



Management Report to Council







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Economic Community and Rural Development February 2025

<p>Tipperary County Council’s Community, Economic, and Rural Development Directorate plays a vital role in fostering inclusive growth across the county. The council is committed to ensuring balanced economic and social development by focusing on various sectors like local enterprise, rural regeneration, tourism, community services, and sports infrastructure.</p>	
<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues;</u>	
Policy Changes/Updates	Progress in Previous Month
Local Economic and Community Plan	The First reporting period was up to October 2024 and the next reporting period is June 31 st 2025. The Housing Section (TCC) and the Tipperary ETB will report on their LECP actions at the February & March meetings.
County Outdoor Recreational Strategy	A draft is currently being prepared by external consultants in consultation with internal and external agencies.
LCDC Priority Review	A survey of 2025 priorities has been completed to inform policy decisions for the year ahead.
Strategic Policy Committee	The next meeting of the SPC will take place in February
Directorate Highlights	
Updates	Progress
Retail Grants	The Christmas Retail Support Scheme Programme awarded €41,400 in funding support.
Lough Derg	New destination Lough Derg website will go live 03 March 2025
Community Recognition Fund (CRF) Window 3	51 applications have been received and are currently being assessed.
Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)	9 applications received for Measure 1. 4 applications received for PDM of which 2 go forward for approval to the Department.
Local Enhancement Programme	The LEP was announced on the 29 th of January, €206,558 for small scale capital supports & €34,426 support for running costs for community groups.
Lisheen	Lisheen Master plan and associated works awarded €1 million under LRESSS programme.
Biomethane Development Office	This project was awarded €993,011 under the LRESSS programme in conjunction with TUS
Leader Target Call	In December 2024, a targeted call was made for environment related projects.
Interagency Response to Storm Eowyn	A community support helpline was launched for those needing assistance as a result of recent adverse weather conditions.

Local Community Initiatives

Tipperary County Council continues to prioritise community-driven projects that improve the lives of residents across the county by providing targeted assistance to disadvantaged groups, promoting both economic and social inclusion.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Tipperary LCDC held their final meeting of the year in the Horse and Jockey hotel in December 2024

The Committee are currently in the process of agreeing priorities for 2025 and feedback was sought and received through an on-line survey to all committee members. This included an emphasis on increased monitoring and metrics within the SICAP programme, a strategic focus of the objectives of the Local Development Strategy and the development of a protocol for a community response to severe weather events.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The LCDC are currently in the process of agreeing the Annual plan for SICAP in 2025 as well as undertaking a performance appraisal of 2024 activities.

The Budget for SICAP 2025 across the two lot areas including the new arrivals budget is €1,892,730. 25% of the costs are for Administration and 75% is for Actions which is mostly for staffing costs. However, NTDC have a programme budget (non-staff) of circa €90,000 while STDC have a programme budget of almost €80,000. This budget is for animating projects, community costs and grants to individuals, Social Enterprise and Local Community Groups. The Local Programme Targets groups are

- People Living in jobless households or households where the primary income source is low paid and/or precarious
- People impacted by educational disadvantage
- Refugees

Tipperary LEADER programme

The partnership of Tipperary LCDC, Tipperary County Council, North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC) & South Tipperary Development Company (STDC) continues to implement the objectives of the Local Development Strategy for the county.

In December 2024, with a budget of €300,000, a targeted call was made for projects under the strategy's subtheme "Enhancing Co. Tipperary's Environment". 80 expressions of interest were received from around the county. These are currently being assessed to establish who to invite to application stage.

South Tipperary Development Company have issued a call for interested communities to participate in the SMART Sustainable Village initiative. Funded through the LEADER programme this is a bespoke

training programme to support 5 South Tipperary communities to develop SMART Sustainable Village Plans, with at least one per Municipal District in the South and one of these in a disadvantaged area. TUS in association with Community Engagement Partners were awarded the contract to carry out the training. This “smart living “drive is an all-inclusive planning approach involving technology, communications infrastructure, environmental issues, social inclusion, culture, and transportation.

Other funding schemes overseen by the Community Development Unit

- Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)
- Community Recognition Fund
- Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)
- CLÁR
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)

The LEP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Tipperary County Council on behalf of the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Funding is targeted at communities to allow them to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area particularly in areas most disadvantaged. This year there are two funding streams that groups can apply under; Small Scale Capital Grants with a budget of €206,558 and Support for Running Costs with a budget of €34,426.

The programme will be advertised by Tipperary County Council at the end of January 2025 with a closing date of late February.

Community Recognition Fund

This capital funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development recognises the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from the Ukraine and people seeking protection from other countries. Window 3 of the 2024 Community Recognition Fund was advertised in December 2024. 51 applications have been received. These are currently being assessed as only a maximum of 8 projects can be brought to the Department for approval.

Local Coordination Response Group

The council established a dedicated phone number 0818 06 5001, to assist vulnerable people in the aftermath of Storm Eowyn. It concentrated its efforts to provide assistance to vulnerable people in isolated communities and households in conjunction with the HSE, An Garda Síochána and the Department of Social Protection.

Youth Prescriber Pilot project Clonmel

The purpose of this project is to support families to increase the engagement of children between the ages of 6 and 12 years in activities. The recruitment of a project co-ordinator is underway.

Drugs Rehabilitation CE Scheme Clonmel

South Tipperary Development Company has submitted an application to the DSP Monitoring committee in January 2025 for sanction to set a drugs rehabilitation CE Scheme Clonmel and we are awaiting the outcome of this request.

Clonmel Community Conversations about Substance Use

A Substance Use Alliance (inter-agency group) meeting took place on Friday 17th January. Marie Walsh presented the 8 key priority items that came up at the 4 Community Conversations meeting. The four cohort leaders (Businesses, Parents & Schools, Clubs & Groups, Lived Experience) fed back the commitment of the agencies in response to the feedback received at the Community Conversations meeting. A date of 5th March was set for the follow-up public meeting with the 4 cohort groups.

Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly are hosting a meeting for all Tidy Towns groups in the county Saturday 8th February in to encourage their participation in the 2025 Tidy Towns Competition. Tipperary has a very strong track record in participation. This event will showcase Heritage, Biodiversity, LEADER, LAWPRO, Community Engagement and a review of the 2024 results.

Planet Youth Tipperary

Just under 1800 students successfully completed the Planet Youth Survey in November 2024 and in Q1 2025 we will have receipt of the survey results to inform us on Health and Wellbeing matters related to the young people in the county. This feedback will assist and inform policy development and responses to the areas identified. All schools that participated in the survey will receive their own dedicated report.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN) will embark on a Community Mapping project in late Spring. This project will capture the physical infrastructure of community facilities in the county as well as details of the social and cultural infrastructure. Staff engaged in the project will meet with and conduct surveys with community groups across the county. On conclusion of this process all facilities, events, capacity, training will be identified and showcased through www.tipperarycoco.ie

Healthy Tipperary

With national funding secured for 2025, Healthy Tipperary will continue working on activities and programmes for 2025 under the 2 health indicators:

- Increase in % of adults and Children meeting physical activity guidelines
- Increase in % of people aged 50 + engaging in social activity to more than once a week.

Period Poverty Funding

Healthy Tipperary has taken the lead on this for Tipperary County Council with a submission made to the Department of Health for funding for 2025. Funding has been awarded to 5 family resource centres, youth centre's, Tipperary County library network. Products are being distributed to Local Authority swimming pools, and non sporting groups such as dance groups, drama groups, community halls, dance studios across the County.

Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership

A team has been appointed to manage this partnership and will become effective once the final regulations have issued from the department.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAI)

The team continues to work with the Ukrainian (BOTP population) and International Protection Applicants across the county. The preparation of the annual workplan for 2025 in collaboration with the Local Development Companies and other agencies is underway. The following table details the number of individuals resident in the county

Ukrainian Community (BOTP)	1662
International Protection (IP)	795
Total	2417

Sports Development

County Outdoor Recreation Strategy

Currently, the team is working with Tipperary County Council & key stakeholders to develop a County Outdoor Recreation Plan for Tipperary to be completed by February.

Community Projects

The following community projects were rolled out throughout the last quarter by the sports partnership team.

- A 10 week 'Swim for a Mile' programme commenced in January with swimming pools in Clonmel, Carrick, Thurles, & Nenagh.
- A Community Strength & Conditioning programme was piloted in the community of Dundrum for men over 45.
- Two Aqua Fit Programmes for older adults were delivered in Carrick and Nenagh.

