On 1st of April, the Vintage Rally celebrated their 10th Annual Event. The Rally took place on the grounds of Tipperary Town Plaza and the highlights of the event included; an off-road event for bikers, a Trip Through Tipp run and presentations back at the plaza in the evening. It was a great family event with many stalls and attractions including a dog show.

Highlights of the Event below.



► **RAPID**

All Ireland Community and Council Awards

Tipperary Town project “Let’s Able not Label” won a Silver Award at the All Ireland Community and Council Awards at a ceremony in Dublin on 3rd February. This project was supported by the Area Implementation Team and was delivered by the HSE Disability Services Gold Star, the Transition Year Students and TY Coordinators of St Ailbe’s, St Anne’s and the Abbey CBS in Tipperary Town, L.I.T. and members of the South Tipperary Disability Forum in developing a Disability Awareness Program for incoming first years to secondary schools within Tipperary Town.

Pictured below from the award ceremony.



From Left:- Carol Moore Hse, Cllr. Phyl Bulger, Cathaoirelach, Tipperary County Council, Sinead Carr, Director of Services, Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer, Tipperary County Council and Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Tipperary County Council

► **ENVIRONMENT**

BULKY GOODS

In April 2018 Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District carried out a collection of bulky waste goods from householders in Tipperary Town



From Left:- Gerry Sutton, General Operative and Jimmy Glasheen, General Operative





► **ZERO WASTE PROJECT**

CASHEL TOWN

Cashel continues its bid to become Ireland’s first “zero waste” community in Ireland following in the footsteps of over 200 towns and cities worldwide including San Francisco. VOICE, an environmental charity specialising in waste and the circular economy joined forces with the Southern Regional Waste Management Office (SRWMO) to commence a “towards zero waste” pilot in Cashel. Mr. Derry O’ Donnell was appointed as the project manager and is based on Main Street, Cashel.

Amneal Pharmaceuticals in Cashel have switched from using disposable non-recyclable, non-compostable coffee cups to using compostable coffee cups. Amneal are supportive of the Zero Waste Cashel project and will continue to use their reusable delf and cutlery. They have recently donated some used plastic barrels for use by the Cashel Men’s Shed to make compost tumblers. Zero Waste Cashel will continue to promote reusable cups as a first preference for takeaway teas and coffees. Many cafes in Cashel currently offer discount when you bring your own cup.

Photo below at Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Cashel



► **Launch of new Zero Waste Map in conjunction with Cashel Tidy Towns**

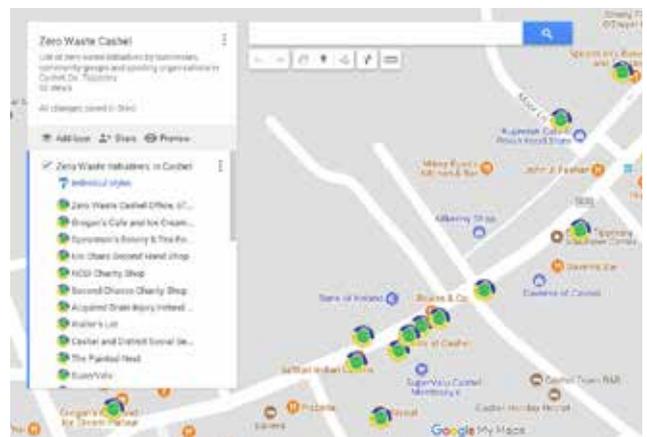
An online interactive Zero Waste Map of Cashel was launched in February 2018 as part of the Zero Waste Cashel initiative. The new map allows users to view the various zero waste initiatives being implemented by businesses and other organisations in Cashel. This is a free initiative for businesses and community groups to take part in.

Pictured at the Launch of the Zero Waste Map of Cashel



From Left:- Cliff Cope, Cashel Tidy Towns, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cashel Tipperary MD, Paddy Downey, Cashel Tidy Towns, Sr. Mary Walsh, Spafield Family Resource Centre, Jean O’ Dwyer, Cashel Tidy Towns, Derry O’ Donnell, Zero Waste Cashel and Cllr. Martin Browne.

Zero Waste Map of Cashel



▶ Young Environmentalists Awards

Transition Year Students from St. Anne's Secondary School have qualified for the national final of the ECO-UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards. The team of St. Anne's Transition Years recently travelled to the semi-final stage of the competition at the Munster ECO-Den. Their project was titled BEE A Hero. The ECO-UNESCO Young Environmentalist Award is Ireland's biggest All-island celebration of youth Eco-Action. The Bee A Hero project was created by the St. Anne's TY Students to raise awareness about bees and educate people on how and why we should protect our bees. The girls have received €750 in funding to promote Bee habitats in the area. With guidance from Albert Nolan, this funding will be used to plant a large area in The Tipperary Hills. This project will be completed in association with Tipperary County Council.

The Photo Below shows the St. Anne's Secondary School Pupils planting bee friendly plants in the Tipperary Hills. This was achieved with the money they were awarded at The Den for their Young Social Innovators project.



St. Anne's Secondary School pupils: Klaudia Sokol, Teacher Ms. Rose O' Connor Ryan, Leah Cremins, Caoimhe Carey, Sarah Vaughan and Amy Kuss.

▶ Rock of Cashel new floodlighting system

A new Floodlighting system has been implemented at the Rock of Cashel. The LED spot lighting has the ability to illuminate the Rock in different colours for seasonal and special occasions – such as green for St. Patrick's Day, yellow for Darkness into Light occasions and pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Photos Below of the Rock lit up pink and green for St. Patrick's Day and for Breast Cancer Research.



► St. Patrick Day Parade, Cashel Town/Tipperary Town

Cashel St. Patrick's Day

'ACTIVATE' was this year's theme for Cashel St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was held on Saturday the 17th of March.

The Parade is the town's biggest free showcase for community, cultural and sporting groups, it's an ideal event for organisations to show just how active they are in the town.

Below is a selection of images from the parade.



► Tipperary Town

St. Patricks Day Parade 2018 in Tipperary Town was a great success. The parade made it's way from O' Connell Road, down O' Brien Street, and up the Main Street to the reviewing stand. The Grand Marshal was Tipperary Captain of Ladies All Ireland Intermediate Football Mairéad Morrissey, who's team brought home the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup.

Below is a selection of images from the parade.



► **Streetscape/Shop Front Enhancement Scheme 2018**

The Streetscape/Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners / occupiers of properties situate in the Primary Retail Areas of Cashel and Tipperary Town to improve the streetscape through:

1. Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage (with an emphasis on hand painted signage,
2. Painting and general improvements to existing shop frontages,
3. Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets etc or other environmental improvements.

In Tipperary Town, 23 applicants availed of the Scheme.

► **No. 8 East Main Street, Tipperary Town.**

Before Works



After Works



In Cashel Town, 28 applicants availed of the Scheme.

► **No. 11 Bank Place, Cashel**

Before Works



After Works



► **No. 97 Main Street**

Before Works



After Works



HERITAGE

► Town Centre Forums

Some initiatives under taken were.

- Artistic feature for Cashel Approach Road.

Cashel Tidy Towns installed, with the assistance of grant aid from the Municipal District, a sculptured figure of St. Patrick baptising St. Aengusa on the Old Dublin Road, Cashel. The sculpture was installed by local Holycross based sculptor Philip Quinn of Stonemad. Picture below by Cliff Cope, Cashel Tidy Towns.

Before Photo



After Photo



B) A mural was commissioned by the Municipal District at the council playground beside the Canon Hayes Recreation and completed by Mr. Neil O' Dwyer, the mural has been warmly welcomed by visitors to the playground.

Before Photo



After Photo



► RÁS

Tipperary Town hosted a Stage Finish of the Rás Tailteann in May 2018.

There were two Tipperary teams in this years Ras – Collins Cycle Centre and Panduit (Pan-Jewit) Carrick Wheelers.

Tipp Town's Simon Ryan crossed the finish line on stage 2 of this year's Ras in fourth place overall in the stage but first of the 'county' riders.



► Twinning

Cathaoirleach Welcomes Visitors from Tipperary's Twin Town of Mautern Austria

On Monday 4th June 2018 Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald along with Tipperary Town Twinning Committee were delighted to welcome a delegation from Mautern Austria.

The Cathaoirleach presented them with small keepsakes. During the few days the visitors spent time at the Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle, Swiss Cottage and Tipperary Hill. There was much discussion of ideas and possible opportunities for student exchange into the future.



► Tipperary Library at the Excel Centre

Official Opening

A new library for Tipperary Town located in the Tipperary Excel Centre was officially opened on May 28th. This Library is the first in County Tipperary to provide new technology solutions to the public. These include the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification which will replace barcode technology on book stock and allow Library users to check out their own books. In addition, new services such as Wi-Fi printing from a phone or tablet, remote printing from home and access to a new suite of public PCs have been introduced. Many of these new services will be accessed by a new Self-Services Kiosk which utilises cutting-edge touch screen technology as a point of access for the user.

The Library has also invested heavily in a brand new book stock for the Library with a particular emphasis on Children's stock.

This new Library in Tipperary Town embraces the modern concept of what a library should be which is a high quality community space where all are welcome.



From Left:- Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Phyl Bugler, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive.



► Tipperary Town Swimming Pool

The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool is a Council run facility in Tipperary Town which adjoins the Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. The pool is open to the public from 10am to 9.45pm Monday to Friday and from 10am to 6.45pm on Saturday and Sunday. It offers swimming lessons to adults and children on a group basis, one to one classes and 2 to one classes. The Pool Management have over recent years in conjunction with the Tipperary Energy Agency in 2018 undertaken a range of cost saving measures in the energy efficiency area. The pool agreed a joint membership with the Canon Hayes Recreation Facility, members can enjoy both facilities under one membership for a cost of €499. 2018 was a busy year with 69,178 visitors to the pool.

Pictured below at the Lifeguard Continues Professional Development Training



From Left:- Niall Fitzgerald and Maurice Mulhair

Picture below from Tipperary Wheelers Triathlon Club

Tipperary Wheelers are a Triathlon Club based in Tipperary Town. This Group use the Tipperary Swimming Pool from October to April each year. This group consists of a fully qualified triathlon Ireland coach and between 20 to 25 swimming members.



► County Tipperary Retail Symposium

On 7th March 2018 Tipperary County Council organised a Retail Symposium held in Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick junction. This event was an afternoon of talks, workshops, and networking dedicated to promoting innovation in retail in County Tipperary. This event was essential for Tipperary retailers featuring presentations from an expert body of speakers, all focused on providing practical and thought provoking ideas to support their retail business. National retail experts were on hand to give their expertise to owners/operators of stores, including Conor Pope, Consumer Affairs Correspondent, Irish Times; David Fitzsimons, Retail Excellence; Rachel Doyle Arboretum; Mary AcAuliffe, Creative Consultant and Edel Garavan of Irish Web HQ and the “#c'montippbuylocal” campaign.

Pictured below at the Retail Symposium



From Left:- Clare Curley, Director of Services Tipperary Co Co, Roger Kennedy, Leas Cathaoirleach, Tipperary Co Co., Rachel Doyle, the Arboretum, David Fitzsimons, Retail Excellence Ireland and Marie McGivern, District Administrator Cashel- Tipperary, MD.

► Recreation Facilities at Christ the King, Tipperary

As part of the sustainable communities initiative called Get Involved, The Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society completed works at the Christ the King viewing point. Get Involved, was developed by 51 local newspapers throughout Ireland and is the sustainable communities initiative that is a way for local communities all over Ireland to work together to improve their own lives, create jobs, and protect the environment.

Many locals and tourists will enjoy the new improvements at Christ the King viewing point. The works included: resurfacing all the paths, relocating signs by the statue, installing five picnic tables, removing trees that obscured the view across to the Galtees and installing five new seats at the higher bank that will be wheelchair accessible. The works also included re-pointing the stonewall, installing a fairy door in the Nature Park and repairing/replacing the hand-rail and bridge down by the Steps.



Photo above of one of the new picnic tables overlooking the Glen of Aherlow Aherlow Failte's Chairperson Carmel Donovan & Helen Morrissey.



► Developing Cashel As Destination Town In Ireland Ancient East

Destination Town – Cashel

Cashel has been selected as a pilot Destination Town in Ireland's Ancient East by Failte Ireland's new key strategic initiative, Destination Towns.

Create a three-year development plan to stimulate growth in revenue and visitor numbers in Cashel.

Work with Rock of Cashel and the Town to agree a plan to distribute visitors numbers through town and county.

Drive the evening economy through compelling evening hospitality, entertainment options and longer opening hours at the Rock of Cashel.

Increase dwell time and growth in bed nights to allow for increased economic benefits to the local economy through evening events and links with food and drink producers.

Outcome; the movement of high numbers of short stay visitors from the Rock of Cashel to Cashel town to avail of visitor experiences that compel them to spend longer in the town and the wider 20km radius surrounding the town.

Eye-Catching Rock Of Cashel Advertisements In Spain

Millions of commuters in Madrid and Barcelona are seeing eye-catching adverts for the Rock of Cashel from July 2018.

Tourism Ireland has teamed up with Logitravel one of the largest online travel agents in Spain for a joint promotional campaign to raise awareness of Ireland as a fantastic holiday destination and to drive sales of Logitravel packages and coach tours from Spain over the coming months. The campaign highlights iconic attractions like the Rock of Cashel, Cliffs of Moher and Kilkenny Castle. The campaign includes billboard adverts in metro stations in Madrid and Barcelona. TV. adverts on national stations, on-line adverts on popular travel, news and lifestyle websites.

Rock Of Cashel The Star Of New Aussie Tourism Campaign

Potential Australian tourists are being attracted to Ireland with beautiful scenes of the Rock of Cashel, in a new advertising campaign. International airline Cathay Pacific will launch a new flight route from Hong Kong to Dublin in June, with the Rock of Cashel playing a central part of its marketing campaign.

Some 20,000 readers of Bell Europa magazine in Italy have been reading all about the Rock of Cashel and Ireland's Ancient East. A recent edition of Bell Europa, a glossy travel magazine, included a special supplement dedicated entirely to Ireland – with ten pages all about Ireland's Ancient East. This coverage is a great way of showcasing Cashel and Ireland Ancient East to a wide audience of potential Italian visitors helping us to spread the word about what makes a holiday in Ireland so memorable.

Cormac's Chapel

Following an extensive conservation project the Office of Public Works welcomed the official re-opening of Cormac's Chapel, in July. Cormac's chapel is an Irish Romanesque style building which forms part of the Rock of Cashel. The Chapel is now safe from the effects of rainwater which can no longer leak into the building and the walls have been allowed to progressively dry out, revealing the wonderful remnants of the medieval wall paintings inside.

Pictured below at the official re-opening event.



From left:- Elaine Moriarty, Head Guide of Rock of Cashel, Michael McDonagh, Chief State Archeologist, Michele O' Dea, OPW, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cathaoirleach, Marie McGivern, District Administrator, John McMahon, OPW Commissioner, Aighleann O' Shaughnessy, former Chief Architect, Rock of Cashel, Dr. Ann Lynch, National Monuments Service.



► Cashel Tipperary Municipal District Retirements 2018

- **Ned Lyons**, General Operative, Bansha Area, with Cashel- Tipperary Municipal District, retired from Tipperary County Council in May 2018 after nineteen years of service.
- **Billy Quinn**, Burial Ground Caretaker, St. Michael's Cemetery, Tipperary Town with Cashel- Tipperary Municipal District, retired from Tipperary County Council in May 2018 after forty one years of service.
- **Joe Forrester**, Driver, Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District, retired from Tipperary county Council in June 2018 after twenty nine years of service.
- **Noel Flavin**, Driver, Cashel Tipperary Municipal District. Retired from Tipperary County Council in November 2018 after Forty Four years of service.



We wish Ned, Billy, Joe, Noel good health and happiness in their retirements.



The following presentations were made to them by Francis Fitzgerald, Town Foreman.

Billy Quinn



From Back:- Gary Moroney, Tony Delaney.
From Front:- Billy Quinn and Francis Fitzgerald.

Joe Forrester



From Left:- Back Row:- Noel Flavin, Brian Ahearn, Francis Fitzgerald, Billy Quinn, Bernie O' Brien, John Frewen, Gerry Sutton,
From Left:- Middle Row:- Peter Lyons, Paddy Clarke, Eamonn Crowe, Joe McGrath, Mikie Morey, Jimmy Glasheen, Richie Burke.
From Left:- Front Row:- Pat Noonan, Tony Delaney, Ger Kiely, Pat Ryan, Joe Forrester, Chrissie Forrester and Timmy Hanley.

Noel Flavin Retirement



From Left :- Back Row:- Pat Ryan, Joe McGrath, Gerry Kiely, Liam Burke, Billy Quinn, Francis Fitzgerald, Joe Forrester. Middle Row:- from left:- Sean Barron, Eamonn Crowe, Gerry Sutton, Noel Flavin, Bernie O' Brien, Timmy Hanley. From Front Row:- from left:- Pat Noonan, Pat English, Paddy Clarke, Tony Delaney and Jimmy Glasheen.



► Extreme Weather For County Tipperary

STORM EMMA & the 'Beast from the East'

End February 2018 Storm Emma which become known as the Beast from the East created extreme weather conditions for County Tipperary.



HEAT WAVE TIPPERARY TOWN



From Left:- Ger Kiely, Town Gardener and Pat English, General Operative. Early morning watering flowers during the very hot summer.

► George Tate & Leo Varadkar



Pictured George presenting An Taoiseach with a pen that he made.

Mr. George Tate was the Cashel Tipperary Municipal District representative at a reception in Dublin Castle on April 17th 2018 hosted by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar thanking those involved in Storm Emma and Hurricane Orphelia.

► Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards 2018

On Wed 28th November in Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny, Cashel won a Regional Award (Plaque & €3,000) in the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards 2018.

Adjudication day which was held on the 11th September last in Bru Boru, Cashel, saw all stakeholders ie Chamber of Commerce, Local Entrepreneurs; Community Groups & Tipperary County Council come together to showcase the spirit of enterprise in the Town and its Environs.

At the Awards, special mention was made of Cashel unique heritage offering which includes The Rock of Cashel and also the fact that Cashel is moving towards a cleaner, greener future as it works towards becoming Ireland's first Zero Waste Town.



Left to Right: Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, Ms. M. McGivern, District Administrator, Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District, Mr. Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Finance, Cllr Michael FitzGerald, Cathaoirleach Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District, Cllr Mattie Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council.



Left to Right: Mr. Liam Sheedy, Bank of Ireland, Cllr Michael FitzGerald, Cathaoirleach, Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District, Ms. M. McGivern, District Administrator, Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District, Mr. Martin Lynch, President, Cashel Chamber of Commerce.



► Cashel Town Centre Health Check

In 2016, Cashel was selected by the Heritage Council as one of ten towns in Ireland for the National Town Centre Health Check (TCHC) training programme. This innovative national ‘Towns’ capacity building programme is designed by, and for, local authorities, town centre businesses and local citizens/ community groups, with close mentoring support from government departments, agencies (particularly the Heritage Council of Ireland), professional practitioners (town planners / architects) and academics who are experienced in town centre revitalisation; urban design; and planning, heritage and environmental management in Ireland and elsewhere.

A key aim of this pilot TCHC training programme is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the critical role that our historic town centres play and the wide-ranging impacts that their viability, vibrancy and vitality have on their overall socio-economic, environmental and cultural growth and development. It is envisaged that this “pilot” training programme will be recognised internationally as a best practice collaborative model for town centre management and revitalisation.

The work of the project was undertaken by a small number of volunteers, the staff of the Council a former staff member of LIT who provided input on behalf of LIT, some specialist providers from LIT and the Tipperary Volunteer Centre and Staff. A number of TY students from the local schools were also recruited to assist with the footfall survey.

The overall programme of work which was identified was as follows; Identification of Town Centre Boundary, Background and context, Land Use, Parking provision, Shopper survey, Retailer survey, Noise survey, Accessibility, Footfall survey, Environmental quality, Crime figures, Traffic flow survey, Property values and a Final Report.

► IPB Pride of Place Award 2018

The Village of Donohill played host in August to the judging panel for the prestigious IPB ‘Pride of Place’ competition. Pride of Place, which is run by Co-operation Ireland in conjunction with local authorities, is an all island competition which allows entrants to showcase the excellent work which is carried out in order to make local communities a better place to live. Everybody was welcomed to the Pride of Place event which started at 2.30 p.m. in Donohill Village on 3rd August and there was a Play Day event at the playground for under 12s. For the older members of the community, a soccer match was held at the community complex.

► Donohill Community Committee, pictured before the judging.



► Mural in Glenview Square, Tipperary

The members of Youth Work Ireland Tipperary created a large mural with a global message, in Glenview Square, Tipperary Town. They are exploring the many issues in today’s world including: poverty, homelessness and child labour and for the first project they focused on climate change.

Pictured below Youth Work Ireland Tipperary group with residents of Glen view Square.



CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT



Councillor Richie Molloy was elected Mayor and Councillor Martin Lonergan was elected Deputy Mayor for the District for 2018/2019.



CIVIC RECEPTION

Clonmel Borough District accorded a Civic Reception on 5th October, 2018 to the Paediatric Unit, South Tipperary General Hospital, in recognition of their 20 years of dedication and commitment to the service.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A significant contribution continued to be made by Tipperary County Council to social and cultural life at local level, through support for a variety of groups, organisations and events in 2018.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Under the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2018 support was provided for a wide range of festivals and events.

This included funding for the Junction Festival under the premier festival category. Other major festivals supported were Clonmel Busking Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Halloween Festival and Christmas in Clonmel Festival.

In addition to existing groups new festivals and events that received council support under the municipal category included the Knockmealdown Rhododendron Walking Festival, Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival, Clonmel Applefest and the Macra na Feirme National Conference.



► Clonmel Junction Festival 2018

The Clonmel Junction Festival took place from 2nd to 8th July and presented a packed programme of events over seven days in Clonmel. The Festival, according to the organisers, is worth €550,000 to the local economy. This year's programme was developed to reflect the wealth of emerging talent from or connected to the town. The festival also presented the best of national theatre, music, circus and visual art. 2018 saw a return to working with schools and community groups in the participation strand, which aimed to encourage young people to engage with the arts, with the festival and with the theme of the River Suir. This initiative proved a great success and free workshops with experienced professional artists were offered to many groups.

This year's festival had over 30 home-grown heroes perform which assisted in attracting sponsors to the Festival for 2018. Other highlights included the Camida Street Party and the Family Fun Day at Denis Burke Park which built on the success of the previous year. They drew big lunchtime and weekend crowds and brought people out into the sunshine for free entertainment and interactive activities for all ages.

► Clonmel Busking Festival



Clonmel Busking Festival, in its 9th year, kicked off on the 9th August and attracted a wide variety of events, performances and competitions up to the 12th August. Launch night in Minella was a great success bringing many young local performances out in front of a large audience. Friday saw the introduction of the Kids' Street Carnival on Mitchell Street. The Bulmers' Busking Competition on the streets of Clonmel on Saturday was a great hit with over 200 performers taking to the streets.

The much loved festival for families attracted over 6,000 people to Denis Burke Park on the Sunday and brought the 4-day event to a successful close. The attendance figures for all the events over the weekend increased on the previous year and the festival is growing in popularity with visitors and locals alike. Clonmel and its nightlife also came alive with the sound of music resonating from pubs and other venues over the weekend.





► Halloween Festival Clonmel

Myths and Monsters was the theme of this year's Halloween Festival in Clonmel. Large crowds of children and families arrived at Gordon Street Car Park prior to the parade where there were many activities, dance and music performances with a Halloween theme. The costume parade commenced at 7pm on a route through O'Connell Street, Gladstone Street and into Mary Street Car Park with the grand finale in Gordon Street Car Park. Local band Pearly Whites performed live music for a further hour. An additional attraction this year was the conversion of the White Memorial Theatre to a haunted house. There were many more performers, musical groups and community organisations who contributed to the event which was coordinated by Cliona Maher at South Tipperary Arts Centre and supported by Council staff, Civil Defence and a number of volunteers.



► Christmas In Clonmel Festival 2018

The Christmas in Clonmel Festival 2018 involved a comprehensive programme with a wide range of activities and events throughout the town. Santa arrived on his sleigh on the first weekend in December to meet all the children and to turn on the Christmas lights. There was a variety of sideline activities coordinated by Clonmel Borough District, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Museum and Library staff with support from other event and festival groups in the town.

Other initiatives and Christmas events over the following weekends included the Christmas market stalls, train rides, kids Christmas carnival, sensory Santa's grotto, winter songs at the Main Guard and various Christmas workshops organised by museum staff and South Tipperary Arts Centre. Clonmel Borough District provided free car parking at a number of locations each Saturday in December

A comprehensive programme was scheduled to ensure a variety of events took place each weekend in December which were promoted and advertised through various media and supported by Clonmel Town Centre Forum and County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce.

► St Patrick's Day Parade

Brendan Nyhan, President of Clonmel Rotary Club, was honoured with the Grand Marshall title for the day. Clonmel Rotary Club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary, showcased itself and the tremendous work the club members have done to make a positive impact on the town of Clonmel and the wider community. Since its foundation in 1968 it has built up a strong presence in the community working in partnership with other local organisations and it is as strong and vibrant now as it was at its inception. Many of the connecting community groups joined with Rotary in this year's St Patrick's Day parade.

In addition to Rotary, the Clonmel Bianconi Twinning Committee again organised the morning parade from the Town Hall to St. Mary's Church. This year Clonmel was delighted to have visitors from the twinned towns of Esyines, Costa Masnaga and Reading. The main parade led by Banna Chluain Meala included many sporting, community, voluntary, dance and activity groups.





SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2018 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District.



Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2018 were:

- Surface dressing works were carried out at Castlekeale, Killinure, Knockinrichard, Moloughnewtown, Moloughnewtown, Kilmolash Upper, Curraghacloyne, Caves Road, Woodlock's Cross to Garryroan, Ballynamona/Garryclogher & Rossrehill/Monroe.
- Road strengthening works were carried out at Ballinamult Road to Aughavanlomaun, Rossmore Creggane, Newcastle to Knocklofty, Garrancasey to Greenmount, Ballindoney West, Ballyhohan, Clashavougha, Curraghcloney, Magherareagh, Rathkeevin, Carrigwillim, Ballyvaughan, Ballyclerihan Village Loughkent, Poulmucka to Ballyclerihan, Mylerstown to Kileenabutler Killardry Ballygordeen, Tankardstown, Ballingearry, Garryclogher to Monroe, Araglen, Garrymore, Ballywilliam, Ballyboy West and Kiltankin.
- Footpath replacement and drainage works were carried out across the district.



- Community Involvement Schemes were completed at Croughkeal, Ballygarrane, Killaidamee, Burncourt, Newcastle, Araglen, Ardfinnan & Kilcoran.
- Flood relief works were carried out at Ballinahalla in Clogheen & The Mill Race, Cahir
- Bridge rehabilitation works were carried out on Newcastle Bridge, Glengarra Bridge & Loughlins Bridge. Ardfinnan Bridge received planning consent to allow repairs in 2019.
- Road resurfacing works were carried out on the Powerstown, Bernadette Terrace, Old Bridge, Glenview Close, Toberaheena Roundabout, Cherrymount Estate, Davis Road, Ard na Greine, Upper Haywood Road, Bull Ring at Ard na Greine & Toberaheena approach roads.
- The Blueway Project saw the completion of enhancement works in Kilsheelan and additional funding was allocated in 2018 for signage and further enhancement works in 2019.
- An extension of St Patrick's Cemetery was completed, providing additional grave units and a new car park. The new arrangements regarding vehicular access to the cemetery were put in place in October when works on the new cemetery car park and entrance off St Patrick's Road was completed and opened to the public.
- Suir Island Amenity Plan has now advanced through to initial design stage and a master plan was presented in 2018.
- Construction of a new public convenience facility in Cahir town was completed in 2018.
- Suir Island Car Park was completed in December 2018 and now provides 260 additional car parking spaces in Clonmel.
- Village enhancement works were carried out in New Inn and Grange in 2018.
- A Roundabout Upgrade Sponsorship Programme was completed at Toberaheena, Moangarriff, Burgargery and Carrigeen roundabouts.
- New approach signage was erected across Clonmel at approaches to the town and various mini roundabouts were upgraded including those at Pollards, Dunganvarn Road & Loretto School.
- Local Improvement Scheme works were carried out in Mortelstown, Graigue, Kilaballyboy, Priesttown, Croughta and Ballyvaughan



Suir Island Car Park, Clonmel



Suir Blueway at Kilsheelan



Festivals & Events allocated funding under the 2018 Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme in the Clonmel Borough District included the following:

Premier Category:

Clonmel Junction Festival	€30,000
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Municipal Category:

Clonmel Busking Festival	€15,000
Knockmealdown Rhododendron Walking Festival	€5,000
Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	€2,500
Illustrating Tipperary/South Tipperary Arts Centre	€ 2,500
Clonmel Applefest	€ 2,000
Macra na Feirme National Conference	€10,000

Community Category:

Burncourt Community Council	€ 1,000
Clonmel Choral Festival	€ 1,000
Duhill Community Council	€ 500
Cahir Social and Historical Society	€ 1,500
Cahir Trad Fest	€ 1,000
FEI Hillwalking Challenge	€ 500
Trad Youth Orchestra	€ 1,000
St Patrick's Festival Cahir	€ 2,500
South Tipperary Mental Health Consumer Panel	€1,000
Nest Space	€450
Vee Rovers Football Club	€ 350
Clonmel Honey Show	€ 500
Clogheen Homecoming Festival	€ 800
Cuan Saor Music Festival	€ 800
Kilsheelan (KPLAN) Community Centre	€600
New Inn Festival	€500
All Breed International Dog Show	€500
Clonmel Vintage Weekend	€500
Cahir Development Association – Festival of Cahir	€1,000
Clonmel Bridge Centre	€500
Friends of Bridgewater House	€500
Band Spectacular – Clonmel Rotary	€730
Cannonball Run & National Town Awards	€500
Cahir Women's History Group	€500
Ardfinnan Community Council	€600



► Amenity/Burial Ground Grants

Other funding provided to organisations and voluntary groups include amenity grants totalling €10,282 allocated to 27 applicants and €35,334 allocated to 48 burial grounds.



► Tidy Town Grants

No.	Name of Committee	Grant Awarded
1	Ardfinnan Tidy Town	€4,755
2	Ballyporeen Tidy Town	€600
3	Cahir Tidy Town	€5,000
4	Clogheen Tidy Town	€1,600
5	Clonmel Tidy Town	€2,750
6	Grange Tidy Town	€1,520
7	Kilsheelan Tidy Town	€7,250
8	Marlfield Tidy Town	€2,150
9	New Inn Tidy Town	€1,750
10	Newcastle Tidy Town	€2,250
11	Lisronagh Tidy Town	€1,000
12	Ballylooby Hall Committee	€1,400
Total Grants Awarded		€32,025



Clonmel Tidy Towns - Winner of the National Pollinator Award 2018



► Burial Ground Grants

Burial Ground Committee	Grant Awarded
1 Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€904
2 Ballybacon Lady's Abbey and Tullaghmellan	€764
3 Ballydrennan Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
4 Burncourt Community Council	€764
5 Burntchurch Burial Ground Committee	€704
6 Cahir Abbey Burial Ground and Old Church Street Burial Ground Committee	€704
7 Cahir New Burial Ground Committee	€904
8 Cahir Social and Historical Society	€704
9 New Inn Burial Ground Committee	€704
10 Ballybacon Lady's Abbey and Tullaghmellan	€704
11 Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€764
12 Duhill Burial Ground Committee	€874
13 Grange New Cemetary	€904
14 Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€764
15 Kilcommon Cemetery Cahir	€704
16 Friends Of Killaloan Burial Ground	€874
17 Knockgraffon Burial Ground Committee	€764
18 Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€704
19 Ballybacon Lady's Abbey and Tullaghmellan	€704
20 Old Lisronagh Burial Ground Committee	€704
21 Loughkent Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€764
22 Loughloher Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
23 Marfield Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704

Burial Ground Committee	Grant Awarded
24 Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€704
25 New Chapel Burial Ground	€874
26 Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€764
27 Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€904
28 Cahir Abbey Burial Ground and Old Church Street Burial Ground Committee	€764
29 Old Kilsheelan Burial Ground	€764
30 Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€704
31 Rathronan Burial Ground Committee	€874
32 Rathronan Burial Ground Committee	€764
33 Rathronan Burial Ground Committee	€764
34 Rochestown Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€704
35 Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€904
36 St Mary's Churchyard Clonmel	€704
37 Old Bridge Community Association	€874
38 St Paul's Churchyard Cahir	€704
39 Templetney Graveyard Committee	€764
40 Tubrid Burial Ground	€704
41 Tullameehan Churchyard Newcastle	€764
42 Whitechurch Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€764
43 Outrath Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€764
44 Tubrid Burial Ground	€704
45 Clerihan New Graveyard Maintenance Committee	€804
46 Clerihan Old New Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€804
Total Grant	€35,334



► Amenity Grants

No.	Name of Residents Association	Grant Awarded
1	Marlfield Village	€400
2	Ard Na Sidhe	€400
3	Fán Aoibhinn Dromainn	€400
4	Tivoli Heights	€400
5	Ard Caoin	€400
6	Auburn Close	€400
7	Highfield Grove	€400
8	Brookway Residents	€400
9	Beechwood Drive	€400
10	Meadowlands	€400
11	Crann Ard and Glencarra	€400
12	The Paddocks	€400
13	Redwood Gardens	€400
14	Highfield Residents Association	€375
15	Lakeview Residents Association	€397
16	Newcastle Community Development Group	€400
17	Inis na Managh	€225
18	Coleville Avenue	€400
19	Cloughcarrigeen, Kilsheelan	€160
20	Ivowen, Kilsheelan	€400
21	Glenoaks	€400
22	Rosemount Heights	€300
23	Moylebrook, Lisronagh	€100
24	Honeyview	€325
25	Springfields	€400
26	Knockaun	€400
27	Beechwood Close	€400
Total		€9,882

► Flights Of Discovery

Clonmel 'Flights of Discovery' is a new tourism experience proposed for the town. There are four main attractions recommended and these include Bulmers site in Dowd's Lane, the West Gate, the River Suir and an upgrade of the Museum exhibition space.

Initial discussions have taken place with Bulmers / C&C Group regarding the redevelopment of Dowd's Lane as a visitor attraction.

This will involve the establishment of a joint venture company to assist in delivery of this project.

Preparatory work is also underway in relation to other elements of the tourism experience with the preparation of the Suir Island Master Plan, structural inspection of the West Gate with a view to developing the tower as an exhibition space. These projects are planned to progress to detailed design and planning phases in 2019.

Fáilte Ireland approved a grant of €200,000 to develop parts of the County Museum's interpretation space under a Scheme for Storytelling Interpretation for small-medium sized projects.

Funding is available for the improvement of the quality of interpretation, animation and storytelling at the museum in line with Fáilte Ireland's Toolkit for Storytelling Interpretation. A request for tender has been published to deliver an Interpretive Plan, design and installation of new interpretation at Tipperary County Museum, including a new mezzanine level.



► Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration



As part of Project Ireland 2040 the Government announced a number of funds including the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) to be allocated competitively to the best projects, which leverage investment from other sources thereby ensuring that the impact of this investment goes further.

Tipperary County Council submitted an application to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund on 28 September under the heading 'Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration' in partnership with a number other agencies and organisations.

The proposal sought funding under URDF category A for phase 1 of Kickham Barracks which includes the civic plaza and public realm area of the site as well as the Davis Road Car Park.

The Clonmel Sports Hub was also submitted as a category A project as planning consent is in place for this project. Clonmel Athletics Club, other sporting bodies and a number of large businesses have also pledged match funding for this project.

In November the Government announced a funding allocation of €2,897,000 for Clonmel category A projects to be progressed in 2019.

The Council has set up implementation teams to oversee the delivery of these projects in partnership with the agencies and organisations involved in Kickham Barracks and the Sports Hub developments. Design briefs are being prepared and will be put out to tender early in the New Year with a view to progressing to construction stage.

Clonmel Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Scheme

The project to supply and install a new CCTV System in Elm Park, Cooleens Close and Heywood Road, Clonmel was completed with the installation of 35 cameras, wireless transmission equipment and associated civil engineering works for new camera poles. The scheme was funded by the council and cameras are monitored in the communications room at Clonmel Garda Station.

► Suir Blueway

Tipperary County Council was allocated extra funding of €765,000 by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for additional works to the Suir towpath trail which will be undertaken next year. This funding provides the Council with the ability to carry out additional enhancement works on the Blueway to ensure locals and visitors can fully enjoy this fabulous amenity which links Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir along the route of the old towpath.



► Clogheen & Ballyporeen Building Facade Plans

The Council commissioned architects to develop Building Facade Design Schemes for Clogheen and Ballyporeen. The aim is to engage with individual property owners, residents and the community in order to develop plans and work with property owners on the key centre streets in both settlements.

The schemes will also present measures to improve the visual appearance of properties and vacant sites and propose suggestions for possible uses of vacant sites and properties.

Kenneth Hennessy Architects Ltd. prepared draft Building Facade Design Schemes for Clogheen and Ballyporeen having completed surveys of the buildings and engaged with the public through information meetings and workshops held in July, October and December.

The workshops provided an opportunity to engage with individual property owners, residents and the community in order to develop plans and work with property owners on the key village centre streets. The aim is to identify how property owners can upgrade their individual premises or land holdings to improve the visual appearance of both locations.

The draft schemes were presented at public meetings in Clogheen and Ballyporeen on 11th and 12th November and were on public display in the community centres in both locations.

Following completion of the Building Facade Design Schemes early next year it is intended to introduce incentives for property owners to encourage implementation of these plans in cooperation with community organisations and also seek funding for public enhancement works.



► Town Centre Initiatives

Clonmel Town Centre Forum and Clonmel Borough District worked together in 2018 towards a number of objectives that convert footfall into business revenues and acting as a communications channel for the provision of information to the public.

Promotional material and brochures were also produced to highlight various activities during the year and the wide variety of shopping and retail offerings in the town centre.

Discussions took place regarding a Clonmel Business Improvement District (BID) project proposal which would support the Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration proposals.

The process for establishing a BID company is set out in legislation under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006. Both the County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Clonmel Traders have committed to engaging in a process to establish a BID which would be led by the business community.

Clonmel participated in the National Enterprise Towns Awards 2018 and won a regional runners-up prize, a competition supported by Bank of Ireland. Judging took place on 11th September with presentations and displays from a wide variety of businesses and community organisations.

Clonmel Borough District, as part of its town centre initiatives, helped to improve Clonmel and Cahir streetscapes through an enhancement and painting scheme which supported a number of businesses in improving and enhancing their properties and public areas by painting and carrying out general improvements to commercial building facades.



National Enterprise Towns Awards 2018 - Regional Runners-up Prize for Clonmel



NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District was held on 21st June 2018. Councillor Mattie Ryan was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Hughie McGrath was elected Leas Chathaoirleach.



Members of Nenagh MD at Annual Meeting on 21st June 2018



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2018 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District. This provided for a total expenditure of over €8.2 million on housing maintenance, roads, drainage, amenity areas, street cleaning and burial grounds.

The key projects affecting the Nenagh Municipal District in relation to Roads and infrastructure during 2018 were:

- Completion of 30.1 kilometres of road pavement overlay work
- Completion of 30.6 kilometres of road pavement surface dressing work
- Substantial completion of water and sewer network infrastructure in Nenagh town including full pavement restoration on town centre streets (Pearse Street, Kenyon Street, Kickham Street, Abbey Lane and Friars Street).
- The completion of Low Cost Safety Schemes in Newtown village and the design phase of a Low Cost Safety Scheme at Knockmaroe (Cooneen's Cross), Kilcommon.
- Improvements to the District's footpath infrastructure under its ongoing footpath restoration programme in Nenagh, Newport, Ballina, Rearcross, Portroe, Newtown, Silvermines and Cloughjordan.
- Remedial works to footpaths and paved areas at high public liability claim incident sites under IPB's Capital Distribution fund to local authorities.

Tertiary Roads at Tombricane, Borrisokane and Bredagh, Lorrha were selected for improvement works under the Department of Transport's Community Involvement Scheme and Non-public roads at Garrykennedy, Birdhill, Carrig (Riverstown) and Puckane were selected for improvement works under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Local Improvement Scheme.

- In addition to the above, an allocation of €45,000 was received for 2018 Clár Schemes under the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and provided the following facilities:
- Improved roadside parking at Kilruane National School
- Traffic calming signage at Kilmore, Silvermines

Under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, the District completed a walking trail at Townlough, Portroe linking a car-parking area at the Graves of the Leinstermen amenity site with the Millennium Cross walking trail at Cloneybrien hill, Portroe.



Walking Trail at Townlough, Portroe

Under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, the District completed a street enhancement project at Lewis Lane Nenagh, providing a high quality pedestrian link between Silver Street and Johns Lane Car Park.



Lewis Lane, Nenagh



► Nenagh Leisure Centre

Nenagh Leisure Centre was presented with an Outstanding National Quality Standard Award from Ireland Active for 2019. The National Quality Standard (previously known as the White Flag Award) is a Leisure Centre and Hotel Leisure award encompassing Safety, Hygiene, Customer Engagement and Human Resources. The National Quality Standard categories for Leisure Facilities are 'Achieved', 'Exceeded', 'Outstanding' and Nenagh Leisure Centre achieved the highest possible.

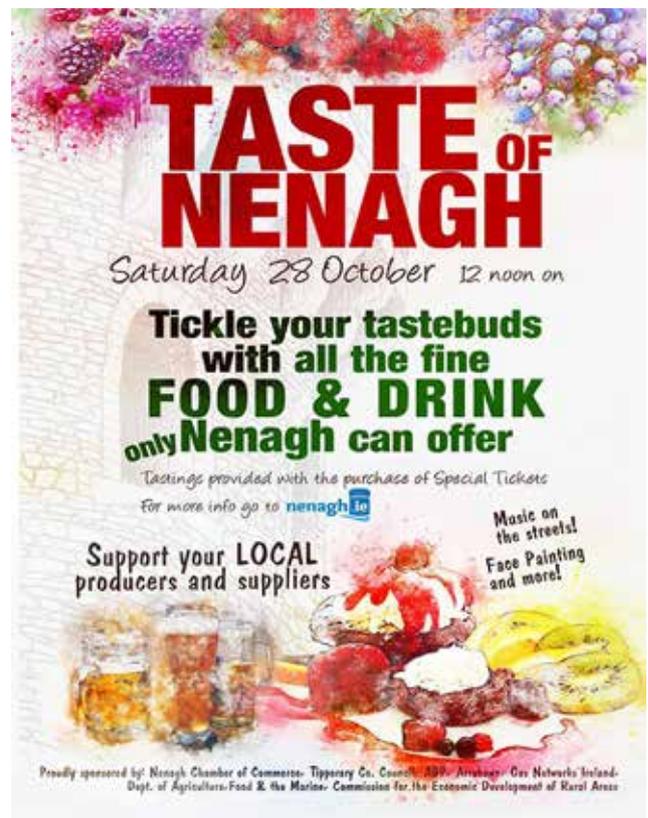
Nenagh Leisure Centre has been part of the National Quality Standards for three years continually improving standards year on year.



Tom Mackey accepting award on behalf of Nenagh Leisure Centre

Events supported included:

- St. Patrick's Day Parades
- Spleodan
- Dromineer Literary Festival
- Nenagh Castle Fest
- Taste of Nenagh



Taste of Nenagh Event

► Working with the Community

During 2018 the Nenagh Municipal District continued to work with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included provision of funding through grants and contributions, liaison with voluntary groups and associations, liaison with business groups, provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.

In recognition of the contribution made by communities across the district, funding was allocated in 2018 to 72 clubs & organisations, 33 residents associations, 29 festivals & events, 28 Tidy Towns Committees and 68 burial grounds committees within the Nenagh Municipal District.



Fire Wagon kicks off proceedings at St. Patrick's Day Parade in Nenagh



► **Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening**

On the 4th December, 2018 the Nenagh Municipal District held its annual Awards Evening. The evening was a great success, recognising the hard work being carried out by community groups and individuals across the District under a number of categories.



Presentation to Donal Ryan in recognition of the significant contribution made by him to the promotion of the Nenagh Municipal District through his literary works



Presentation to Terryglass Improvement Association in recognition of their increase in marks in Category A of the 2018 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition in the Nenagh Municipal District

► **Civic Reception**

A Civic Reception was accorded to Nenagh Special Summer Camp in recognition of the service provided by them over 30 years.



Presentation to Nenagh Special Summer Camp Committee

► **National Enterprise Town Awards**

The Nenagh Municipal District had two entries in separate categories for the National Enterprise Town Awards. Judging took place on 10th September, 2018 in Nenagh Town where 70 representatives of the business, community, retailers, community groups and various agencies were present to meet the judges. On Wednesday 12th September the judges visited Cloughjordan where a strong presentation was given on the mix of enterprise and community that is on offer in the area.



Judges arrive at Civic Offices, Nenagh and are met by the Leas Chathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Hughie McGrath, Executive of Tipperary County Council & Members of the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce



An array of delights on display for the National Enterprise Town Awards



► Enhancing our Towns & Villages

Nenagh Municipal District assisted property owners in the Primary Retail Area of the town of Nenagh to improve and enhance their properties by facilitating grant aid towards painting and enhancement works.

A Window Box Scheme continued for 2018 in Nenagh Town. This scheme improved the streetscape and public realm through supporting owners of properties and public areas. Window boxes were erected, watered and maintained by Nenagh Municipal District.



Window box in full bloom

Additional grant funding was given to the five centres in the District who achieved the highest level of marks in the national Tidy Towns Competition. This funding enabled the voluntary committees in Terryglass, Killoscully, Silvermines, Ballina and Birdhill to undertake additional enhancement works.

2018 was another impressive year for all the Tidy Towns Committees in the Nenagh District. Terryglass and Birdhill achieved gold medals, Silvermines received a silver medal while Nenagh town retained their bronze medal. The Nenagh achievement was further underpinned by the announcement that the town had been declared 'Cleaner than European Norms' with the publication of the IBAL Anti-Litter League Summer Result 2018 which showed Nenagh as the second cleanest out of 40 towns and cities surveyed.

Arising from Birdhill's success as overall national winners in the 2017 Tidy Towns Competition, they were nominated to represent Ireland and were awarded the International Award for Best Floral Display at the Communities in Bloom Awards in Strathcona County, Alberta. They also received five blooms and a bronze medal with a special commendation for the Community Park.



Award winners – Community in Bloom

► Newport Town Park

The planning process was progressed to public consultation and submission of application to An Bord Pleanála. The proposed development will deliver a one million euro investment in state of the art facilities for families in Newport and its hinterland.

► Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

The launch of 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands' brand by Fáilte Ireland in 2018 is of significant importance to Nenagh Municipal District. The promotion of Nenagh as the gateway to this region will give rise to opportunities for the town and its hinterland for the future.



► **Gill's Garden**

Gill's Garden is a medieval garden under development adjacent to Nenagh Castle in the historic and cultural quarter of the town. The masonry works required were completed in 2018 and the landscaping contract is currently underway and will be completed early in 2019.



Prior to commencement of works



Works underway

► **Nenagh 800**

A committee has been established to prepare for a year for celebrations in 2020 for 'Nenagh 800' and this will be an opportunity for all stakeholders to work together to put Nenagh on the map.

► **Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan**

The Garden of Remembrance was officially opened on Monday 15th October, 2018 by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mattie Ryan and Michelle Drysdale, great grand-daughter of Thomas MacDonagh. This facility was provided with assistance from funding from the local community, the Ireland 2016 Office within the Department of Culture Heritage & the Gaeltacht and Tipperary County Council



Official Opening



Entrance to Garden of Remembrance

► **Public Consultation**

Public consultation processes were undertaken in respect of:

- Construction of Public Floating Mooring unit at Ballina.
- Development of Newport Town Park



► Taking in Charge

The following were taken in charge in the Nenagh Municipal District during 2018:

- Boru Court, Ballina
- Roundhill, Borrisokane
- Gurteen Grove, Rathcabbin
- Derry Close, Rathcabbin
- Silver Mews, Nenagh
- Lough Derg Cottages, Dromineer
- Harbour View, Dromineer
- Derg Manor, Dromineer
- Pallas Derg, Newtown
- Killeen Court, Borrisokane

► Declaration of a road to be public

The following road was declared to be public:

- Belmont off St. Conlon's Road, Nenagh

► Extinguishment of Public Right of Way

Members agreed to the proposal to extinguish a public right of way on the following road:

- Clash, Toomevara

► Twinning

A committee has been established in Ballina/Killaloe to further partnership arrangements with Basse-Goulaine in France. The committee, in conjunction with St. Anne's College, Killaloe, welcomed a group of French teachers. Student exchanges have been facilitated.

Representatives from the Twinning Committee, Tipperary County Council and Clare County Council paid a return visit to Basse-Goulaine with a view to identifying areas of common interest that could be progressed.



Mayor Alain Vey of Basse-Goulaine & Cllr. Joe Hannigan exchange gifts





TEMPLEMORE & THURLES



AGM 2018, Sean Ryan

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH & LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor Sean Ryan was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor John Hogan was elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District at the Annual General Meeting which was held on 27th. June, 2018.



CIVIC AWARDS

An exceptionally large crowd turned out to honour 8 recipient groups/individuals in the areas of sport, music, environmental sustainability and community achievements. The event finished off with an impressive Irish musical piece performed by Tairseach which was warmly received.

Groups/individuals honoured were:

- Senior Templemore Golfers-Munster Champions and All Ireland J.B. Carr Diamond Trophy Tournament 2018.
- The Cabragh Wetlands Trust in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the areas of conservation, sustainability and environmental awareness.
- Genevieve Rowland Bergin on representing Ireland at the World Masters Track & Field Championship in Malaga.
- Kyle Shelley on winning the All Ireland Under 16 Long Puck Championship 2018.
- To mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Order of Malta Ireland Ambulance Corps Thurles and 50th anniversary of its Cadet Unit.
- Thurles Presentation Secondary School on winning Munster Titles in Senior Camogie, Football & Soccer in 2018.
- Maria Curley, Member of the Tipperary Ladies Football Team who won the TG4 All Ireland Ladies Intermediate Football Championship in 2017.
- Tairseach on winning the Senior Grúpa of Cheoil in Fleadh Cheoil na h-Éireann 2018.



Civic Reception Recipients Group



WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

► Grants/Contributions

An event was held in the District Offices on 24th. October, 2018 to acknowledge the invaluable contributions that groups/organisations make in their respective communities.



Grants Photoshoot 24th October

A total of €165,194.00 was allocated by the Members of the District to 176 organisations in the following categories:

- 44 Residents Associations for enhancement works undertaken in housing estates;
- 45 Sporting Bodies to assist clubs with running costs and development where there is youth involvement or female participation;
- 20 Tidy Towns/Villages Associations who maintain public areas in an attractive manner;
- 51 Burial Ground Committees towards the upkeep of burial grounds;
- 13 Festivals and Events involved in the promotion of arts, culture, heritage and sport in the District.
- Thurles Sports Fest which is the largest multi disciplinary sports event held in the District each year.
- General Municipal Allocation contributions towards the cost of installation of a new playground in Templetuohy and provision of ability swing in The Glebe Playground, Roscrea.



Ability Swing Roscrea



SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES IN OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

► Christmas Lighting

The Members of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District approved financial assistance of €15,500.00 from the General Municipal Allocation 2018 to Roscrea Chamber of Commerce and community groups to assist with the provision of Christmas Lighting in Roscrea town and 9 villages in the District:

Roscrea	€9,000	Clonakenny	€500
Borrisoleigh	€1,000	Templetuohy	€500
Littleton	€1,000	Gortnahoe	€500
Moyne	€1,000	Two-Mile-Borris	€500
Clonmore	€1,000		
Holycross	€500		

A further €6,000 was allocated by the Members to Roscrea Chamber of Commerce for improvements to the Christmas Lighting in Roscrea.

Spectators in Thurles town were in for a special treat on the arrival of Francis Brennan, Irish Hotelier and TV Personality who was tasked with performing the official switch on of the Christmas Lighting on 7th. December, 2018.

► Town Centre Enhancement and Painting Schemes

Templemore-Thurles Municipal District provided financial support to 11 property owners in Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles under the Town Centre Enhancement & Painting Schemes 2018 to undertake painting, general and environmental improvements to the frontages of commercial and residential buildings in order to make the streetscapes more attractive to live, work and visit.