School Programmes

Three school programmes are underway which include:

- Wiggly Wobbly Balance Programme to a further 6 Preschools
- Two Her Moves Programme targeting inactive teenage girls in Tipperary Town and Fethard
- Expressions of interest are being sought for Cycling Ireland's Cycle Right programme.

Sport4Empowerment ESF+ programme

As part of this programme,

- Thurles Ukrainian Youth Sports Pathway programme which consisted of a series of taster sessions for Ukrainian youths linking with local clubs in partnership with the Integration Team was completed on 21st November.
- A traveller women's Aqua fit programme was completed on the 6th December with NTDC in Roscrea.



- An introduction to GAA was delivered to the new communities in Dundrum (Ukrainians & IPAS communities)

Training & Education Programme

The team also provided training and education programmes which included 3 Safeguarding 1 workshops in January with a further 3 courses planned for the Spring along with a Safeguarding 2 and 3 workshop. Registration details on www.tipperarysports.ie

In partnership with Clare and Limerick LSPs and TUS, a Sport Club Administration Level 6 Award was delivered which supported the participating clubs to develop strategic plans for their clubs.

FAI

The following is an update on football initiatives & development by the two FAI Development Officers throughout November, December 2024 and January 2025.

Club Development

The FAI Club Mark is a series of accreditation awards for grassroots clubs based on best practice in the governance, management and administration of a club and is now mandatory for all clubs to hold at least the entry level award by December 31st 2025. All clubs across the county that do not hold this award are being engaged with and supported. Meetings were held in January with clubs to support the entry level application which is now mandated for all clubs to complete. Killavilla United has registered for the One Star Award. BT Harps and Nenagh Celtic have completed the Entry Level Awards in January.

Club Project

Coach development sessions were held in 2 clubs with 26 coaches in attendance.

Kick Fit – Women’s Programme

The FAI Cadbury Kick Fit programme is a fun and non-competitive recreational social programme for women 18+, with no experience necessary. Moneygall, Nenagh Celtic and Clonmel Town continue with the sessions weekly & 3 groups continue to participate in the women’s 7v7 winter league.

FAI Coach Education & Safeguarding

1 x 7 v 7 workshop 15 participants
1 x Football Fitness Intro Workshop 15 participants
2 x Safeguarding 1 courses 60 participants
1 x Me and my ball course 27 participants

FUTSAL in the Yard:

This is a 3rd & 4th class programme that runs for 6 weeks in primary schools. 18 Schools participated in the programme with a total of 900 participants

In Her Boots

In Her Boots, in partnership with Aviva, is an education and awareness-based programme aimed at the football volunteer workforce across Ireland working with female players. The programme is created for girls aged 9-16 and was held in in Cahir Park AFC, Ballymackey FC and Holycross FC with 60 coach’s and 36 players in attendance.

FAI Primary 5's

The FAI primary 5's school competition will launch on Feb 24th and will run up to May with 120 schools across Tipperary including schools hosting in-house blitz days in the lead-up to the competition launch. Preparations are underway to plan the competition which will be held in, Two Mile Borris/St Kevins FC, Peake Villa FC, Ballymackey FC and Cahir Park AFC.

Emerging Talent Programme (ETP):

ETP league squads have been supported at both boys' and girls' levels from U12-U16. In addition, Tipperary boys and girls have been representing their respective leagues and we have seen players in boys and girls go on to have international recognition in the past months.

Tourism

Tipperary Tourism Company

Networking

Almost 30 tourism trade representatives attended a Tipperary Tourism networking event in December, working with Cashel Palace Hotel, visiting Fethard Horse Country Experience, Fethard Town Park, Coolmore Stud and Sadlers in Fethard. The presentations on the day showcased where public, community and private worked together to create world class experiences. This was the third successful networking event organised by Tipperary Tourism in 2024, and demonstrated the value of these events for the sector in the county.

Tipperary Tourism Website Development

Under the EU JTF Digital Transformation Programme, Tipperary Tourism secured funding to the value of €28,290 towards a new Digital Roadmap, including new website, content and digital marketing. This is progressing currently.

Tipperary Tourism Board

Helen King has been appointed as the new Chairperson for Tipperary Tourism, with John G. O'Dwyer stepping down after his two-year term.

Munster Vales

Munster Vales has started the process of a Motorcycle Feasibility Study with consultants appointed to review the motorcycle and bike tourism market. The emphasis of study will focus on the potential strengths of Munster Vales as a destination in enticing this unique market to the region, ensuring community engagement, considered sustainability and innovative marketing development are integral to the strategic direction of the study resulting in attainable actions that can enhance a positive outcome for tourism in Munster Vales.

Tourism Activator Update



Fáilte Ireland's Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs closed on January 13th. Twelve strong applications, with a combined funding total sought of over €4m, were submitted to the Just Transition Evaluation Committee. The applications focused on creating accessible viable visitor experiences and generating eco-friendly accommodation that appeals to domestic and international markets.

The Tourism Activator rolled out procurement training for SMEs and Start-Ups on the 23rd of January. It is a sector-specific area that is new for private enterprises.

The Littleton Bog Experience Feasibility Study is near completion with the final report due in February.

Destination Lough Derg.

Networking and communication:

One of the main recommendations from the midterm review of the Visitor Experience Destination Plan was to improve networking around the lake in order to cross promote all tourism providers.

To increase such networking a tourism Spotlight Series will be hosted by Destination Lough Derg. This series is due to commence early February 2025. This would be a weekly one-hour online sessions, which would include updates from 3 to 4 tourism businesses each week and industry discussion in a soapbox format. It will be open to all Lough Derg tourism businesses to join to hear the updates.

New Destination Lough Derg website

New destination Lough Derg will go live 03 March 2025. The new Website will have greater functionality which will include a portal where tourism providers can log in and update their own information.

Platforms for Growth.

Building has commenced on the Platforms for growth in Ballycuggaran site. The Dromineer site is due to start later this year.

Shannon and Shannon Erne interpretation Scheme.

Phase 1 is completed and phase 2 (Tender for Manufacture of interpretation boards) is due to commence March 2025 following consultation with councils along the route.

Feasibility study completed on e Biking route around Lough Derg.

A study concluded that the route around the lake is not conducive to the casual cyclist and proposed an alternative looped or themed cycle loop.

Economic Development Programme

Tipperary Gift Voucher/Card 'Love Local'

Tipperary Gift Voucher was launched and early in January 2025 the *Love Tipperary* initiative officially reached the incredible milestone of €100,000.

Christmas Retail Support Grants



Grants were awarded to 39 Christmas Events and Markets that were hosted in December 2024 in the towns and villages across the County. The value of the grant scheme was €41,400

Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme

30 applications for the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme Grant were processed in 2024 to the value of €16,820 in grants. The original value of rates for these 30 businesses is €41,750 so an average grant of 40% per business utilising a vacant premise when setting up.

Of the 30 grants, 11 properties granted were in the area designated as Prime Retail Area, 17 were in the area designated as Towns Centres or Villages and 2 were in the area designated as Countywide. 13 of the applications were claiming the final year of their grant and 10 of the applications were claiming their second year of their grant. Applicants were drawn for all of the 5 MD's and business ranged from Cafés, Restaurants, Clothing, Gym and Fitness, Print, Barber, Beauty and Art.

Following the first Meeting of the new Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, a Sub-Group has been established to carry out a review of the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme. Work has commenced on this and it is expected a new scheme will be presented to the Council Members in Q4 of 2025.

Local Enterprise Office

Local Enterprise Office Tipperary supported 262 client Companies in 2024. Of these client companies net jobs growth of 149 were created, a very strong performance for Tipperary.

Grant Support & Training / Mentorship

A total of €1,930,207 supports was approved for businesses in various sectors throughout Tipperary for 2024. A total of 3 client Companies were transferred to Enterprise Ireland to help enhance the businesses Export Growth.

Grant Support

51 businesses received a total of €892,703 in Priming, Business Expansion, Feasibility, Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters, GradStart & Intellectual Property

Trading on Line Voucher

In addition, a total number of 94 Trading on Line Vouchers were approved valued at €190,352

Energy Efficiency Grant

A further 12 businesses received funding support of €76,152 towards Energy Efficiency Grant

Productivity Consultancy Supports & Mentoring / Training

A total of €771,000 was made available to support Businesses in 2024. Supports included Productivity Supports in LEAN, Green & Digital for business. Other supports included Mentoring of which 596 assignments were approved. A total of 1682 availed of training supports.

JTF Projects Fáilte Ireland:

Carrick-On-Suir. This €185,027 grant through Fáilte Ireland has two distinct projects, both of which aim to contribute to the regeneration of Carrick-on-Suir riverside. The first project (Project A) is the feasibility and design for the repurposing of two arches under the Dillon Bridge (main road bridge). This project is broken into two stages; (A1) The Concept Design and (A2) Detailed Design and Tender. The aim is to provide water based activities which tie in with the 53km Suir Blueway kayaking and canoe trail from Cahir to Carrick-on-Suir.

It is proposed that “river safaris” would be operated by a local canoe club, subject to licensing, and offered to both novice and experienced users. The project seeks to better leverage the river and provide opportunity for visitors to engage with the town’s heritage and natural assets from the river.

The second project (Project B) is a masterplan and feasibility for the redevelopment of the 2.7 acre Goldcrop Site adjacent to Dillon Bridge. Again, this project is also broken down into 2 distinct stages. The first stage is (B1) Public consultation and the second stage is (B2) Concept Design. The Goldcrop site’s use was explored as part of a public consultation, with tourism being the clear preference. However, no concept beyond this has been decided, with ideas such as accommodation and retail being considered.

The overarching aim is to better link the town centre to the riverside, opening it up for tourism and leisure in particular. It is intended to develop the town into a holistic tourism hub, linking experiences with the Suir Blueway, the new Waterford Greenway and OPW sites in particular.

Current Project status:

Project A – Arches – Consultant appointed and project underway, draft design presented and feedback being implemented into further design.

Project B – Goldcrop Feasibility & Concept Design – tender entitled “*Architect led Single Point Design Team for development of Feasibility Study and Concept Design for the Goldcrop Site*” published on etenders 22/01/2025

Both projects are envisaged to complete by Q4 2025.

Roscrea – Public Realm Castle Street: detailed design & planning for the regeneration of Castle Street, tender documents are being finalised for advertising.

Bioeconomy Development

BioScaleUp - BioScaleUp proposes the demonstration of 6 innovative biobased technologies at Lisheen, bringing technologies validated at lab scale (TRL 4) to demonstration at industrial pilot scale (TRL 7)

- The main focus of the ‘BioScaleUP’ project at the moment is the procurement of equipment for the BioScaleUp facility, and recruitment of PHD students among the RPO’s.
- The Consortium Agreement between the industry partners, TCC and the RPO’s is also in the process of being signed.

JTF Lisheen project - Lisheen Master plan for TCC owned 10 acres and associated works

- Appointed a procurement co-ordinator (KSNPM) to compile tender documents in accordance with public procurement guidelines.
- Request for tenders for a “Architect or Engineer Led Integrated Multidisciplinary Design Team Consultancy Services for Masterplan uploaded on eTenders portal closing date for receipt of tenders the 31st January 2025
- Initial Stakeholder engagement has commenced with an Irish Bioeconomy Foundation site visit.

Templemore JTF Project - Activation of a publicly owned landbank in the town of Templemore for the purposes of providing lands to assist in meeting the employment and recreational needs of those within the Just Transition area?

- Appointed a procurement co-ordinator (KSNPM) to compile tender documents in accordance with public procurement guidelines.
- Request for tenders for a “Architect or Engineer Led Integrated Multidisciplinary Design Team Consultancy Services for the development of a Masterplan, incorporating Junction Design and Part 8 Planning for Tipperary County Council owned lands at Templemore, Co. Tipperary”. Issued on the eTenders platform receipt of Tenders deadline on the 31st of Jan 2025
- Ground penetrating radar Utility survey completed (GPR) required for the initial design phase.

Pathways2Resilience:

The council participated in an EU wide Climate Adaptation Programme. The ECRD directorate & Env & Climate Action section has received funding of €210,000 to participate in an 18-month programme to support a transformative approach to climate adaptation and climate change resilience. The council is one of 40 regions all across Europe in the programme and will be working with its Irish & European partners to build a resilient and progressive Circular Bioeconomy, centred on the work of the National Bioeconomy Campus at the former Lisheen Mine Campus, Lisheen, Thurles.

Biomethane for Carbon & Community - A dedicated team of six staff members is now in place to work on the BCC project, forming the BDO.

- A Steering Group with nine members from four partner organizations has been established to support the BDO, holding monthly meetings in 2024. Planning to have quarterly meetings in 2025.
- The BDO office is now set up and operational at the National Bioeconomy Campus in Lisheen, Co. Tipperary.
- Feasibility studies and stakeholder analysis have been initiated to assess Ireland's biomethane production potential and ensure effective community involvement in future projects.

Environment & Climate Action Directorate

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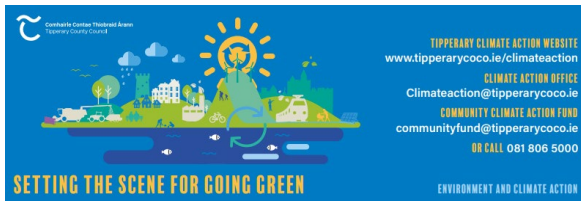


Set up in 1996, Irish Business Against Litter is an alliance of companies sharing a belief that continued economic prosperity - notably in the areas of tourism, food and direct foreign investment - is contingent on a clean, litter-free environment. As part of the IBAL Anti-Litter League, An Taisce monitors towns independently and in accordance with international grading standards. Nenagh was selected by IBAL to be examined as one of 40 locations in 2024. In the final results announced recently, Nenagh was ranked in 7th place out of 40 towns/cities, achieving a ranking of “*Cleaner Than European Norm*”. This is an excellent outcome and reflects the hard work and commitment shown by the local Tidy Towns groups and business community, supported by Tipperary County Council.



Nenagh Courthouse

Climate & Energy



Tipperary County Council Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) 2024 – 2029

The LACAP comprises 100 Actions, along with a vision and actions for the Tipperary ‘Decarbonising Zone (DZ)’. The focus for climate action in 2025 will be on the delivery and monitoring of Actions, including those that relate to the Council meeting its own Greenhouse Gas Emissions reductions and energy efficiency targets for facilities and fleet, staff climate action awareness, innovation and climate action through Council services delivery and the roll out of the vision for the Tipperary DZ.

There is also a commitment by the Council to facilitate an outward facing stakeholder group ‘SustainableTipp’. The delivery of climate actions as set out in the LACAP continues through the Climate Action Office along with the cross-department Climate Action Team. A LACAP Annual Progress Report for 2024 is being brought to the Elected Members in February 2025.

Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Officer is currently working with 25 successful community groups to draw down approved funding under the terms of Call 1 of the Community Climate Action Fund. Engagement also continues with groups who did not get approval for funding. This will help to ensure groups are ready for Call 2 of funding which is due to happen in 2025. No date has been set by the Department of Transport, Environment and Climate Change. As soon as it is announced it will be promoted primarily through the Public Participation Network (PPN) along with other avenues.

Policy

The first meeting of the new Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting took place on 4th December 2024. Topics discussed included an overview of the role of the SPC,

the Draft Burial Ground Development Policy, and an overview of the functions, roles and responsibilities of the Environment & Climate Action Section.

Public Awareness Initiatives

Relove Fashion Competition - Circular Economy Initiative



18 secondary schools across the county have registered for the Relove fashion competition open to young people aged 12-19 years. This competition was developed by the Rediscovery Centre and is funded by the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices and participating Local Authorities. Young people are challenged to explore their creative design skills to create a sustainable and re-wearable outfit using clothing from charity shops, swap shops or reused items already available at home. Closing date for entry submissions has been extended to 22nd January 2025.

2025 Tidy Towns Grant and Burial Ground Maintenance Grant Schemes

These 2025 Grant Schemes will be advertised week of 3rd February 2025 in the local papers. All 2024 grant applicants will receive a pre-printed application form. Closing date for receipt of completed applications forms by the relevant Municipal District is 14th March 2025. Forms for new applicants are available from Áine Brett, Environment and Climate Action Section and on Tipperary County Council's website, www.tipperarycoco.ie. The Local Authority would like to again acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by these voluntary committees.