► Fleadh Cheoil Tiobraid Árann 2018

The Templemore town outdoor staff ensured that the town was maintained to a high standard and litter free during and after the holding of the Fleadh Cheoil Tiobraid Árann 2018 which took place in Templemore town from 14th to 20th May, 2018.

► Féile Classical Musical Festival

The commitment of the Thurles town and Thurles Roads outdoor teams came to the fore at the 2 day Féile Classical Music Festival in September through ensuring that the town was kept clean and litter free for the duration of the event.



Switch on of Christmas Lights 7th December with Francis Brennan



► AIBMS Retail Excellence Awards

The District entered 5 stores in Thurles in the AIBMS Retail Excellence Awards this year. All stores scored very high with 3 achieving in excess of 80% demonstrating their ability and commitment to delivering retailing excellence in the town.

► BOI National Enterprise Awards

Thurles Chamber and the District in conjunction with Thurles Town Centre Forum was successful in winning €1,500 under the “Town Initiatives of the Year Award” for The Cabragh Wetlands Project at the BOI National Enterprise Awards in November. The adjudication involved detailed presentations and site visits by the judging panel to 3 key initiatives in and around the town which showcased the spirit of enterprise in the local area.



BOI Enterprise Town Awards 2018



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

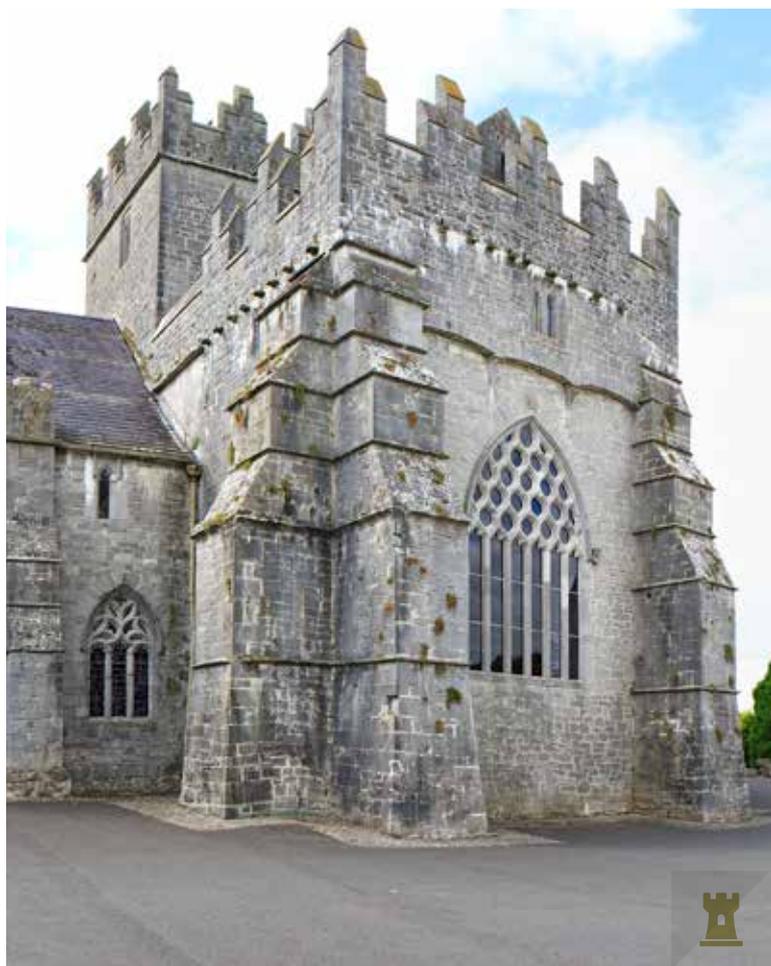
The Members adopted the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District on 28th. March, 2018. This provided for a total expenditure of €7,758,540.00 covering road maintenance/improvements, housing maintenance, street cleaning, maintenance of amenities, drainage works and burial ground maintenance.

A summary of projects carried out under the Schedule of Municipal District Works is as follows:-

- The District has responsibility for the repair and maintenance of 1,226 social housing units. Normal housing maintenance repairs were undertaken on 679 houses at a cost of €514,513.00. Planned maintenance works were carried out on 25 houses amounting to €82,069.00. Pre letting repairs were effected to 54 vacant houses at a cost of €334,302.00.
- 24 roads improved under the Restoration Maintenance Programme.
- 37 roads upgraded under the Restoration Improvement Programme.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works undertaken at Pallas, Borrisoleigh and Ballyheen, Templemore.
- Low Cost Safety Improvements at Cloone, Templemore.
- Village Enhancement Works comprising of footpath improvements in Littleton, Ballysloe and Borrisoleigh which was funded by the Members through the GMA 2018.
- River drainage maintenance works on the Clodiagh, Black, Cromogue, Farneybridge/ Ballinahow and in Roscrea/Templemore area.
- Resurfacing of the public car park adjacent to St. Joseph's Old Cemetery, Templemore.
- Resurfacing of The Square, Main Street, Borrisoleigh.
- Improvements to the fountain and main path in Templemore Town Park.



Templemore Town Park Improvements



STORM EMMA

Storm Emma hit the Country in March resulting in heavy snow falls, high winds, treacherous road conditions, power outages and flooding in the District. Administrative personnel manned the phone lines, Engineering staff monitored the storm progress and decided on works required while the outdoor teams organised snow ploughing and gritting of roads to ensure safe passage for road users during the extreme weather event.



Storm Emma 2018



SPECIAL PROJECTS

▶ (1) Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles

The advance works contract involving the demolition of Griffin's shop and clearance of the car park site off Liberty Square was completed in August, 2018. The Council was successful in securing funding of €1,350,000.00 under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund towards the cost of the Enhancement Scheme. Detailed designs were near completion by year end.

▶ (2) Town/Village Renewal Scheme 2018

The District was successful in securing a grant of €70,000.00 under the Town/Village Renewal Scheme 2018 to prepare the Thurles Town Centre Integrated Renewal Strategy 2019-2029.

▶ (3) Repairs/Improvements to Templemore Town Hall

Joe Costello, T/A Stone Mad was appointed as Contractor in November, 2018 to undertake essential structural repairs to Templemore Town Hall in order to protect the fabric of this historical building.

▶ (4) Roscrea Enhancement Scheme

- (i) The Butler Trail App for Roscrea was completed during the year. This fantastic trail reveals the influence and impact the Butler family dynasty had on the physical, social and economic fabric of the town and the legacy they left behind.
- (ii) The District appointed Kent Stainless Ltd. to provide and install orientation/interpretive signage in Roscrea. The aim of the signs is to encourage visitors to fully experience the appealing character of the heritage of Roscrea given the town's layers of ecclesiastical heritage and the key attraction of Roscrea Castle.
- (iii) Detailed designs and the Part 8 process for the Refurbishment of Market Square, Roscrea is complete with works expected to commence in January, 2019.

▶ (5) IPB Footpath Allocation

Funding was provided by IPB Insurances Ltd towards footpath repair/refurbishment in priority areas within Templemore, Thurles and Roscrea. The programme focused on specific locations identified by the engineering staff where footpath conditions posed a risk to users and the finished product received very favourable comments in the media with residents and street users particularly pleased to have the footpath surfaces greatly improved.



Footpath Improvements Croke Street

▶ (6) OHSAS 18001

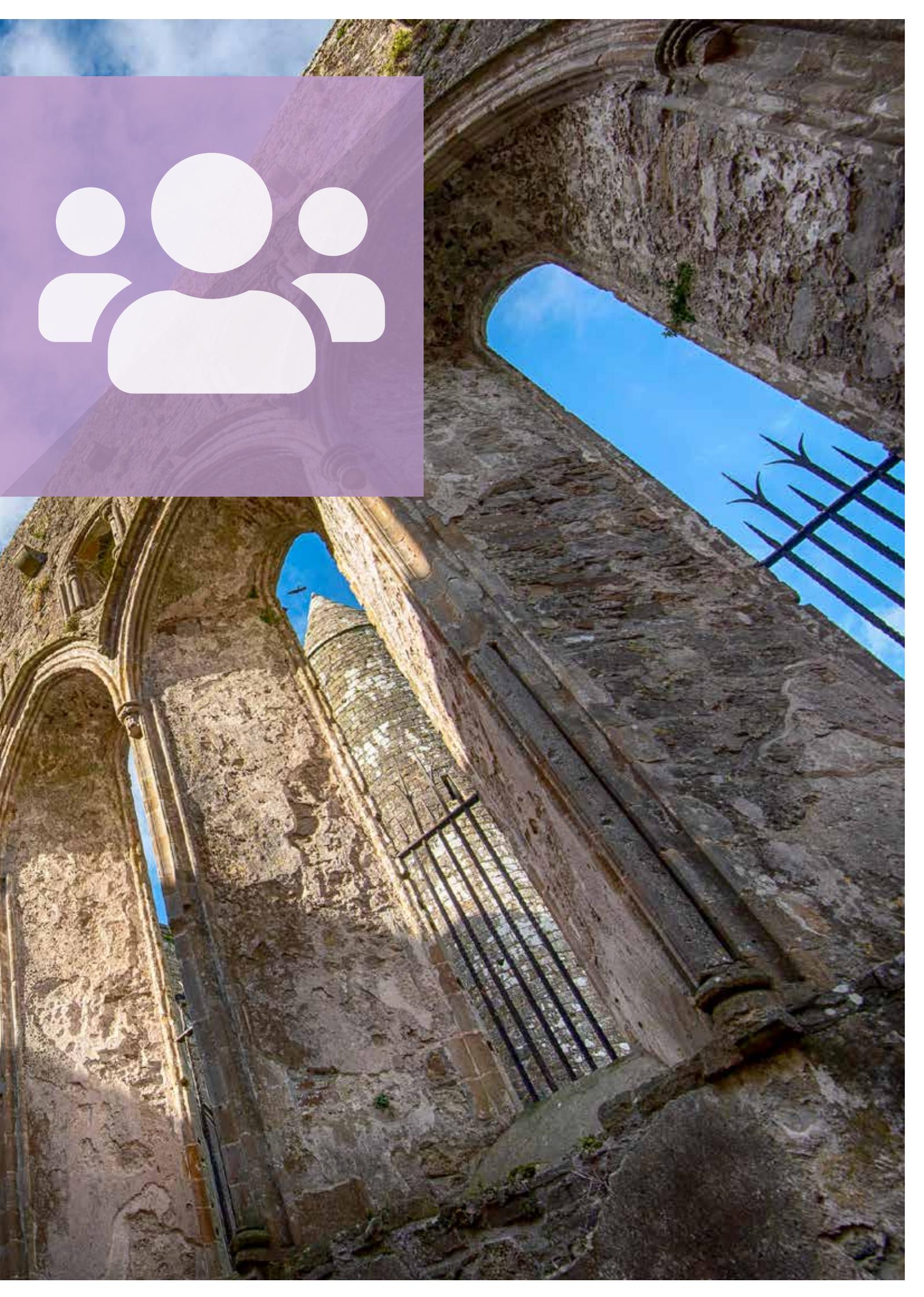
The District achieved NSAI certification under OHSAS 18001 in Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems in respect of "The Management of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Administration Function, Building Facilities, Litter and Traffic Warden Enforcement".

The engagement, commitment and participation of staff in the process was crucial in securing certification and their active involvement and interest was highlighted in a very positive manner by the NSAI Auditor during the external audit.



ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS





CORPORATE SERVICES



CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) comprises the Cathaoirleach and the five Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy Committees and it is supported by the Chief Executive.

The role of the CPG includes advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and reviewing of policy for Tipperary County Council. However, full decision-making authority remains with the Elected Council.

The CPG may also make proposals for the allocation of business between the Strategic Policy Committees and for the general coordination of such business.



During 2018, there were 10 meetings of the CPG. Among the items considered at their meetings were:

- Ethics Framework Compliance
- Consideration of Performance Indicator Reports for 2016 & 2017
- Consideration of Annual Report
- Consideration of nominations for candidates for the office of President of Ireland;
- Casual Vacancy Co-Options to fill vacancies in membership of Tipperary County Council
- Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2017
- Election of Chair Designate Strategic Policy Committee - Roads & Transportation
- Request from National Council for the Blind Ireland (NCBI) to meet with Council Members regarding pavement obstruction
- Flood Risk Management Plans
- Ratification of replacement nominee to the Board of the ETB
- Local Property Tax - Consider the Local Adjustment Factor in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014
- Draft Policy on Local Improvement Schemes
- Budget 2019 Consultation
- To Note The Audited Financial Statements for 2017 and Local Government Auditors Report
- Consideration of Part 8 Protocol for the development of Housing Units under Rebuilding Ireland
- Deputation Requests
- Consideration of commemoration to mark the First sitting of Dáil Éireann - 21st January 2019
- Twinning / Friendship Agreement Requests – Chaoyang District, Beijing and Jiangxi Province, China

► **Appointment of members to Committees/Boards**

South Tipperary Development CLG

► **Consideration of Civic Reception Conferrals by Municipal Districts**

Clonmel Borough District

- Clonmel Rotary Club on their 50th Anniversary

Templemore-Thurles MD

- Thurles Presentation Secondary School on winning Munster titles in senior football, Camogie and soccer finals in one year, the first school to win the treble.

Cashel/Tipperary Municipal District

- St Joseph's Primary School Choir following their recent win in the Lyric Fm Competition.
- Aherlow Failte Group in recognition of their contribution to promoting tourism in the County.
- Michael John Ryan, Ryan School of Music, Tipperary Town

Nenagh Municipal District

- Nenagh Special Summer Camp
- Nenagh Municipal District - Awards Night
 - *Seán Minogue - won British Pitch & Putt Senior Open in May and Dutch Seniors Open in August*
 - *Nenagh Golf Club team - won All Ireland Pierce Purcell Shield October 2018*
 - *James Prentice, Ballina - two Gold medals in World Handball Championships in Minnesota in u19 singles and doubles*
 - *Sinéad Meagher, Nenagh Handball Club - Gold u19 singles and silver in the doubles*
 - *Brian O'Brien & John Kennedy, Silvermines - Gold in the Masters Doubles*
 - *Rory Grace, Lahorna - silver in boys u15 doubles*
 - *Jerome Cahill, Lahorna - silver in u19 doubles*
 - *Nenagh Éire Óg u11 community games hurling team - Community Games All Ireland win*
 - *Ballymackey FC - FAI club of the year win*
 - *Nenagh Olympic AC on Division 1 National League Final win*
 - *Gary Ryan inducted into UL Hall of Fame*
 - *Aisling Keller winner of Laser National Championships*

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

- Irish Christian Brothers to mark their withdrawal from Carrick-on-Suir
- Mr. Pdraig McCarthy, Ninemilehouse, Co. Tipperary, to mark his achievement in winning a silver medal in the World Eventing Championship in September, 2018



CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES IN TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council operates an integrated model for customer support in the form of a Customer Services Desk (CSD). Service Level Agreements with each Section/Municipal Districts are in place in order to provide clarity on the roles of all involved in providing this service. The Council operates a Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) in order to relay messages from CSD to Sections/Municipal Districts

▶ Customer Service Desk staff Clonmel



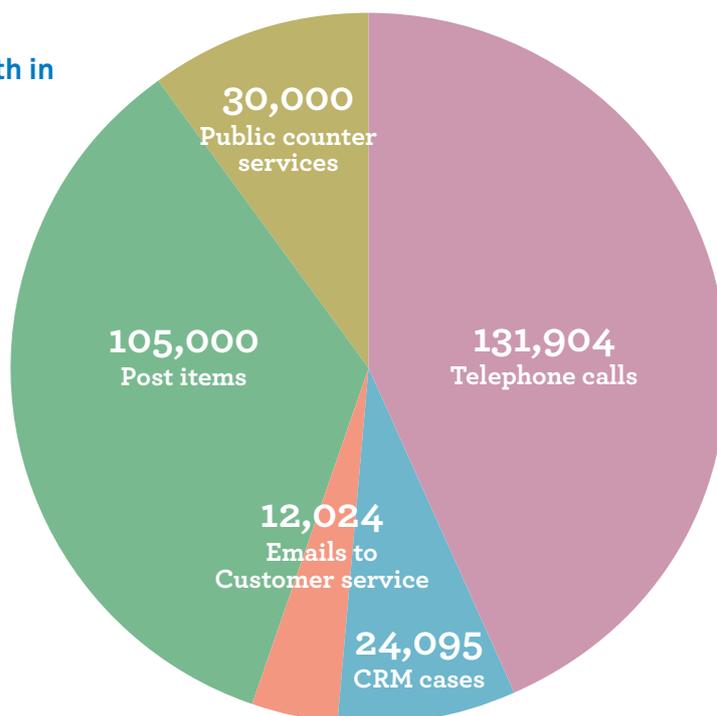
Rosanne Hunt, Camille Donovan, Liz Newport and Claire Cooney.

▶ Customer Service Desk staff Nenagh



Patsy Brislane, Siobhan Collins, Cornelia Downey, Maria Stapleton, Lorraine Keeshan and Tracey Fitzgerald

▶ Customer Service Desk staff dealt with in excess of 300,000 customer service interactions in 2018



► Communications Strategy

A communications strategy for Tipperary County Council was launched in July 2018. It is recognised that everything we do is for our communities, citizens and our stakeholders involve engagement by staff in customer service and communications on a daily basis. Good communications is essential to delivering our Corporate plan and to maintaining and building on our reputation. Tipperary County Council recognises that it is important to communicate well so that our users know we are doing our job as a local authority.