Veterinary Services

Control of Horses

In 2024, 23 horse queries were reported to the Environment & Climate Action Section, which resulted in 32 seizures.

MD	Number Reports	Number Horses Seized
Nenagh	5	6
Clonmel	7	13
Cashel/Cahir/Tipperary	3	6
Carrick	2	1
Thurles	6	6
TOTAL	23	32

Control of Dogs

Dog Control Unit

A total of 178 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens to 31st December 2024; 93 of that number were sent to rescue, 22 were reclaimed by their owners, 13 were rehomed and 50 were put to sleep. The Section continues to work with animal welfare organisations on the re-homing of dogs.

Licences

The number of dog licences purchased to 31st December 2024 was 9,090. This represents an 18% increase on licence purchased in 2023.

XL Bully Dogs

On 1st October 2024, it became illegal to import, breed, rehome or resell an XL Bully dog. From 1st February 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully dog unless the owner has obtained a Certificate of Exemption from the Local Authority. To get a Certificate of Exemption, the XL Bully must be licenced, microchipped and neutered. The processing of the Certificate of Exemption is free of charge. To 31st December 2024 the Council had approved and issued 12 Certificates of Exemption with a number of other applications currently live.



Abattoirs

There was 673 visits to abattoirs and small food producers during 2024 by Veterinary Inspectors for the purposes of food safety inspections. On the 1st January 2025, this official food control function undertaken by Local Authorities transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

The customer numbers using the facilities in 2024 continue to remain strong as shown in the table below.

Customer visits to the CAS	
Waller's-Lot	28,655
Carrigeen Clonmel	19,774
Nenagh	26,787
Roscrea	25,668
Donohill	14,437
Total as at the 31st December 2024	115,321

The total number of customers for 2024 is just below the 2023 figure of 115,914. The Deposit Return Scheme has been a factor in the very modest overall reduction in customers.

Burial Grounds

Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

An extensive work programme across the county is ongoing. Burial Grounds Capital, Minor and Improvement Works (including site selection) continue at the following locations: Ballina (Boher), Fethard, Newcastle, Tyone, Clonmel (St Patrick's), Carrick-on-Suir, Kiladangan, Solohead/Monard, New Inn and Borrisoleigh. The development of a Burial Ground in Cahir is now being carried out by The Waterford & Lismore Diocese with assistance from Tipperary County Council.



Waste Management and Enforcement

Enforcement Actions

A total of 57 Enforcement Actions were undertaken during 2024 which comprised of Directions to clean a site/property and cease any unauthorised waste activity. 45 of the Directions were complied with and the remainder are still within their required timeframe for completion.

Legal Proceedings

Legal activity under the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, in 2024 was:

- 19 Prosecutions undertaken (5 under Litter Pollution Act, 14 under Waste Management Act.
- 8 successful convictions achieved
- 11 awaiting court dates - cases deferred to 2025.

Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) Issued

In total 132 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in 2024. These are broken down as follows:

- 49 End of Life Vehicles
- 8 Unauthorised Waste Activities
- 74 Litter Fines.

Household Waste Inspections

A total of 318 household waste surveys were carried out on houses in Co. Tipperary to 31st December 2024. The compliancy rate was 81% with 258 householders, to date, having replied to letters, demonstrating evidence of their waste providers. This compliancy rate is above the national average of 75% approximately. The Section will continue to engage with home owners/occupiers in an effort to encourage full compliance.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

- 401 tonnes of textiles were collected in 2024 in total. This represents an annual decrease of 8% compared to the 2023 total figure.
- 3,275 tonnes of glass was collected in 2024. This represents an annual increase of 1% compared to the 2023 figure.

- 69 tonnes of cans were collected in total for 2024. This represents an annual decrease of 33% compared to the 2023 figure. This decrease can be attributed to the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme.

Certificate of Registrations / Waste Permits

There are 14 Certificates of Registrations, 31 Waste Facility Permits and 82 Waste Collection Permits currently active in Co. Tipperary. Tipperary County Council has achieved 100% of annual return reviews and data validations of these for 2024. There are 2 permits under review at the time of report writing, 1 of which is an existing permit and 1 which is a new Waste Facility Permit.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. In December 2024, the landfill accepted in a total of 48,749.16t of waste, this was ca. 99.49% of the licensed intake limit of 49,000t/a.



Ballaghveny landfill - view from the top of the ramp down to the waste tipping face in Cell 10B

Donohill landfill

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



Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin commenced in December 2021. During 2024, Ballaghveny Landfill accepted 15,655.66t of waste from SVC Rathcabbin (comprising both stabilised waste, contaminated soil and mixed construction and demolition material contaminated with waste). The removal of waste from the former SVC facility is almost complete.

Ballaghveny Landfill Community Gain Fund

Applications for the 2024 Fund will open in Spring 2025. The current value of the Community Gain Fund (CGF) arising from the waste accepted during 2024 is ca. €61,900 and this will be made available in 2025.

Closed landfills

An application for 2025 funding was submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication for environmental risk assessments and Certificates of Authorisation for closed landfills within the county at: Tipperary Town; Dundrum; Knocklofty, Kilsheelan; Killeigh and Caherabbeey, Cahir; Deansgrove; Cashel; Connawarries, Carrick-On-Suir; Brittasroad and Monanearla, Thurles; Kiltillane, Templemore; Shesherahscanlon, Borrisokane; Glencrue, Portroe; Grange, Ballina; Bawn and Rathnaleen North, Nenagh; Cooleen, Silvermines. Environmental monitoring of these historic landfills is ongoing

Environmental Protection

Water Pollution /Agriculture

- 704 samples were taken in 2024 as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 201 farm inspections have been carried out under the NAIP in 13 catchments, across all LEAs. An additional 19 first time inspections took place under complaint investigations and planning application inspection programmes. To assist farmers, 663 notification letters were issued to farmers in these catchments prior to inspections taking place. These letters give a minimum of 2 weeks notice of potential inspection as well as a list of common breaches found during farm inspections.



- TCC took part in 3 Farming for Water events in 2024. These events were hosted by Arrabawn on a farm in the Ballyfinboy catchment and Centenary Co-Op hosted two events on farms in the Suir (Drish) and the Nore Catchments. These events were very well attended and are ideal knowledge transfer opportunity for TCC, allowing us to explain the farm inspection procedure, outline common issues and answer any queries.
- 19 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted, assessed and approved for the Use of Sewage Sludge in Agriculture.
- 57 septic tank inspections were performed under the National Inspection Plan including verification inspections
- 93 Section 4 samples were taken and monitored for compliance.
- 368 drinking water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 45 of which were investigative, follow up samples.
- 106 drinking water audits were performed (Small private supplies & GWS & Private Wells)

Planning Referrals

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

AIR

Air Inspections

- Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022)
 - 31 inspections have been carried out.
 - 1 multi-agency inspection was carried out under the solid fuel regulations.
- European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012
 - 22 inspections have been carried out.
- European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012
 - 28 inspections have been carried out.
- Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 199
 - 38 petroleum vapours inspections have been carried out.



Air Monitors

- The current status of air quality in all towns monitored is rated as good and is compliant with The CAFE directive.
- Live Information on Air Quality in Clonmel and Tipperary Town can be retrieved at airquality.ie

Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance Subsidy 2024

- 70 Schemes were invited to apply for AM Subsidy in 2024; 30th June 2024 was the closing date.
- 69 applications received; 62 Schemes have been paid at December 2024 to value of (€644,210.90).

All GWSs have received an invitation pack with which to apply for AM Subsidy 2025. One GWS has already applied and is being paid its Subsidy.

Current Capital Projects

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024 – 2026 projects were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 12th April 2024. On 6th November, TCC received notice from the DHLG&H allocating a total of €1.789m for 13 projects, under the following headings:

- Measures A1 Source Protection €31,984
- Measure A2 Water Quality, €38,569
- Measure A3 Amalgamation, €281,462
- Measure A6a Taking in Charge by Uisce Éireann, €1,437,064.

A Multi-Party Framework for Procurement of Consulting Engineers is being prepared. The MPF will be facilitate progressing GWS projects under the headings above. Reports required by DHLG&H are being prepared and it is anticipated will be submitted to DHLG&H within the time frame required. These relate to requests for funding under MA 4 Infrastructure.



Private Well Grants

At end of 2024 New Applications Received were 83; Applicants approved for grant aid were 79; Applicants paid a grant were 56. A total of €195,258.90. was invested under the Scheme.

Small Private Supplies.

Invoices for DWM Contribution 2025 have issued to Small Private Supplies.

Environmental Complaints

During 2024 a total of 1,738 Environmental complaints were received by the Section across the County. The breakdown was as follows:

Air	34
Animal	426
Infrastructure	42
Litter	685
Noise	40
Waste	409
Water	102

A total of 1,682 of these complaints have been closed with 56 remaining active. This is a percentage of complaints resolved rate of 96.7%.



CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Strategies/Policies/Plans

Policy/Strategic Issues	Status
SPC Scheme	Approved
Corporate Plan 2024-2029	Approved
Audit Committee Work Prog	Draft Stage
Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025	At Draft Stage
Annual Report 2024	At Draft Stage
Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document	At Draft Stage

Circular Letters

- LG 02/2025 dated 27th January 2025 re Domestic Subsistence rates for Elected Members;
- LG 03/2025 dated 29th January 2025 re Allowances and Expenses of Elected Members;

Audit Committee

The last Audit Committee meeting took place on 23rd January 2025. Items considered were as follows:

- Presentation on Risk Management Process within Tipperary County Council
- Audit Committee Annual Report 2024
- Audit Committee Annual Self-Assessment Document for 2024
- Audit Committee Report on Audited AFS 2023

Work has commenced on the collation and drafting of the Annual Report for 2024 and a

- Audit Committee Work Programme 2025
- Updated Internal Audit Charter
- Internal Audit Annual Report for 2024
- Internal Audit Plan for 2025
- Strategic Audit Plan & Audit Universe 2025-2029

Ethical Framework

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

Annual Declaration

- **29th February 2025 deadline for the submission of Annual Declarations by elected members.**

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

Annual Report 2024

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

draft of the report will be submitted to the Council at its April/May meeting.



Annual Service Delivery Plan (ASDP)

The Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2025 is currently being drafted and will be submitted for the consideration of the Council at the April meeting of the Council following notification of Road grant allocations for the year ahead. This plan will be consistent with the budgetary provisions estimated to be necessary for the Council to carry out its functions during 2025. The adoption of the plan is a reserved function of the Council;

Insurance Management

Period to 31st December 2024

Active Claims

- Public Liability Claims = 223
- Other Liability = 1
- Motor = 6
- Other = 6
- Property = 2
- Total = 238

Coroner Service - Statistics

Period to 31st December 2024

- No of deaths reported: 837
- No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 179
- No. of Undertaker Removals: 146

Graduate.ie Youth Engagement Programme

Tipperary County Council is partaking in the 2025 Graduate.ie youth engagement programme, which will allow the Council to set 20 questions about the various topics which are relevant to its local authority e.g. democracy & participation, environment & waste management, library service, etc. The questions will be available to all secondary school students in Co Tipperary over 20 weeks i.e. one question each week on the Graduate.ie website. At least one student from Tipperary will win a free 4-day educational trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg. There will be a total of 24 students from Ireland travelling and they will be taking part in a youth parliament (Euroscola) at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. This is a unique and very effective way to engage and inform the next generation of potential leaders, customers, voters, politicians, workers, etc.

James Appelin Bradley, Borrisokane Community College won the citizens and democracy programme run by graduate.ie and sponsored by Tipperary County Council in 2024 and travelled to the European Parliament in Brussels/Strasbourg in November 2024.

Electoral Register Update

Work is continuing on the process of transferring the Electoral Register to Voter.ie. This system will be elector-based, as opposed to the current dwelling-based system we are operating under.

The Franchise Team are currently working on the following:

- Identification of amendments or updates required to Townlands
- Translation of all townlands, polling stations and reference data to Irish
- Identification and removal of duplicate entities (elector and non-elector)

On receipt of Data Quality Report from Dublin City Council, a full analysis of report will be carried out and appropriate action to follow.

Position at end of 2024 – Total Electorate – 139,144

Increases Dec 2022 – Nov 2023

Datapoint	Nos. increase	Improvement in % terms from numbers	% Current
Total Electorate with DOB populated	+13,045	14%	78%
Total Electorate with EIRCODE populated	+18,531	34%	53%
Total Electorate with email address populated	+ 20,520	379%	19%
Total Electorate with contact number populated	+18,627	378%	17%
Total Electorate with DOB & Eircode	+18,991	44%	45%
Total Electorate with PPSN	+22,010	350%	20%

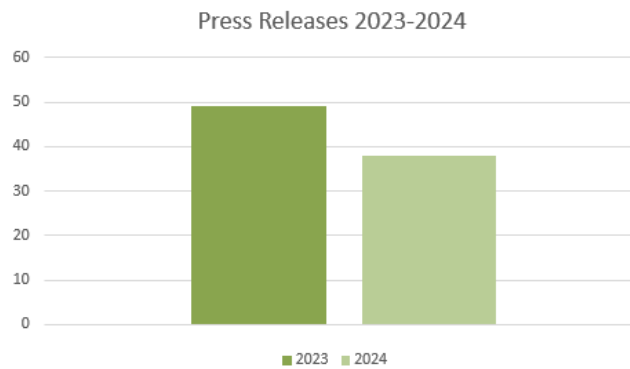
Communications

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

Details below refer to the year-end 2023/2024

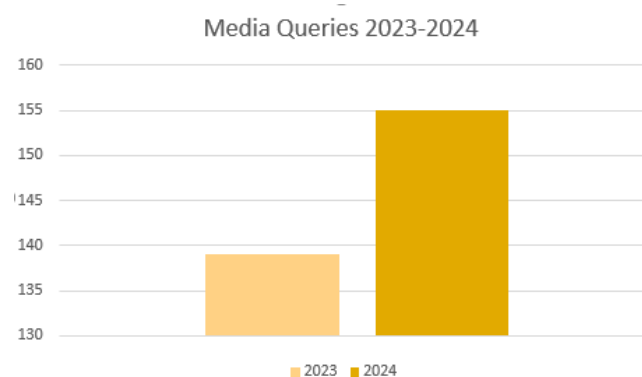
Press Releases

Press Releases 2023-2024	
2023	49
2024	38
TOTAL	87



Media queries

Media queries 2023-2024	
2023	139
2024	155
TOTAL	294



Digital and Social Media

The communications team monitors and updates social media channels with creative content to enhance engagement with the public and maintain awareness of the work of the Council. Example of some social media posts during period 1 November – 31 December 2024

November	December
<p data-bbox="252 528 718 600">Nenagh Swimming pool National Quality Standard Award</p>  <p data-bbox="233 840 743 911">Planning Draft Local Area Plan Carrick on Suir</p> 	<p data-bbox="979 528 1182 566">Tipperary Fire</p>  <p data-bbox="951 969 1209 1008">Tipperary Tourism</p> 
<p data-bbox="272 1211 695 1249">Nenagh Clonmel Bus Corridor</p> <p data-bbox="320 1283 647 1310">Figure 4: Corridor Nenagh - Clonmel map showing partial overlap with other routes (394, 395, and 855)</p>  <p data-bbox="328 1559 647 1597">Tipperary Age Friendly</p> 	<p data-bbox="871 1424 1286 1496">LAWPRO launch Catchment Support Fund 2025</p> 

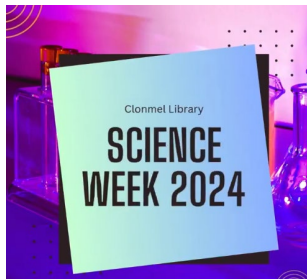
LEO



Tipperary Fire



Tipperary Libraries



Templemore Library opening



Tipperary Arts



Communications focus Summary of some items PLANNED for promotion Quarter 1 2025		
Month	Event	Section
January	Free Natural Christmas Tree Recycling	Environment and Climate Action
	Operation Transformation programme	Community and Enterprise Sports Partnership
	Ireland Reads campaign (throughout February and Ireland Reads Day February 25)	Libraries
February	St Brigid's Day (Feb 1)	Community and Enterprise Libraries
March	Seachtain na Gaeilge (1-17 March)	Libraries and Cultural Services
	World Book Day (March 2)	Libraries
	World Wildlife Day (March 3)	Environment and Climate Action
	STEPS Engineers Week (4-10 March)	Libraries
	Local Enterprise Week (March 6-11)	Community and Enterprise LEO
	International Women's Day (March 8)	Corporate Services
	St. Patricks Day (March 17)	Municipal Districts