 *A Communications Team has been established representing each Department and Municipal District whose role will include highlighting upcoming events and news and promoting in relevant communication channels.*

The Communications Strategy, includes improving internal communications, delivering proactive external communications, managing issues and crisis, During 2018 its activities included:

- Launching the strategy to staff
- Issuing of press release, statements, media briefing notes, photographs
- Responding to all queries from local, national and international media
- Promotion of Council activities and events
- Participation in the Local Government Management Agency 'Twitter Day'
- Management of Council's social media accounts
- Management of the content on the Council's website



Back row (L-R) Sonja Reidy (Planning), Alan Walsh (LAWPro), Martina Ferncombe (Cashel-Tipperary MD), Evelyn Harty (Chief Executive office), Jacqueline McGrath (Finance), Marie Phelan (Economic Development and Community), Mary Murphy (Roads), Michael Moroney (Community and Regional Development), Marie O'Donnell (Clonmel MD), Ann Marie Clifford (Environment), Carol Kennedy (Fire Services), Steven O'Donnell (Fire Services).

Front row (L-R) Gillian Barry (Housing), Sinead Moriarty (Nenagh MD), Orla McDonnell (Thurles-Tempemore MD), Marie O'Gorman (Human Resources), Stephanie O'Dwyer (Corporate), Clare Curley (Director of Services)

Missing from photo – Martin Nolan (Carrick MD), Pat Holland (Water Services) and Jess Codd (Library and Cultural Services)



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of information Act 2014 was enacted on 14th October, 2014. It confers three very important rights on members of the public who seek access to information held by government departments, local authorities and other designated bodies.

These rights are:

- The right of access to official records held by Public Bodies.
- The right to have personal information about them held by such bodies corrected or updated where necessary.
- The right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect them.

Since its inception in 1997 the Freedom of Information Act has been widely used by members of the public to access records held by Public Bodies.

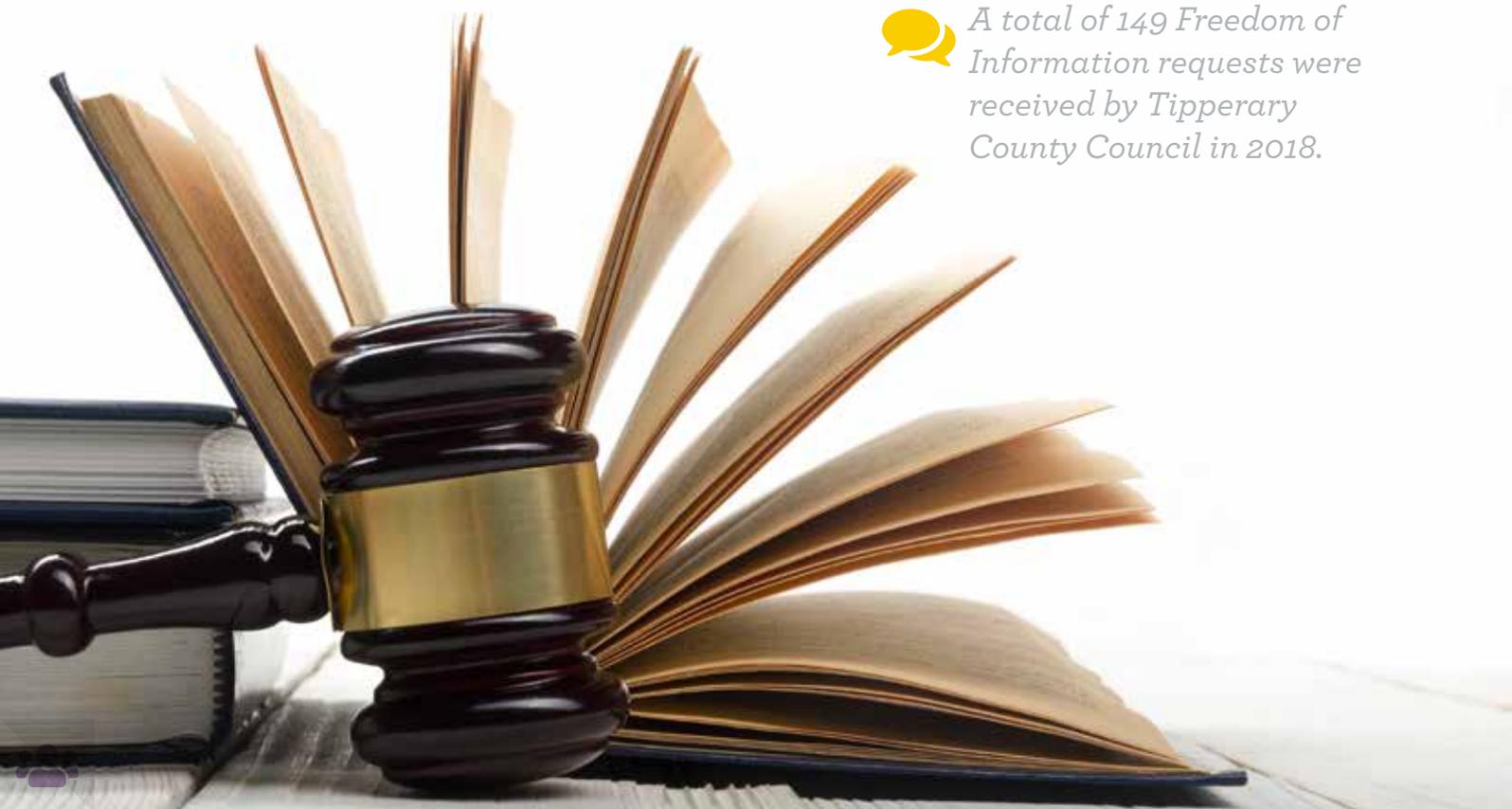
A total of 149 Freedom of Information requests were received by Tipperary County Council in 2018.

The following table shows the number of FOI requests to Tipperary County Council in 2018 and the decisions made on those requests:

Carried forward from 2017	10
No. of FOI requests received	149
No. of Requests for personal Information	13
No. of Requests for non-personal Information	136
Mixed	0
No. of requests granted	91
No. of requests part granted	31
No. of requests refused	21
Transferred to other FOI Bodies	0
Withdrawn/Handled outside of FOI	12
Carried forward to 2019	4



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CIVIC RECEPTIONS

There were Four Civic Receptions held during 2018:

► Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee

26th January, 2018

Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee in recognition of their success in securing the Title of “Overall National Tidy Towns Award Winner” for 2017 in addition to winning “Ireland’s Tidiest Village Award 2017” and retaining their Gold Medal Status



► Tipperary Ladies Football Intermediate Team

9th February, 2018

Tipperary Ladies Football Intermediate Team in recognition of winning the 2017 All Ireland Ladies Football Intermediate Championship



► Messrs. Aidan and Joseph O'Brien

28th May, 2018

Messrs. Aidan and Joseph O'Brien in recognition of Aidan's achievements during 2017 in setting the World Record for training 28 Group 1 Winners in a calendar year and Joseph's Achievement in being the youngest Trainer in history to win the Melbourne Cup



► Tipperary U21 Hurling Team

3rd November, 2018

In recognition of winning the 2018 All Ireland U21 Hurling Championship Final



HUMAN RESOURCES

The unified Tipperary County Council is one of the largest employers in the County with a total of 1162 employees (full time equivalent and retained) at the end of 2018.

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the delivery of the following service areas:

- Recruitment, remuneration and conditions of employment.
- Development and implementation of staff training/development programmes
- Superannuation (pension entitlements)
- Employee welfare/relations
- Family-friendly policies and arrangements
- Industrial relations
- Maintenance of personnel records
- The CORE computerised human resources system
- Performance Management and Development System (PMDS)
- Support to functional departments in all matters relating to human resources

► Workforce Planning and Recruitment

Each local authority is required to have in place an approved workforce plan. As part of the Tipperary merger process, an extensive workforce planning exercise was carried out in 2013 and has been in the process of implementation since. Following the lifting of the embargo on recruitment and the issuing of Delegated Sanction by the Department, 2017 saw a dramatic increase in recruitment activity, in the context of open and confined competitions. This process continued into 2018 with record levels of activity providing a range of opportunities for existing employees and also new employees to this Authority. A total of 63 (following on from 66 in 2017) recruitment competitions yielded 149 new starters across the full range of disciplines including Administrative, Engineering, Technical, Scientific, General Operative and supervisory grades.

► Industrial Relations

The Council continues to work in partnership with trade unions and employee representatives to achieve harmonious working relationships and improved working conditions with safe, effective and efficient work practices. The main trade unions engaged with are Fórsa, SIPTU/LAPO, UNITE and CONNECT UNION. The Council retains the services of the Local Government Management Agency as representation in disputes referred to 3rd parties such as the Workplace Relations Commission.



► Staff Training & Development

In keeping with current national policy and the objectives of our Corporate Plan we continue to ensure that staff at all levels of the organisation have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and acquire the appropriate level of knowledge and skills to carry out their job. The Human Resources Section has a dedicated training team which is responsible for drafting and implementing a comprehensive training programme. Training requirements are based on the needs identified through the Performance Management Development System (PMDS) and during the year, prioritisation was given to Health and Safety Training, training required for specific roles and also developing new skills. A number of staff members were also provided with funding for third level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was mainly delivered in-house and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers.

Congratulations are extended to all employees who engaged in the training programme in 2018.

► Superannuation

The Human Resources Department administers the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and associated Spouse's and Children's Scheme and Widows and Orphans Pension Schemes for all grades. It carries out the following functions:

- Calculation of retirement lump sums and pensions, death gratuities, lump sums in respect of retirements, preserved benefits etc.
- Transfer of service to and from other public sector bodies
- Calculation of statements regarding service and estimates of benefits
- Registration of new scheme members.

In 2018 the section continued the process of data readiness in preparation for the transfer of this function to the shared service centre, MyPay. This process will take some time to complete and will continue in 2019.

► Equality

The two main equality policies in place in Tipperary Local Authorities are:

- Dignity at Work Policy and
- Equality and Diversity Management Policy

There are a number of Designated Contact Persons in place and it is their role to provide assistance to employees as required in accordance with the equality policies. The list of Designated Contact Persons is attached to the Dignity at Work Policy on Sharepoint.

► Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government. With the creation of revised directorates post merger and consequently new teams, increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees. The PMDS system has been further broadened to include performance rating and 2018 saw the first such ratings applied for all staff throughout the organisation.



► Employee Welfare/Relations

We continuously strive to create a work environment that is conducive to promoting a healthy and progressive workforce. Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

- Staff Support Programme including Employee Support Staff
- Access to Occupational health Professional
- Employee Handbook
- Superannuation Handbook
- Information/Induction package to new employees
- Long Service Awards
- Pre-retirement Courses
- Return to Learning Project

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of the various family-friendly leave arrangements including work-sharing, parental leave and carers leave. 2018 saw the introduction of a sectoral “People Strategy” which seeks to focus on the development, capability and capacity of staff. Tipperary County Council adopted the strategy in 2018 and will commence the process of integrating it into all operational and functional areas of council activity.

Arising from the strategy the Council is considering enhancing the current staff support offering and will commence the process of reviewing the current model and sourcing alternative models in the first quarter of 2019.

► CORE HR Payroll and Superannuation System

A new HR Payroll and Superannuation System (CORE) was introduced in 2010. In 2017 the HR section initiated the procurement of Data Analytics as a means of accessing, understanding and reporting on the data contained in the CORE system. This will enable the section to provide key strategic management reports across a range of business areas highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of those areas. In 2018 the LGMA decided to examine the possibility of creating a sectoral suite of standard analytics reporting templates and formed a working group which includes two representatives from Tipperary County Council.

► Retirements

During 2018 the following employees retired from service:

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| • Mary Keogh | • Philip Quinlan |
| • William Lonergan | • Michael Grace |
| • Geoffrey Burke | • William Quinn |
| • Noel Flavin | • Patrick Doyle |
| • Michael Ryan | • Nollaig Butler |
| • Edmond Lyons | • Judith Dalton |
| • Catherine Sherlock | • Patrick Keating |
| • Seamus Coffey | • Loraine Treacy |
| • John Ryan | • Marian Scully |
| • John Skehan | • D Matt Mannion |
| • Thomas Collins | • Mary Carroll |
| • Marie Boland | • Jim Williams |
| • Michael F. Hayes | • Denis Slattery |
| • Joan Dempsey | • Thomas O’Donovan |
| • Mary Graham | • Anthony Caplice |
| • Stephen Morrissey | • Patrick Maher |
| • Thomas O’Donnell | • Mary Crowe |
| • Joseph Forrester | • Kieran O’Brien |
| • Michael Murphy | • Sheila Moloney |

Tipperary County Council and its customers have been well served by these employees who have given years of exemplary service. We wish each and every one of them health and happiness for many years to come. Our hope is that they remain in constant contact with their many friends and colleagues.

In addition to the above we fondly remember former colleagues who sadly passed away during 2018 and in doing so express again our sincere condolences to their families.



► Deaths

Councillor Eddie O'Meara

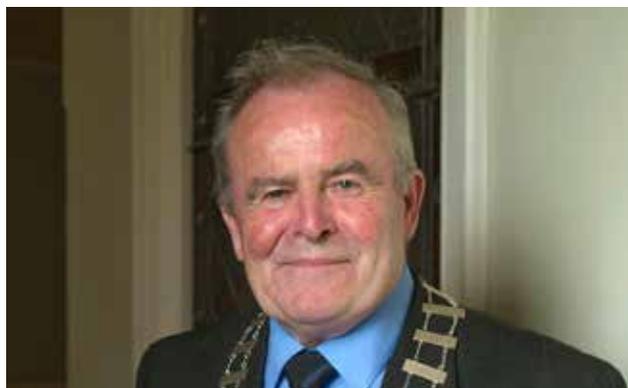


On Thursday 12th April 2018, Tipperary County Council learnt of the untimely death of our friend and colleague Councillor Eddie O'Meara. Councillor O'Meara, from Ballydonnell, Mullinahone was a serving member of the County Council and was also a member of the Council's Roads Strategic Policy Committee; Eddie was an exceptional councillor. A real servant of the people. He had a unique and distinct character, which endeared him to all who came in contact with him. Eddie was always available to offer support, advice, encouragement, inspiring others. First to help - last to leave. He was a great facilitator and conciliator. He had the skill to pull differing strands together to find common ground.

Eddie was first elected to the County Council in 1999, becoming the first man from Mullinahone to win a county council seat in 71 years after taking the brave decision to contest the 1999 local election as an Independent candidate. He was subsequently re-elected in 2004, 2009 and 2014 and became the first Cathaoirleach of the newly formed Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

Eddie will be remembered "as an astute politician, a knowledgeable mentor and a likeable rogue" and Mullinahone was the centre of his universe. He had a tremendous understanding of the political system and was generous with his advice. He was the "go to person" in his area whether it was representations to be made on local, national or European level. He had an effective style and a nice way of asking to get things done. The phrase that will always be associated with Eddie was "leave it with me".

Councillor John Fahey



On 28th October 2018, Tipperary County Council learnt of the untimely death of our friend and colleague Councillor John Fahey. A native of Killenaule, John was first elected to Tipperary Co. Council in 1999, and was re-elected on each occasion since. He served on numerous committees, bodies, and associations, including the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, Tipperary Education and Training Board (ETB), the South Tipperary Arts Centre, the Committee for the Promotion of Irish and the Governing Body of Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT). He was also a member of Carrick on Suir Municipal Council and a former chairman of South Tipperary County Council.

As a dairy farmer and a former member of the National Council of the ICMSA, he was active in ensuring the prosperity of Tipperary's agricultural sector and was also heavily involved in other organisations including the IFAC and the Killenaule Development Association.

John will be remembered as a proud Killenaule man, a community activist who was softly spoken, hardworking, conscientious and courageous politician who had his own style. He was a very driven Councillor when it came to things like economic development, roads, infrastructure, and Heritage and Tourism in the areas near his home in Killenaule and was very vocal at meetings on the topics he was passionate about and was determined to deliver for the District that he was so proud of representing.

He was a scholar who spoke fluent Irish and would reference poetry at all occasions. He was highly respected and very popular among his FG colleagues, fellow Councillors, and the staff at Tipperary County Council.

Both men were one of life's gentlemen, good friends and valued councillors, who were well liked by all who met them and well respected by all those who served with them.

Ar dheis de go raibh a h-anam dilis.



INFORMATION SYSTEMS

► Objectives

Provide an accessible, comprehensive customer service platform for the public, elected members and staff, through the use of information technology and the internet.

Provide the tools, systems, solutions and infrastructure to enable the staff and the business sections achieve their business objectives.