Customer Service

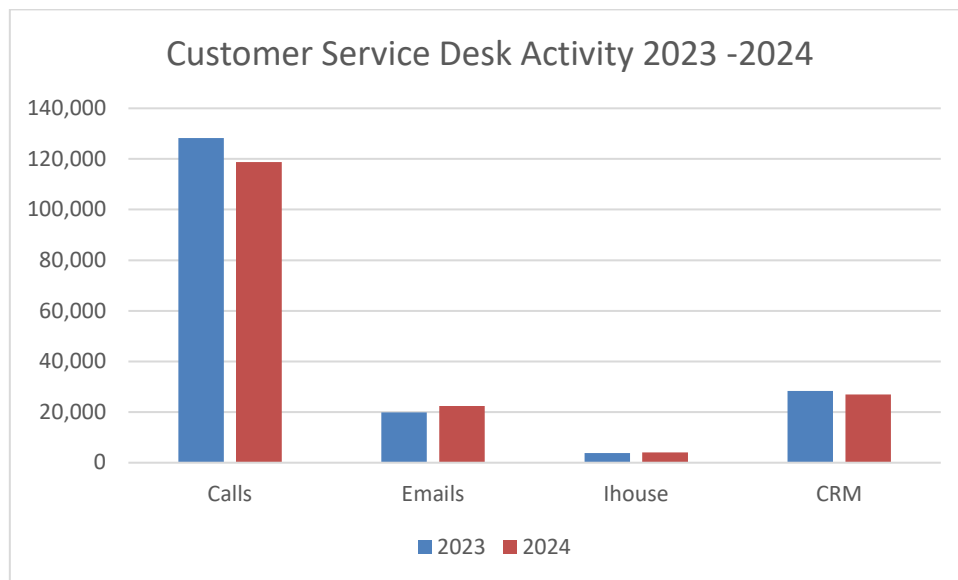
CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries: -

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

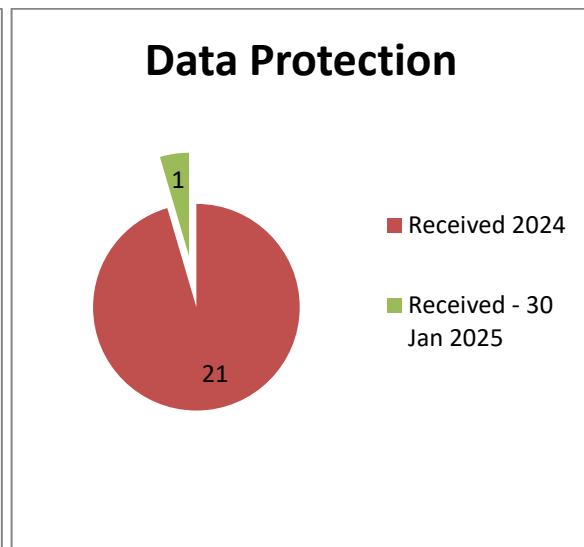
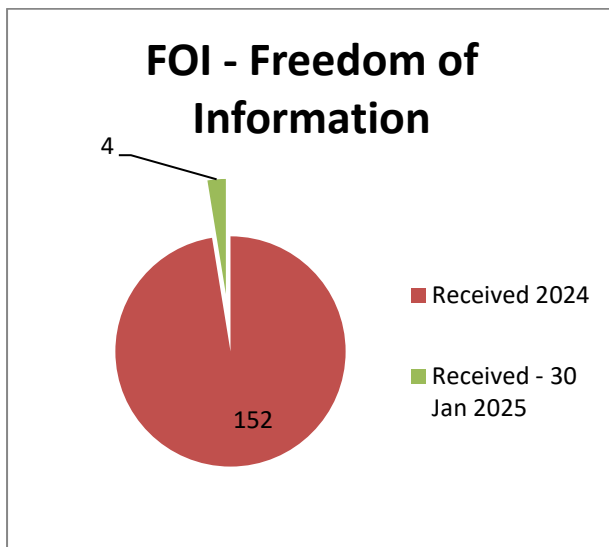
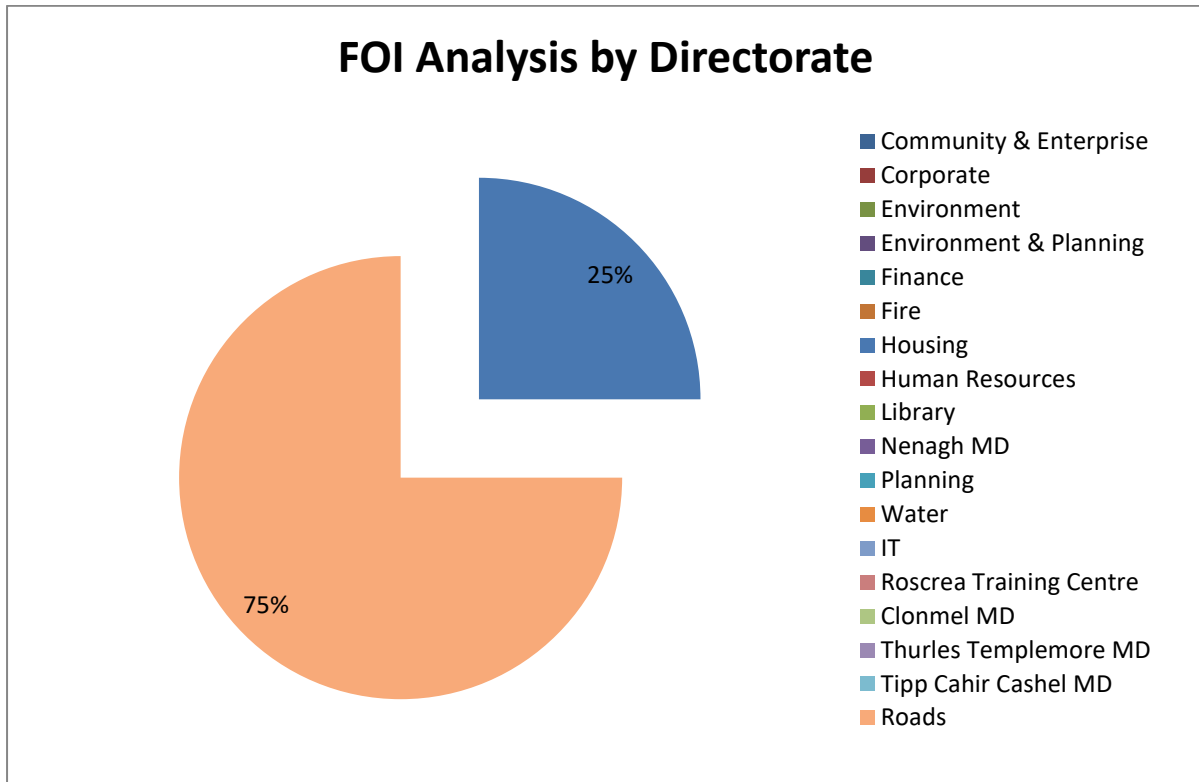
Customer Service including Customer Relations Management System activity

1 January 31 December 2023/2024

	Calls	Emails	Ihouse	CRM
2023	128,226	19,846	3,862	28,337
2024	118,765	22,383	4,107	26,994
Total	246,991	42,229	7,969	55,331

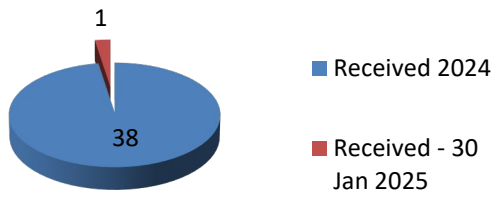


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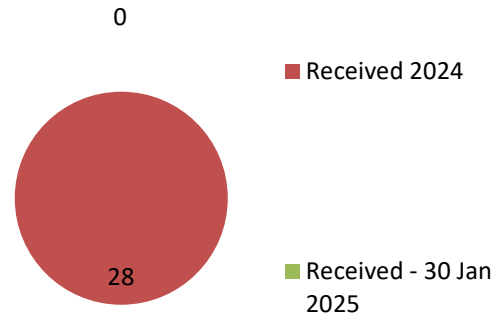




AIE - Access to Information on Environment



Ombudsman



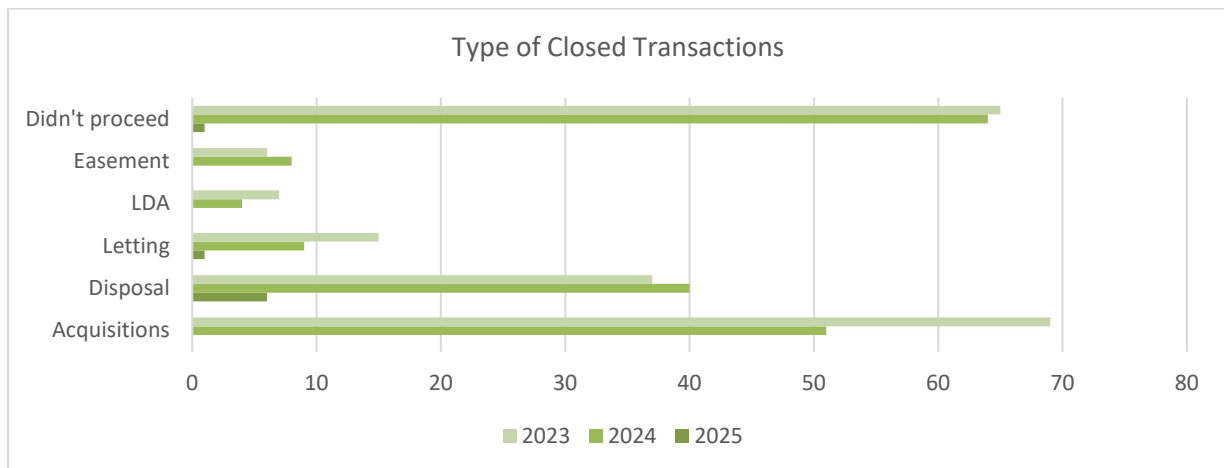
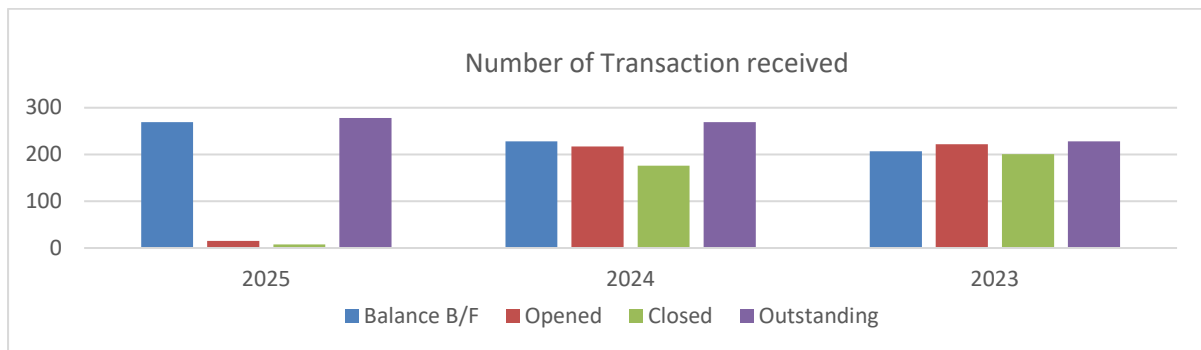
Property Management

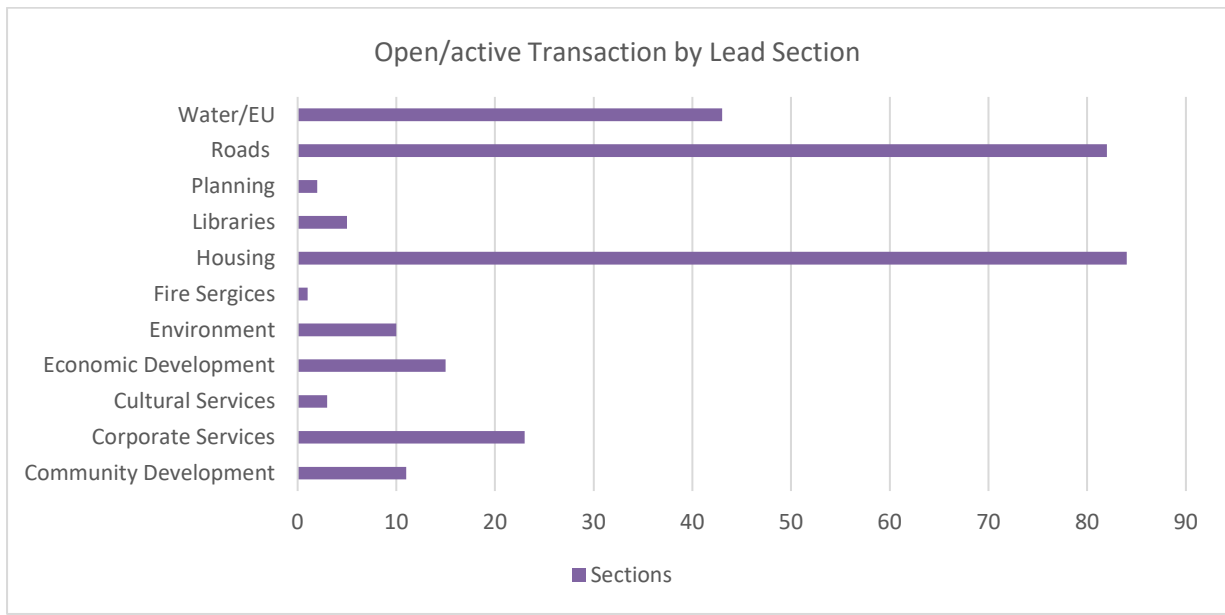
Property Unit, Corporate Services are responsible for managing Tipperary County Council's Property Portfolio consisting currently of 280 Building and 681 land parcels.

Capital Works Programme:

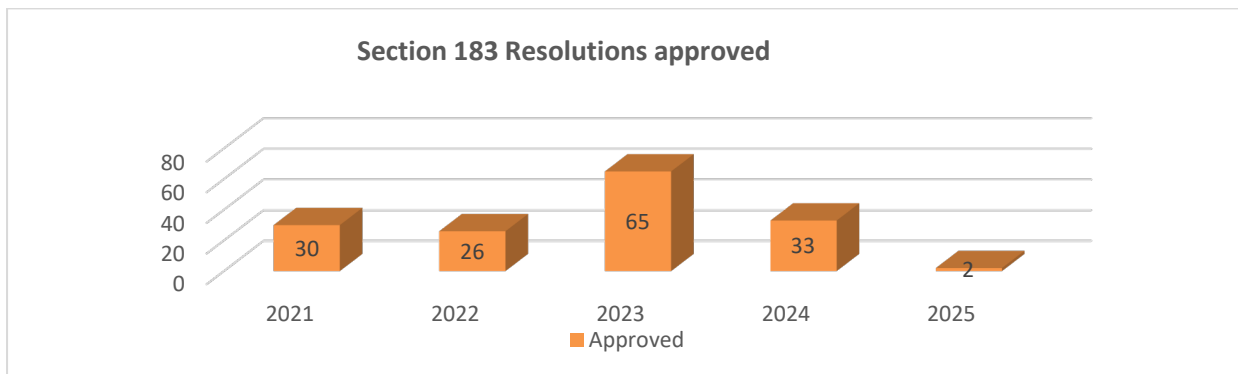
A new Executive Engineer joined the Property Management Section in November 2024 and is currently focused on overseeing capital works within the Council's property portfolio. As part of the three-year Capital Works Programme, over 35 buildings across the Local Authority have been identified for capital works, ranging from maintenance and refurbishment projects to energy retrofit works under the SEAI Pathfinder Programme. The Executive Engineer will play a key role in the prioritization and delivery of these projects, with a particular focus on ensuring that Tipperary County Council advances towards its Climate Action 2030 targets, specifically in reducing reliance on fossil fuels."