Provide a technical support service to staff in the areas of Networks, Applications, eDev/Web and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

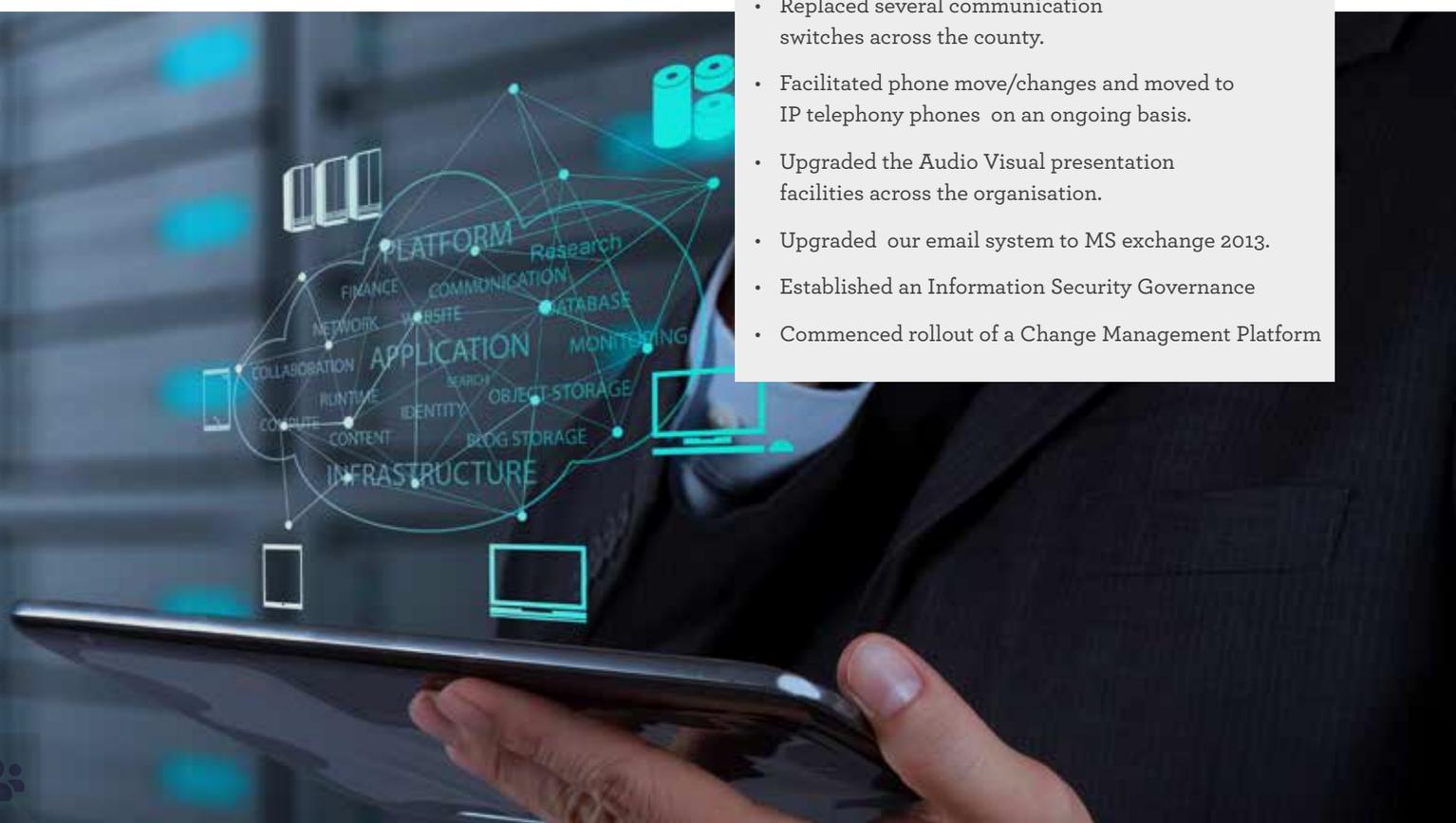


► Achievements

The following was achieved by the Information Systems team in 2018:

Networks/Infrastructure team

- Delivered maximum uptime and performance of Networks, Business Systems and IT Systems across all offices for all Users.
- Kept our Network, Systems and Data safe and secure.
- Exited the Local Government National Agency (LGMA) national domain network.
- Facilitated staff and office moves in several offices across the organisation.
- Provided cyber security awareness sessions to our Users and Members
- In conjunction with Internal Audit, carried out a Security Audit and addressed the identified issues (no critical items identified).
- Completed Disaster Recovery testing and documentation for all Tier 1 applications.
- Upgraded to high speed connectivity in several locations.
- Replaced several communication switches across the county.
- Facilitated phone move/changes and moved to IP telephony phones on an ongoing basis.
- Upgraded the Audio Visual presentation facilities across the organisation.
- Upgraded our email system to MS exchange 2013.
- Established an Information Security Governance
- Commenced rollout of a Change Management Platform



eDevelopment/Web Team

- Continued to migrate Sharepoint systems in line with LGMA Exit and Licensing upgrade
- Commenced development of a new Playground Inspection system
- Updated the Councillors Expenses system.
- Updated the Property Management system.
- Deployed GDPR data survey system
- Worked with Tourism on new tender for tipperary.com
- Continued researching mobile data entry solution for internal systems.
- Continued with the migration of Sharepoint (internal system management software) to newer platform
- Developed and implemented a new web site for the LA Authority Water Services National Training Group. The web site integrates content from the roads, water, environment and fire services training groups.



Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Team

- Progressed the development of a Planning Enquiry GIS system based on ArcGIS Server Technology to replace the existing Mapguide system that has come to end of life
- Provided GIS analysis and reporting mapping services to the Business sections.
- Upgraded several of our GIS systems e.g. Polling district, Property, Housing and GeoDirectory.

Applications Team

- Facilitated the Financial Management System Agresso FMS Upgrade project (phase ii).
- Applied upgrades, patches and enhancements to our business systems
- Continued with preparatory work to upgrade MS CRM to version 2013
- Continued with management of smart and mobile phones and the billing process.
- Managed the SQL Servers database environment.
- Developed and rolled out an Approved Housing Bodies system for the Housing Section
- Configured the Housing Central Credit Register connectivity and upgraded the Finance Agresso system (test and live) for Central Credit Register
- Commenced preparatory work for Ihouse 3.4 upgrade – Link with DEASP API
- Produced special voters for Presidential election
- Developed and piloted a mobile inspections system for House Inspections, which facilitates the real time gathering of house inspection data, and the automatic generation of reports, emails and letters to landlords and tenants.

All Teams

- Provided a technical support service to our staff and elected members across the organisation.
- Continued to provide technical support and maintenance for:
 - the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Networks, Desktops, Servers, Database systems, etc.
 - our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.
 - our web sites and web systems e.g. www.tipperarycoco.ie, www.Tipperary.com; and the Intranet and Sharepoint
 - our geographical and CAD information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc; and training in same.
- phone systems, mobile phones and fixed lines phones.



SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

CLONMEL BRANCH

The Sports and Social club continue to run a broad range of events and arrange the monthly draw with a bumper summer and Christmas draw.

The year always starts with the annual trip to the Panto in Limerick with over 200 attending and a lovely family day out with the traditional end of Christmas marker.

Throughout the year John O'Mahony brings us on tracks and trails with hill walking events around the county.

In 2018 members and families attended a Munster match in Independent Park and also attended the Munster V Leinster Game in Thomond Park.

Members and families enjoy the annual shopping trip in November and throughout the year enjoy trips to shows and musicals in Bord Gais.

We had a bumper attendance at the Summer BBQ evening at the Clonmel Races with over 80 staff attending a great social evening and this is fast becoming our biggest summer event.

Anne Marie keeps us on our toes with the annual mystery tour, this year held in October, where the destination is unknown but an enjoyable evening is always guaranteed.

The sports and social club also support the partnership events for retired staff Christmas Event and also the family Santa Event in Clonmel.

This December marked the retirement of our Chairperson Marian Scully, and we wish her well in her retirement from active duty. Marian has agreed to remain actively involved and continue at the helm as chairperson.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support. New members and event organisers are always welcome. If you are interested in organising an event or joining the Sports & Social Club please contact any member of the committee as follows:

Chairperson

- Marian Scully,

Secretary

- Rosemary Purcell,

Treasurer

- John O'Mahoney,

Committee

- Mary O'Mahony,
- Fiona Crotty,
- Jimmy Kelly,
- Anne Marie O'Flynn,
- Tom Byrne,
- Maeve Cahill,
- Martina Stapleton.





NENAGH BRANCH

2018 was a successful and enjoyable year for our Social Club (Nenagh). Our fortnightly lotto, Easter and Christmas Draws yielded a total of €9,700 in prizes for our members.

Events organised and attended during 2018 included Kayaking and Canoeing on Lough Derg, Treasure Hunt and a concert by The Harlem Gospel Choir, as well as our regular events such as Walk and BBQ, indoor soccer, the annual Mass (and meal) in remembrance of deceased staff and members, and the Christmas Panto, Snow White, in University Concert Hall, Limerick.

Tickets for all shows and events were subsidised for club members, and we also contributed to the annual Kiddies Party.

We also continued to operate our 'Holiday Fund' for those members who want to save for a break away, for a special family occasion or just to have funds to meet annual bills.



Thanks to all our members, especially those who participated in events. A special word of thanks to those who organised events during the year.

The committee is comprised of

- Peter Cleary (Chair)
- Rosemary Joyce (Treasurer)
- Paraig Cantwell,
- Brian Dunne,
- Nuala Freeman,
- Maureen Grace,
- Siobhan King
- Auvén Melia,
- Mary Murphy,
- Miriam Ryan,
- Mary Stephens
- Olivia Madden.

As always we would welcome new members to join the committee and would love to hear new suggestions for events coming from our members.



PROTECTED DISCLOSURES

The Protected Disclosures Act 2014 was enacted on the 15th of July 2014. Each Council is obliged to establish and maintain procedures for the making of and dealing with protected disclosures under the legislation.

Protected Disclosures is a framework within which workers can raise concerns regarding potential wrongdoing that has come to their attention in the workplace in the knowledge that they can avail of significant employment and other protections if they are penalised by their employer or suffer any detriment for doing so.

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

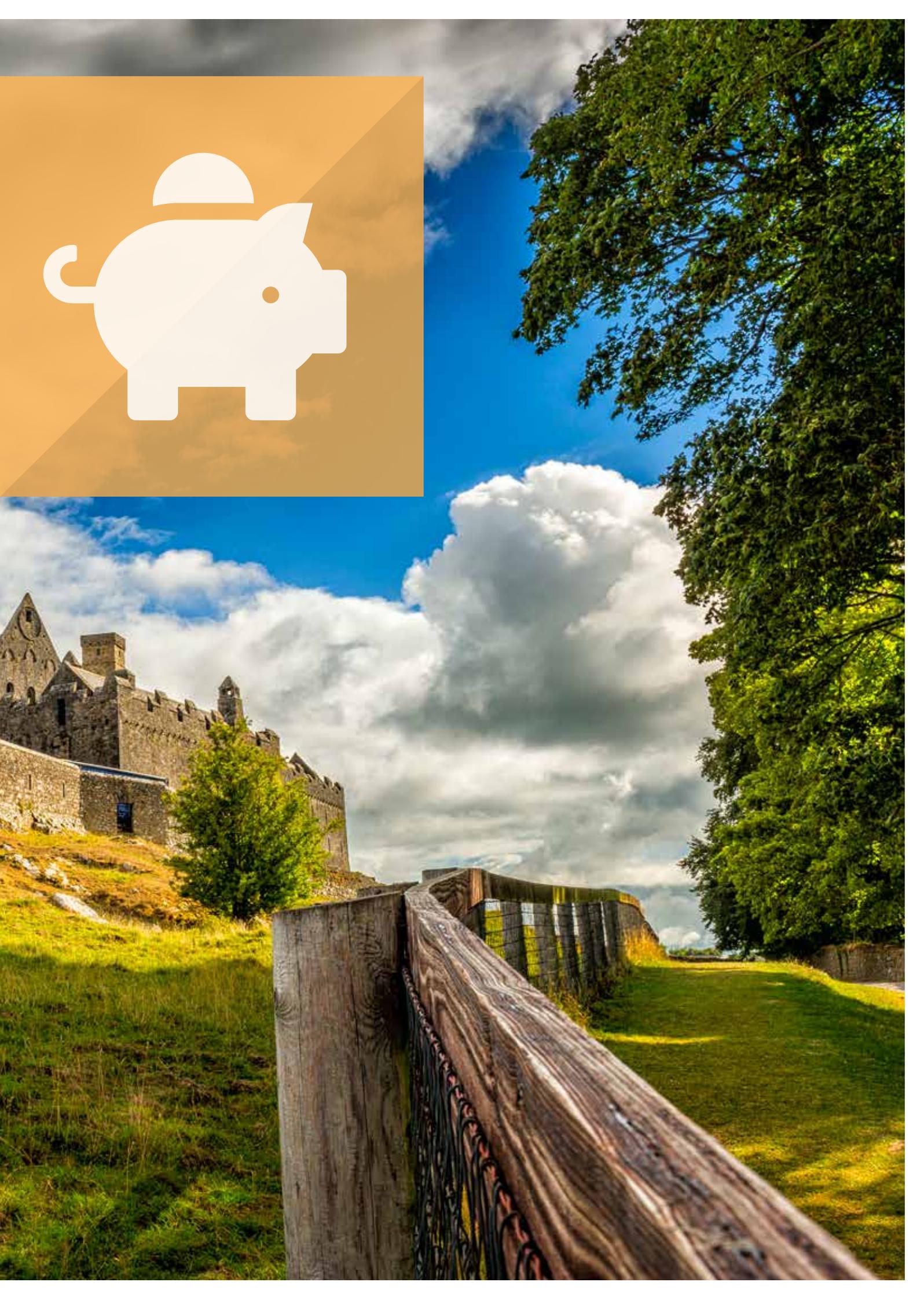
a	S22 Annual Report for period 1st January 2017 to 30th December 2017.	Number of Protected Disclosures made to Tipperary County Council	Nil
b		Action (if any) taken in response to those protected disclosures	N/A
c		Such other information relating to those protected disclosures and the action taken as may be requested by the Minister from time to time.	N/A

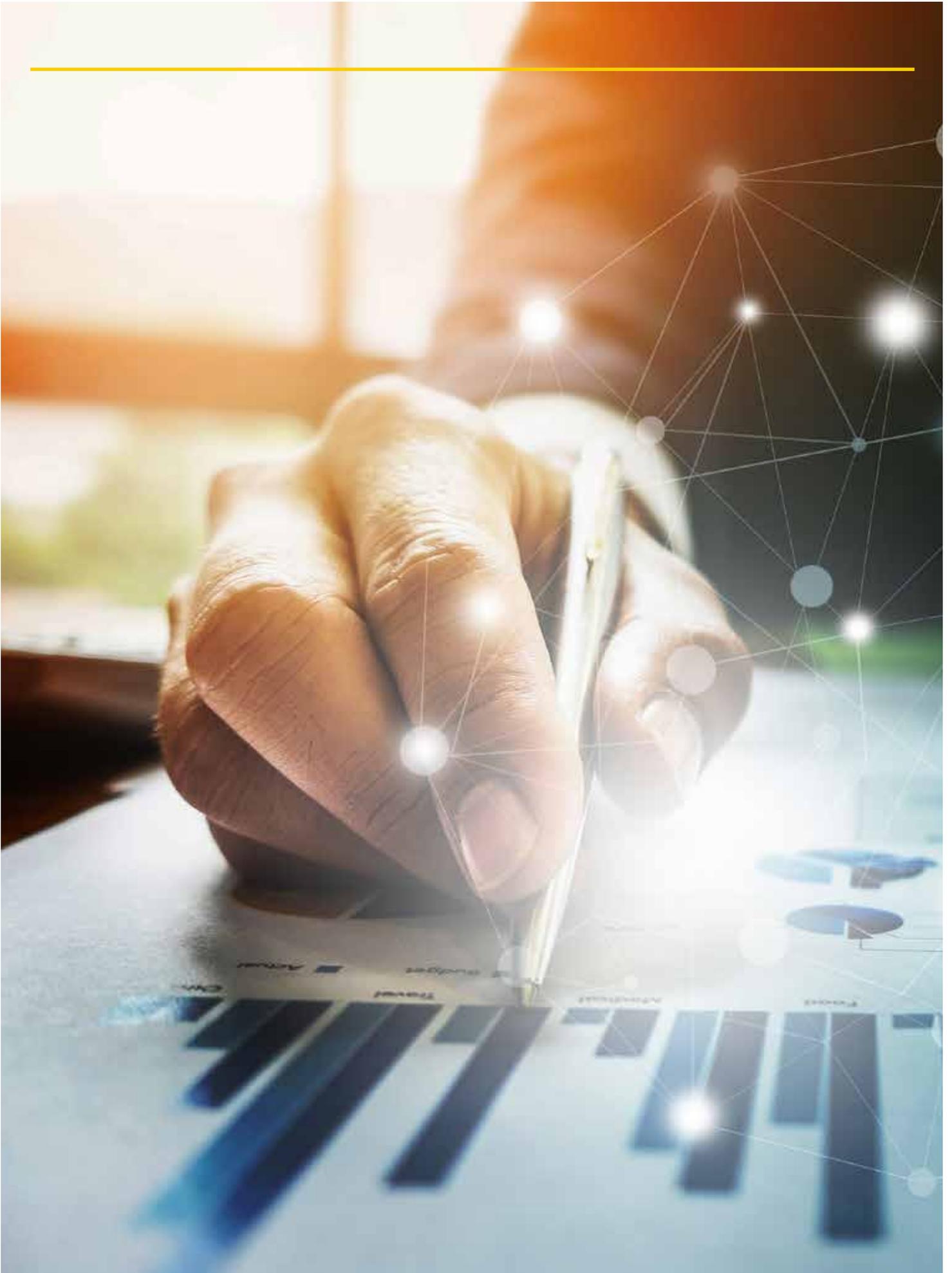




FINANCIALS







FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System – Agresso
- All payments including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Maintenance of financial records and the making of various reports and returns



In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.



MAIN SECTIONS WITHIN FINANCE:

► Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.

► Revenue

This section mainly deals with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Loans and the Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge.

Revenue Collection

Debtor type	% Collected
Rents	93%
Housing Loans	85%
Rates*	82%

* As per Annual Financial Statement (AFS), 2018 - Appendix 7, after allowing for specific doubtful arrears relating to:

- i. Vacancy applications pending or criteria not met, and
- ii. Accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation, and no communication.

► Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the council and forwarded to the Finance Department. These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of "Professional Services" and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.

Invoice Statistics

No of Invoices Processed in 2018		Value
Quarter 1	11,233	€16,167,691.80
Quarter 2	12,476	€23,398,677.81
Quarter 3	10,731	€21,584,708.73
Quarter 4	13,188	€34,006,975.57
TOTALS	47,628	€95,158,053.91



► Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2018, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit continued to review the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.

► Procurement

The Procurement Section has a role in ensuring that Tipperary County Council has good purchasing practices in place. Procedures are designed to maximise value for money and to provide that all potential suppliers have a fair opportunity to tender. The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality. The procurement sections works to provide high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement guidelines and legislation.

It is government policy that all contracts above €25,000 for goods and services and over €50,000 works are formally advertised on eTenders. www.etenders.gov.ie is the key national website where potential suppliers and service providers need to be registered in order to be kept informed of upcoming tenders. There is a range of guides on the www.tipperarycoco.ie website to assist potential suppliers find where to register and maximise their opportunities to tender for public sector contracts.

► Agresso Financial Management System

The Agresso Support Team maintains the Council's Financial Management System, helping to ensure proper control over all the organisations' assets and liabilities.

The Agresso system was implemented in 2001 and was upgraded to Agresso Milestone 4 (MS4) in October 2017, in line with 26 other local authorities.

Agresso MS4 introduced new features which assist in the achievement of our business goals.

- Automated Workflow - Agresso MS4 helps to enhance operational efficiencies throughout the organisation.
- It facilitates the gathering of Procurement data across the Local Government sector, and facilitates Procurement compliance checks.
- It is web service enabled which gives the opportunity to deliver new web based functionality.
- It enables tighter controls on system access.
- It delivers tighter financial control with real time budget checking & commitment accounting.
- Agresso MS4 also includes improved functionality in the Fixed Assets module.



MAIN REPORTS PRODUCED BY FINANCE:

▶ The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the County Manager and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

▶ The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

These financial statements undergo an independent audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting and audited by the Local Government Auditor.

▶ Council & Management Reports

The management report provides details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the council, and is compared to Budget for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Management reports are provided to the Management Team on a monthly basis and to the Council on a bi-monthly basis.

▶ Department/IMF Quarterly Reporting

All Local Authorities report financial performance quarterly to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the councils activities.

▶ Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested. The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code for Tipperary County Council was published and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) on 31st May 2018.





FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Revenue Account details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

1. Commercial Rates;
2. the provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;
3. the Local Property Tax and
4. Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.

The Council's Capital Account, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets. These include the building of council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account.



Draft Revenue Account 2018

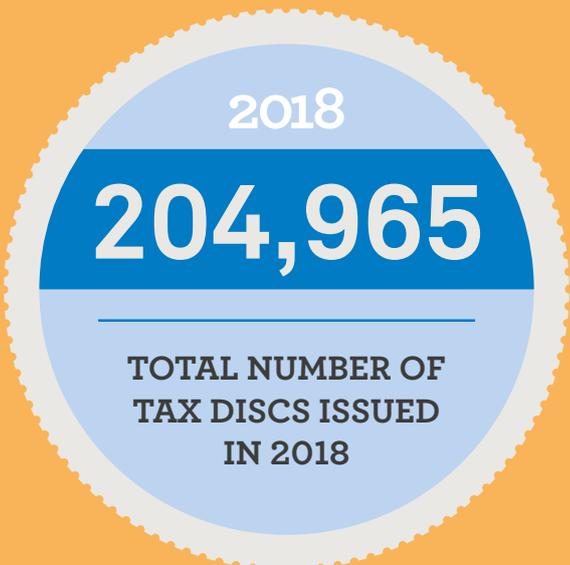
	Expenditure €	Income €	Actual Overall Surplus (Deficit) €
Housing & Building	30,514,101	31,773,798	(1,259,698)
Road Transport & Safety	44,604,872	29,046,886	15,557,986
Water Services	13,409,893	13,057,577	352,316
Development Management	12,145,026	5,423,864	6,721,163
Environmental Services	22,273,308	6,844,244	15,429,064
Recreation & Amenity	11,798,583	2,511,472	9,287,111
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,194,090	660,556	533,534
Miscellaneous Services	13,804,238	8,105,716	5,698,522
Local Property Tax / LGF		27,134,513	
Rates		30,931,079	
	149,744,111	155,489,705	
Transfer from / (to) Reserves			(5,740,301)
Surplus for Year			5,292
General Reserve at 1st January 2018			5,550,224
General Reserve at 31st December 2018			5,555,516

Draft Capital Account 2018

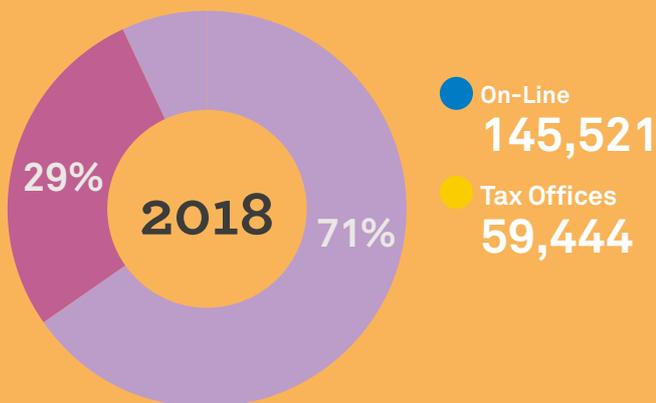
Programme	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	24,252,795	21,899,177
Road Transport & Safety	7,066,867	8,676,145
Water Services	4,434,125	4,635,253
Development Management	2,432,892	4,056,016
Environmental Services	2,469,967	847,362
Recreation & Amenity	1,289,013	445,753
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	0	0
Miscellaneous Services	4,095,360	4,199,402
Totals	46,041,019	44,759,108



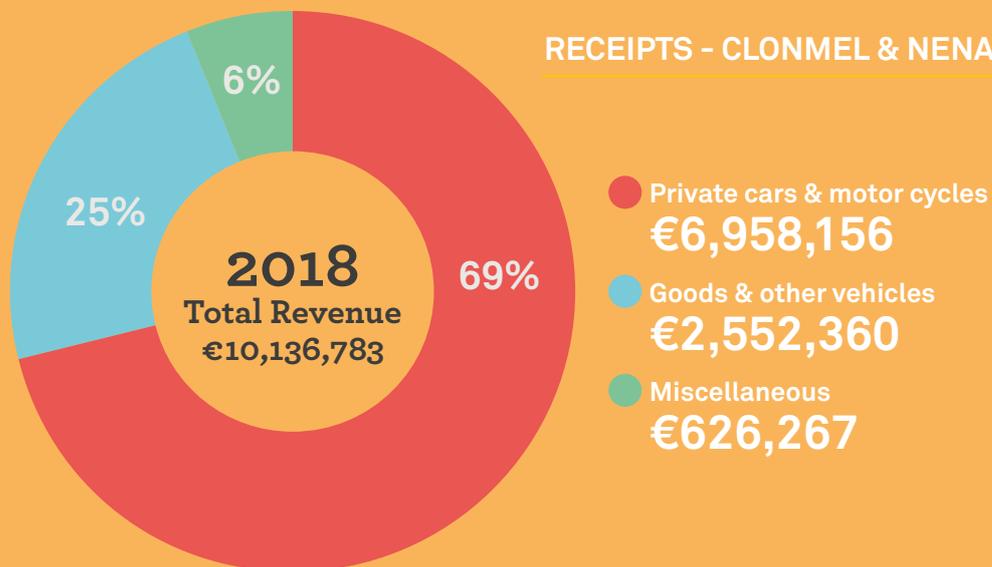
MOTOR TAXATION



NUMBER OF TAX DISCS ISSUED



RECEIPTS - CLONMEL & NENAGH



	No.	%
Percentage of applications which are postal (Motor Taxation Transactions)	10,382	5.02%
Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application		
	No.	%
On the same day	10,115	97.43%
On the 2nd or 3rd day	219	2.11%
On the 4th or 5th day	6	0.06%
Over 5 days	42	0.40%

*M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:	2016	2017	2018
Are dealt with over the counter	27.81	25.94%	23.94%
Are dealt with by post	6.83	6.05%	5.06%
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	65.36	68.01%	71.00%

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application	2016	2017	2018
(a) on the same day	13,908	12065	10,115
(b) on the 2nd or 3rd day	140	396	219
(c) on the 4th or 5th day	20	17	6
(d) over 5 days	46	48	42

M.3 Public Opening Hours	2016	2017	2018
Average number of opening hours per week	20.00	20.00	20.00



► Motor Tax On-line

The usage of the on-line motor tax facility www.motortax.ie continues to grow incrementally across all local authorities and Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting this facility.

The total number of Tax Discs issued to the 31st December 2018 amounted to 204,965. In percentage terms the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was 68.01% thereof.

A percentage of 68.01% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2017.

In addition the Council also has facilities available at Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal District Offices. These outlets cater for persons who do not have a Laser or Debit Card available to them. Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order and the on-line aspect of the transaction is carried out by a member of staff.

A total number of 3,794 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January 2018 to 31st December 2018.

Computers with internet connection are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at the Libraries in the County and at the Main Reception Areas of the Civic Offices in Clonmel and Nenagh.





FRANCHISE SECTION

The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register, prepared annually, is a list of persons registered to vote in elections/referenda.

The following are the relevant dates in the process.

- 1st November Publish Draft Register
- 1st February Publish Live Register of Electors
- 15th February Register comes into force

The Register of Electors for 2018/2019 had a total electorate of 125,718 and a breakdown of the total electorate in each local electoral area is as follows:

- | | |
|----------------------|--------|
| • Carrick on Suir | 17,110 |
| • Cashel-Tipperary | 21,763 |
| • Clonmel | 27,654 |
| • Nenagh | 30,082 |
| • Templemore-Thurles | 29,109 |



► Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act, 2017 Revision of Dáil Constituencies

Following the Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act, 2017, the Lower Ormond area of Tipperary is reverting to Tipperary Dáil Constituency, and the Electoral Divisions of Birdhill, Kilcomenty and Newport are transferring to Limerick City Dáil Constituency after the next dissolution of the Dáil.

► Presidential Election / 36th Referendum (include photos of count if available)

The Minister signed the Polling Day Order fixing Friday 25th May 2018 as the day for taking the poll at the Referendum on the Thirty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution and Friday 26 October 2018 as the day for the Presidential Election.



► Local Electoral Area Boundary Review

The Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr John Paul Phelan, established two independent Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees in 2018 to review and make recommendations on local electoral areas (LEAs) having regard to, among other things, the results of Census 2016 as well as the commitment to consider reducing the size of territorially large local electoral areas and ensuring adequate levels of representation for towns and urban areas.

The requirement to reduce the size of LEAs arose from concerns raised by councillors in previous years in relation to territorially large areas, and to bring a tighter and more urban focus, particularly to former borough towns, and towns with populations of 30,000 or more, following the last boundary review. Each recommendation required a balance of all relevant factors, such as population, extent of urban and rural population density, geography and topography, as well as consideration of community linkages and the practicalities of boundary lines.

The boundary committees completed their reports in June 2018, following 3 public consultations. Tipperary County Council made a detailed submission on 16th February 2018 and a total of 10 submissions were made in respect of Tipperary, all of which are available to view on the boundary commission website. The Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 1 Report 2018 recommended a total of 8 Local Electoral Areas for the county of Tipperary, an increase of 3 LEA's on the current total of 5.

The full list of Local Electoral Areas for Tipperary which will come into effect for the 2019 Local Elections scheduled to be held on 24th May 2019 are as follows:

- Clonmel
- Cahir
- Carrick-on-Suir
- Cashel-Tipperary
- Nenagh
- Newport
- Roscrea-Templemore
- Thurles

In addition, the Boundary Committee No. 1 report also made recommendations in relation to the configuration of municipal districts within Tipperary as follows:

- Clonmel Municipal Borough District comprising Clonmel LEA and Cahir LEA;
- Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District comprising Cashel-Tipperary LEA;
- Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District comprising Carrick-on-Suir LEA;
- Nenagh Municipal District comprising Nenagh LEA and Newport LEA;
- Thurles Municipal District comprising Thurles LEA and Roscrea-Templemore LEA.

The Minister accepted all of their recommendations in relation to the designation of LEA's however, in a very limited number of circumstances; he decided to deviate from the Committee's recommendations on Municipal Districts in order to facilitate the creation of distinct urban Municipal Districts for a small number of very large centres and former boroughs.

The designations of Municipal Districts in County Tipperary were signed into effect by statutory instrument on 19th December 2018 in parallel with the division of the county into Local Electoral Areas as follows:

- The Borough District of Clonmel consisting of the LEA of Clonmel;
- The Municipal District of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel consisting of the LEA of Cashel-Tipperary and the LEA of Cahir;
- The Municipal District of Carrick-on-Suir consisting of the LEA of Carrick-on-Suir;
- The Municipal District of Nenagh consisting of the LEA of Nenagh and the LEA of Newport;
- The Municipal District of Thurles consisting of the LEA of Thurles and the LEA of Roscrea-Templemore;



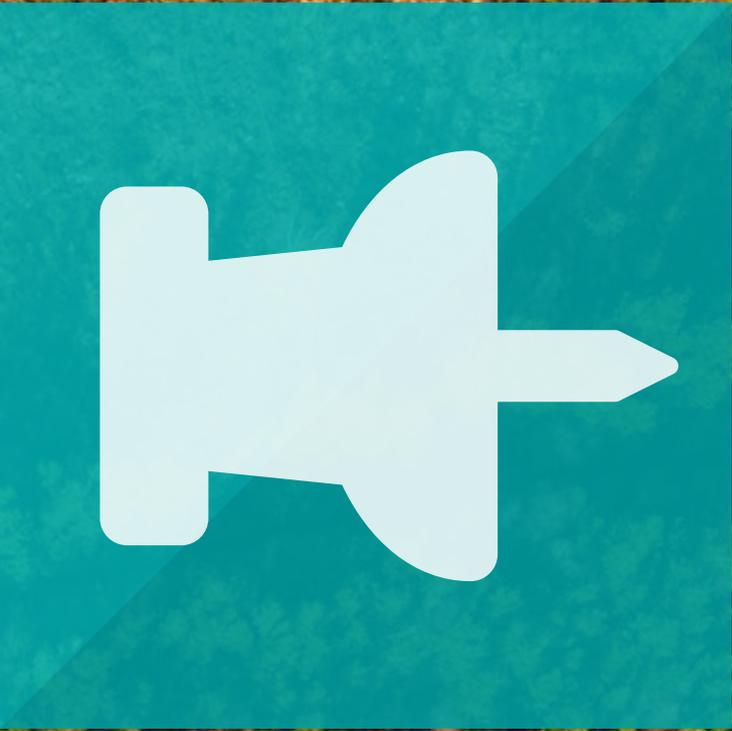
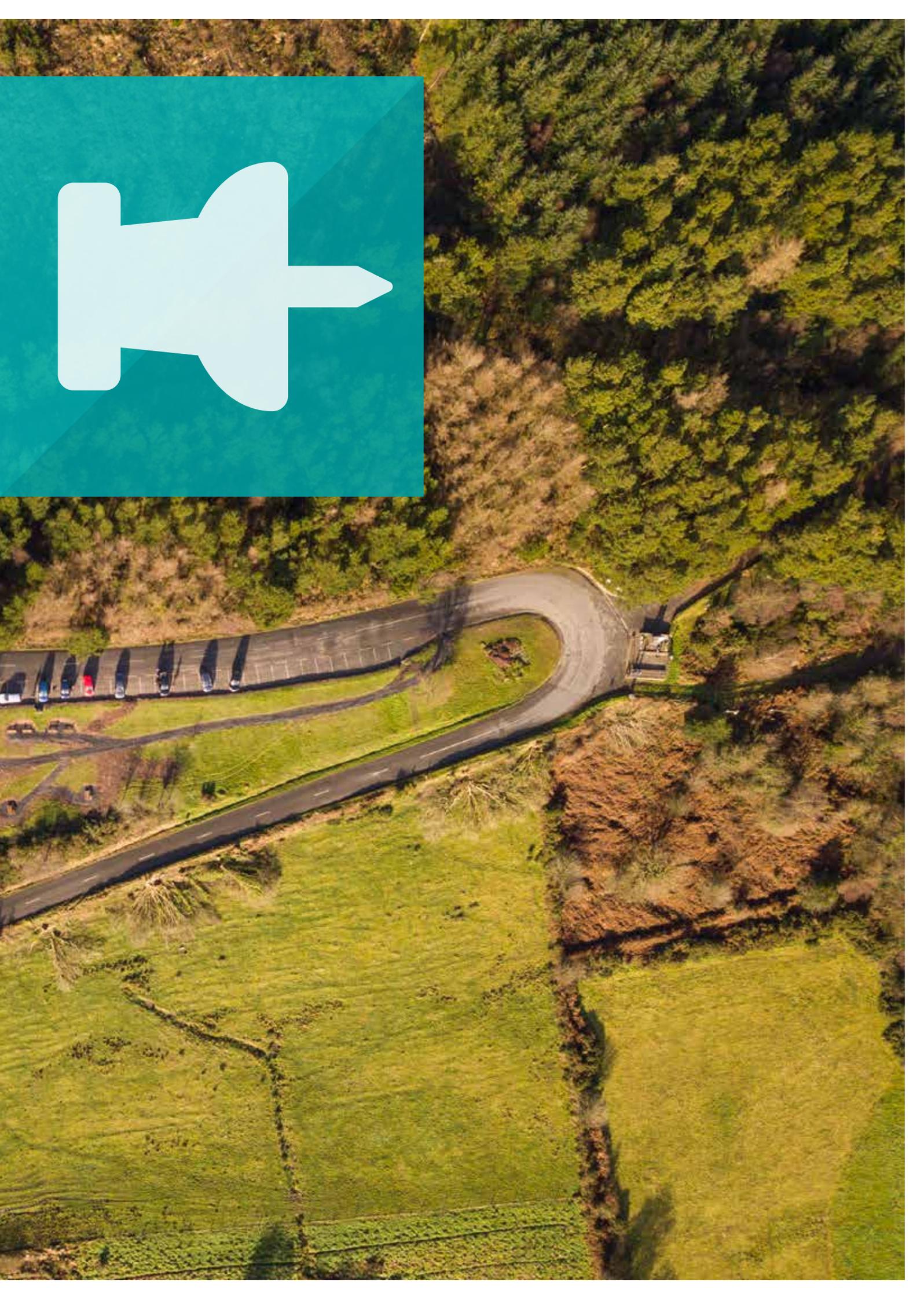
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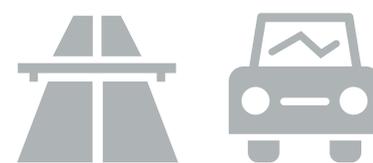
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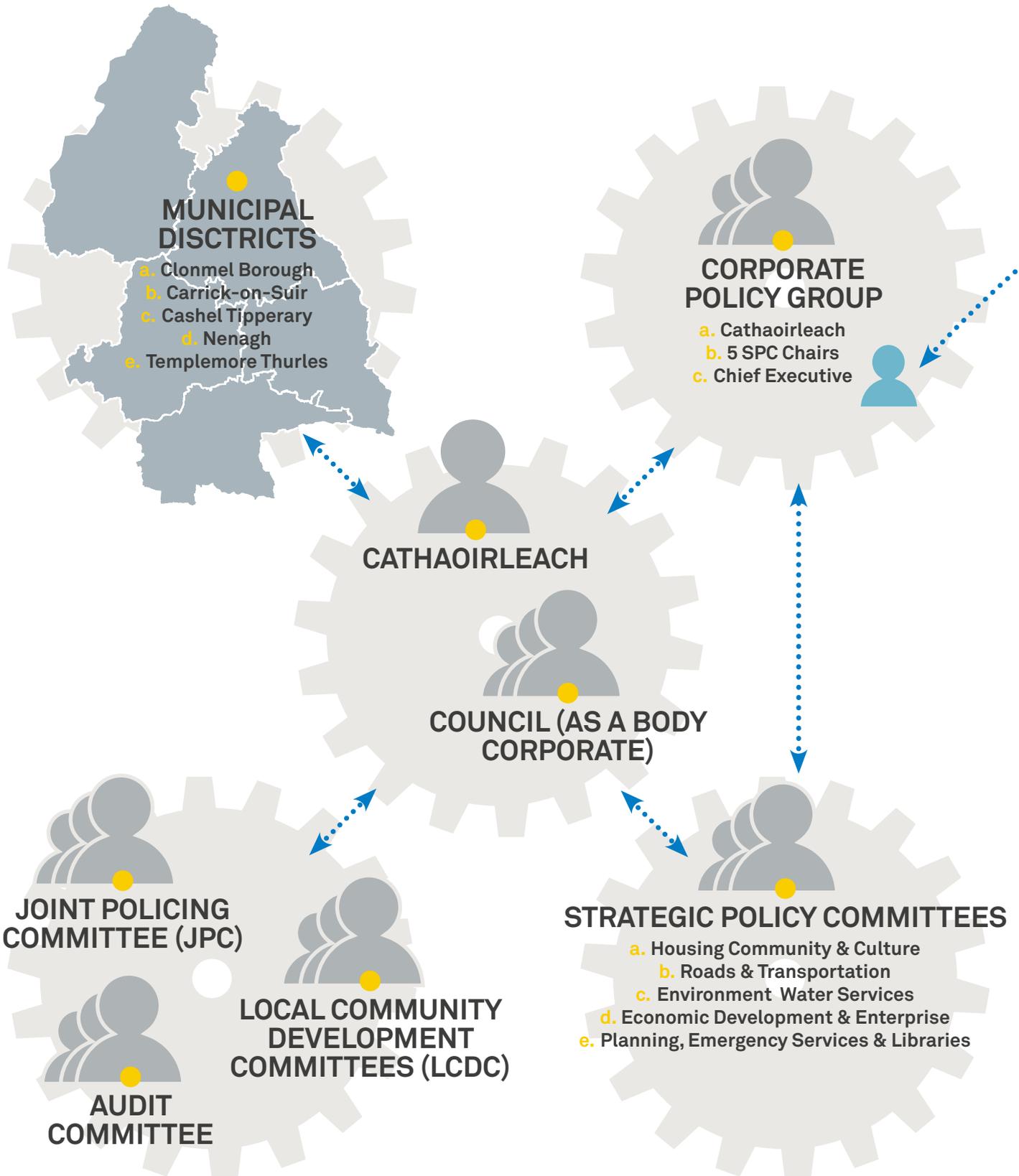
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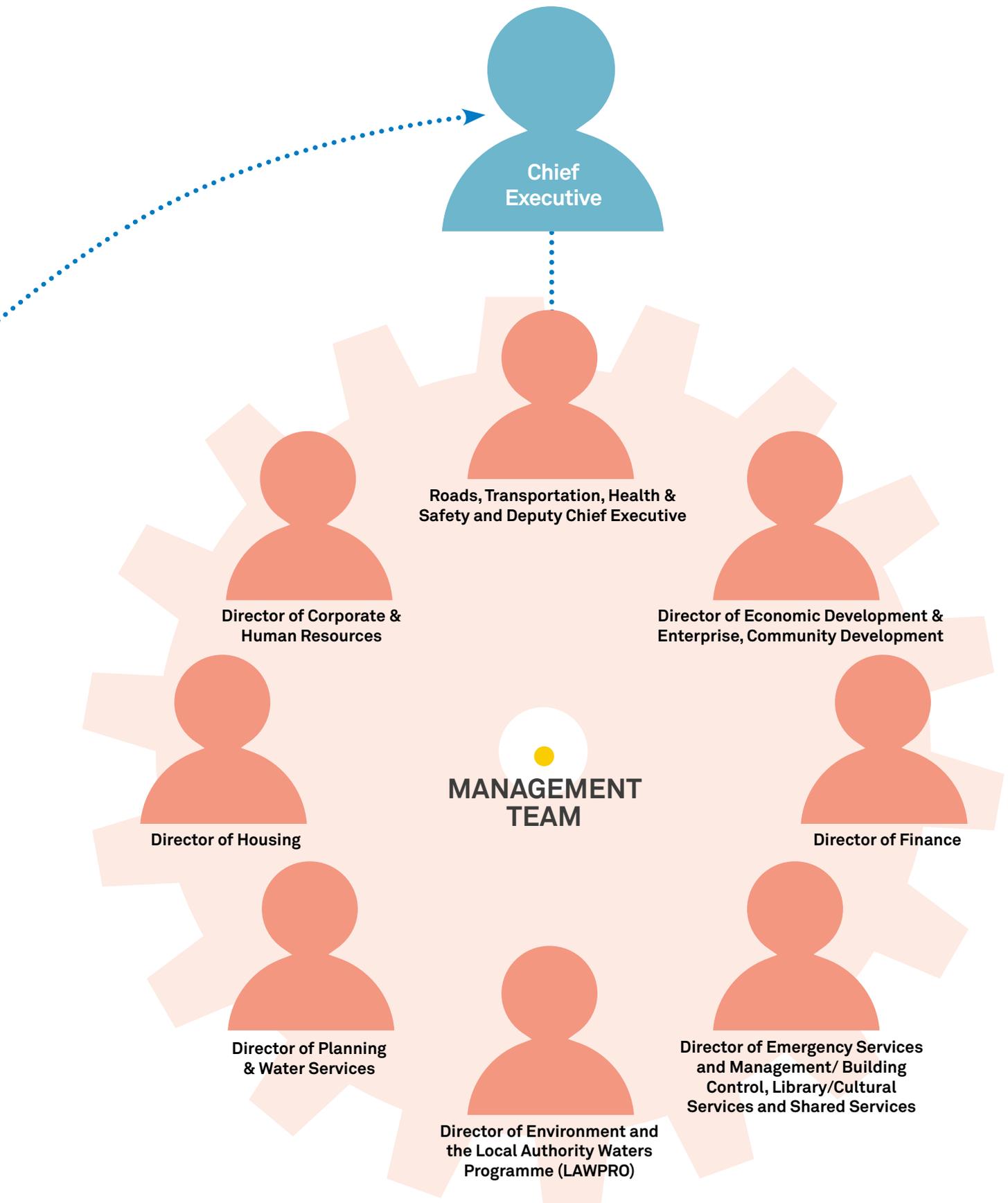
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Districts



PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Data is draft only for 2018 and final report will be available through NOAC on publication of Performance Indicators Report 2018 at the end of 2019.

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1, H2 & H4 Approved	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2018	4915	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2018 (whether constructed or acquired)	105	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2018	27	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2018	3	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2018	4990	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2018	3.21 %	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2018	160	
	A. Expenditure during 2018 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2018, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€593.18	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes).	€2959952	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes).	€2595276	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H3 & H5 Approved	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2018 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2018	33.5 wk	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2018, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2018	€8613.90	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2018 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	188	Acquisitions(64), which were included in the overall houses re-tenanted in previous years, have been excluded entirely (i.e. for expenditure and length of time purposes). This increases the average time vacant by 8.5 weeks per house.
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	6298 wk	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1619414	
	The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2017 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2017	25.7 wk	
	The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2017, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2017	€6631.5	
	In 2017, the number of dwellings that were re-tenanted (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	232	
	In 2017, the the number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	5962.4 wk	
	In 2017, Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1538508	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2018	7865	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2018	991	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2018 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	84.46 %	
	D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2018	64	
The number of dwellings inspected in 2018 that were found not to be compliant with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations	837		
Housing: H6 Approved	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2018		
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2018 as recorded on the PASS system		This information will be supplied by the Regional Homeless lead Authority, Waterford Co Co
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2018, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		This figure will be filled by the Regional Lead Authority, Waterford Co Co



Appendices

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Roads: R1 & R2 In Progress	The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	The % of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2018	1%	
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2018	1%	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2018	1%	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2018	1%	
B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2018	1%		
C1. Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2018	1%		
C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2018	1%		
D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2018	1%		
D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2018	1%		
Motor Tax: R3 Approved	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2018	74.22%	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Water: W1 In Progress	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2018	1%	
Waste: E1 In Progress	A. The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2018	1%	
	B. The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	1%	
Environmental Pollution: E2 Approved	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2018	1368	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2018	1326	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2018	246	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2017	204	
Litter Pollution: E3 In Progress	A1. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2018 was unpolluted or litter free	1%	
	A2. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2018 was slightly polluted	1%	
	A3. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2018 was moderately polluted	1%	
	A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2018 was significantly polluted	1%	
	A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2018 was grossly polluted	1%	
Green Flag Status: E4 Approved	A. The % of schools that have been awarded green flag status	62.03%	



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Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P1 Approved	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	11.78 %	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018 by a builder or developer on the local authority	416	
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2018 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2018 undertaken by the local authority	49	
Planning: P2 & P3 In Progress	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2018	24	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA		
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	21	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018 that were investigated	201	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2018	128	
	C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development		
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations		
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings		
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2018	627	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	128	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	201	
	Planning: P4 & P5 Approved	A. The 2018 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€0
AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2018		€0	not yet available
A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2018 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt		40.45 %	
B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2018 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant		52.81 %	
The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2018 that were not withdrawn by the applicant		89	
The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2018 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application		36	
The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2018 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period		47	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F1 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2018 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports	€54.83	
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2018	€8766761	E11 operational 8270270 E12 prevention 496491 Y E11 584923 Y E12 206887
Fire Service: F2 & F3 Approved	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	0 min	N/A
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	5.83 min	
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	0 min	N/A
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	5.9 min	
	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes	43.51 %	
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	40.26 %	
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	16.23 %	
	D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	34.27 %	
	E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	47.32 %	
	F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	18.41 %	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	1067	note this figure does not tally exactly with the sum of the three below it as some incidents would not have times recorded to allow for inclusion in the stats breakdown
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	402	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	372	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	150	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	506	note this figure does not tally exactly with the sum of the three below it as some incidents would not have times recorded to allow for inclusion in the stats breakdown
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	147	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	203	
Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	79		



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Library Service: L1 Approved	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	3.09	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	493333	
Library Service: L2 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2018 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€2745	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2018	€4379337	
Youth & Community: Y1 & Y2 Approved	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	78.79 %	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2018	33	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2018	26	
	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register and the proportion who opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	11.37	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2018	1434	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2018	171	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	163	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C1, C2, C4 & C5 Approved	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2018	1034.06	
	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2018	3.97 %	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2018	0.26 %	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2018	9352.01 day	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2018	617.23 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2018	0 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2018	43.5 day	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	85 _ 58 Males _ 27 Females	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018, divided by the WTE no.	€3034.45	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2018	€3137807	
	All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017, divided by the 2017 WTE no.	€2761.61	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2017	€2734404	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.10	
	Total Revenue expenditure from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018 before transfers to or from reserves	149744111	
	Corporate: C3 Approved	A. Total page views of the local authority's websites in 2018	1897926
B. Total number of followers at end 2018 of the LA's social media accounts		61954	
The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority		30	



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Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M1 & M2 Approved	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5536783	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5542326	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5547270	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5550224	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€5555516	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2018 as a percentage of Total Income in 2018 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	3.57%	
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2018	€938.52	
	The 2018 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€155489704	
	The 2018 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€149744111	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	72.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	78.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	81.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	81.5 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	82.5 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	92.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	95.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	97.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	98.7 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	93.3 %	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	76.0 %	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	77.0 %	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	79.0 %	
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2017	84.4 %		
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2018	85 %		



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Economic Development: J1 to J4 Approved	A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	168.0	
	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2018	40	
	B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2018	21	
	A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018	363	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	



CONFERENCES 2018

Entitlement to Health Services	Clonakilty
River Management	Clonakilty
Development Plan and Climate Change	Baltimore
Local Authorities Budgets	Letterkenny
Retail in Ireland Live	City West
Public Private Partnership	Wexford
Cross Border Conference	Carlingford
NFLA Energy Seminar	Omagh
New Affordable Houses Schemes	Carlingford
EU Cohesion Policy	Carlingford
Local Property Tax	Letterkenny
The Finance Act	Carlingford



TRAINING 2018

NFLA Annual Policy Seminar	Newry
Office of An Taoiseach – Political Advertising	Dublin Castle
Brexit Conference	Dublin
Irish Wind Energy Meeting	Cork
AILG Module 6	Kilkenny, Leixlip, Cavan
Disability Federation of Ireland	Limerick
AILG Module 5	Limerick, Sligo,
Getting Ireland Brexit Ready	Monaghan, Cork, Dublin, Galway
Tourism Conference	Limerick
AILG Module 4	Birr, Cork, Carrick on Shannon
SEAI Wind Energy Research	Dublin
HR Law Challenges	Dublin
Smart Towns and Villages	Leitrim
National Tourism Forum	Kerry
Energy & Climate Transition	Clonmel

Autumn Planning Conference	Dublin
Irish Wind Energy Research Network	Dublin
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Kerry
Energy in Agriculture	Roscrea
AILG Module 3	Bundoran, Dundalk, Killarney
AILG Module 2	Ennis, Westport, Lucan
Project Ireland 2040 Briefing with An Taoiseach	Limerick
IPI Planning Conference	Tralee
AILG Annual Conference	Dungarvan
LAMA Spring Training	Donegal Town
SEAI Energy Show	Dublin
AILG Module 1	Mullingar, Carlow, Cavan
European Movement Ireland	Galway
European Poverty Energy Conference	Dublin



REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE ROSCREA

The Roscrea Regional Training Centre continued with its commitment to providing quality training and development to both Public Sector Staff and the Private Sector. Training grant assistance for Roads, Water and Environmental sectors all contributed to another successful year. Continued expansion of our training programmes ensured our workforce received current knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their duties in a professional and safe manner.

► Training Statistics

A total of 6,756 person training days were delivered in 2018 to both public and private sector employees. This represents an 29.7% increase on 2017. Outturn for each constituent Local Authority is shown in graph below.

► Tipperary Local Authority Training

812 employees from Tipperary County Council attended courses run by the centre.

	2017	2018
Person Training courses received	1,019	1,645
Person Training days received	1,261	2,024



► Funding

Tipperary County Council employees completed accredited courses as follows:

C.S.C.S.

- Signing, Lighting & Guarding at Roadwork's - Completed by - 4 employees
- Health & Safety at Roadwork's - 43 employees
- 360o Excavator - 2 employees
- Locating Underground Services - 6 employees
- Telescopic Handler - 9 employees

Q.Q.I. Certificate:

- Waste Water Plant Operators Course - 4 employees
- Water Plant Operators Course - 7 employees
- First Aid - 37 employees
- Safe Use of Herbicides and Pesticides - 6 employees
- Certificate in Roads Programme Management - 3 employees
- Train the Trainer - 2 employees

I.O.S.H.

- Safety Rep. Training - 13 employees

City & Guilds

- Chainsaw Training - 12 employees
- Confined Spaces - 16 employees

Training Grant assistance for the constituent Local Authorities was available as follows:

- UISCE Éireann (water training grant) = €357,750
- Tipperary County Council allocation = € 69,000
- DTTAS (regional & local roads training grant) = €472,500
- Tipperary County Council allocatio = € 97,500
- Environment Training Grant = € 30,000

With the continued support of Management, Tipperary County Council employees can look forward to further training in 2019, leading to improved personal development and a healthier / safer work environment for all.





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