Property Portfolio/Transactions:





Section 183 Resolutions (Disposals)

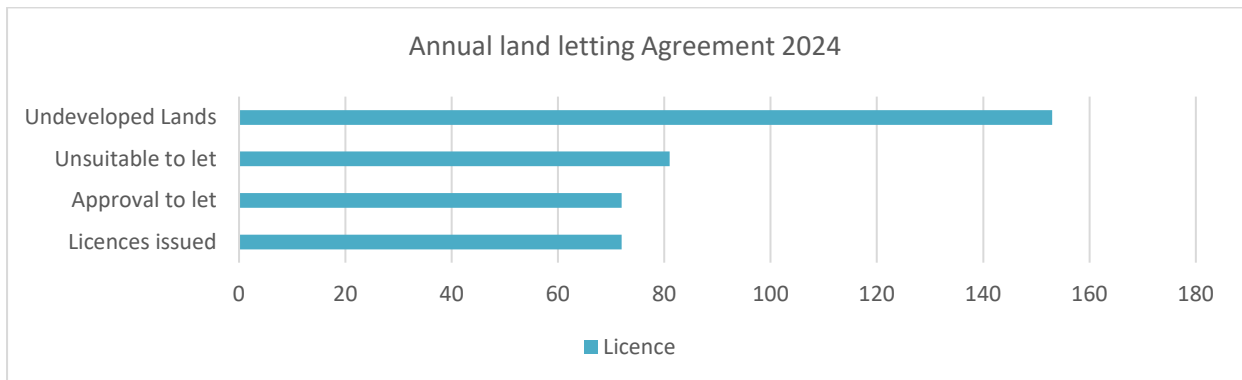
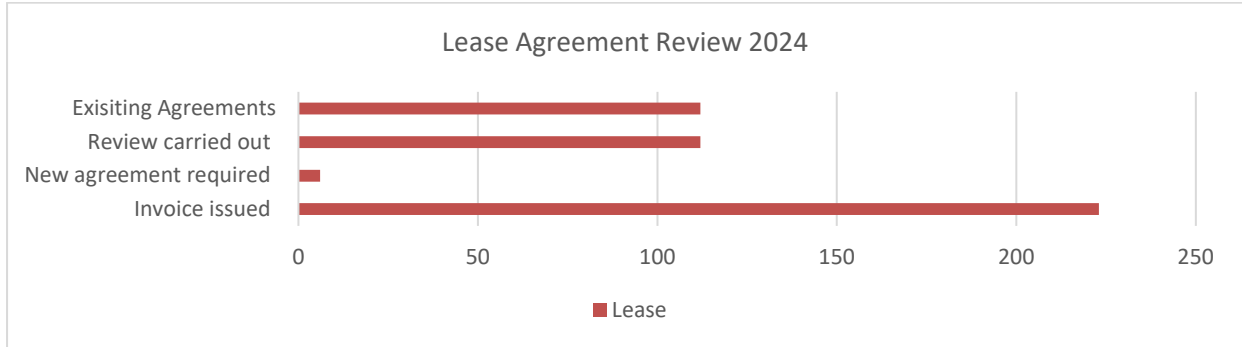


Schedule of Section 183 Resolutions approved in 2024 by location

- Coleraine, Cashel
- Townsfield, Cloughtjordan
- Ballylynch, Carrick,
- Clare Street, Nenagh
- Tyone, Nenagh
- Fontenoy Terrace, Thurles
- Parnell Street, Thurles,
- Slievedaragh CITE Centre, Ballingarry,
- Roscrea Road, Templemore
- Crohane, Newcastle
- Monksgrange, Clonmel
- Lisbunny, Nenagh
- Lisheen Terrace, Thurles,
- Elm Park, Clonmel
- Carrigeen, Clonmel
- Benmore, Roscrea
- Heywood Road, Clonmel
- Dungarvan Road, Clonmel
- Nenagh North, Nneagh
- Waller's Lot, Cashel
- Ballingarane, Clonmel,
- Killorn, Moyne,
- Burgagery Lands West, Clonle
- Ballina, Nenagh
- Boherlahan, Cashel
- Clongower, Thurles,
- Killonerry Close, Carrick on Suir
- Woodview, Cahir

Letting Agreements:

Property Unit is currently responsible for the management of letting agreements, i.e., create new lease agreement, review current agreements, issuing of annual licences, and oversee surrender of letting agreements, i.e.,



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

New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates	Current Position/Progress made	Next Stage
Right Sizing (Enabling tenants who may be overaccommodated to properties more suited to their needs)	At this point we have examined a potential number of properties that are likely to be overaccommodated.	<p>Development of a policy, through examination of the learnings of other local Authorities.</p> <p>This will be worked through the SPC and brought to the plenary.</p> <p>Write to the identified households informing them of the scheme to determine interest.</p>
Disability strategy	HDSG steering group established with alternative sub-groups set up. Pathways set for collaboration between TCC and relevant stakeholders identifying need, expectation and proactively planning for future infrastructure to support the need.	Three-year capital plan based on disability strategy to be finalised.
Traveller Workshops and Increased Engagement with CBL	It is an objective of the Local Authority to assist travellers in securing their accommodation needs through bidding on CBL.	The Traveller Accommodation Staff and Staff in the MD offices are assisting travellers to bid on properties.

Traveller workshops in place across the county.

There will be more training given to advocacy groups to support travellers, the aim is to have 50% of traveller allocations completed through CBL versus an overall allocation rate of 70%.

Housing Delivery

2022–2026 Housing Construction Programme (HFA)

Delivery Summary	
Department Target 2024	158
Delivery 2024	180
Department Target 2025	170
Projected 2025 Delivery	259

The current status of the projects is as follows:

<i>Address</i>	<i>No of Units</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Next Stage</i>
Dun Uisce, Cahir	1	Turnkey Renewal	Q4 Completion
Glove Factory, Tipperary	6	Focus AHB	Q4 Completion
Waller's Lot, Cashel	40	Tuath AHB	Q4 Completion
Church Street, Templemore	2	1 Complete	1 awaiting ESB connection
SHIP Renewals	6	6 complete 2024	
Borrisoleigh	30	Stage 1 Approval	Design team appointment
Presentation Fethard	14	AHB Stage 1 Approved	Design team appointment
CuChulainn Road, Thurles	6	Review design & Stage 2 prep	Stage 2 submission



Rathcabbin	7	Finalise design & Stage 2 submission	Stage 2 approval
Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town	4	Await archaeology report	Design review & engagement
Ballingarry (South)	18	Revised Stage 2 design (Increase in units)	Stage 2 submission
Gantley Road, Roscrea	17	Preparation of Planning documents	Part 8 Planning Process
Clogheen	14	Preparation of Planning documents	Part 8 Planning process
Gort an Oir, Fethard Belmont Park Housing Association	7	Planning process on-going	Stage 3 Submission subject to planning approval
Croke Street, Thurles	6	CAS Thurles Lions Trust	Planning Submitted
Morton Street, Clonmel (FHIST)	6	Planning submitted	Planning decision and stage 3 submission
Ashbury, Roscrea	10	Stage 3 Submitted, Awaiting decision	Stage 3 Approval & Tender Works
Longfield Park, Boherlahan	7	Turnkey – Department Approval	Contracts
Slieve Alainn, Drangan	7	Turnkey – Contacts ongoing	Contractor on Site
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Turnkey Dept Approved -	Waiting on Contracts - Delivery 2026
Mountain Road, Cahir	45	Construction tender ongoing	Stage 4 submission & Contractor appointment
Grove Street, Roscrea	9	Contractor appointed – Awaiting Derogation License	Commence Demolition
Radharc na Carraige, Glencarrick, Roscrea	47	Contractor Onsite	2026 completion
Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	19	Turnkey – 9 Delivered	Phased delivery 2024-‘25
Farranahassery, Cahir	48	Respond AHB	On site – Phased delivery 2024-25



Ma Chaoin, Templemore	13	Turnkey – 4 delivered Construction Ongoing	Phased Delivery, On site 2024 -25
Coopers Lot, Cashel	44	Respond AHB	On site – Phased delivery 2024-25
Friary Walk, Parkmore Roscrea	32	Cluid AHB – Contractor on site	Phased Delivery 2024 - 2025
Ivowen, Kilsheelan	23	Turnkey	Phased Delivery 2024 - 2025
SHIP Renewals	6	On Site	6 complete for 2025
Rosefield, Dundrum Road, Tipperary	16	Cluid AHB	2025 delivery
Glennconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Contacto on Site	Completion 2025
Dun Lia, Thurles	61	Cluid AHB – Under Construction	Delivery 2025
Glencarrick, Roscrea	50	Cluid AHB, - Contractor on site	Completion 2025
Tyone Road, Nenagh	67	Resond AHB - Commenced on site	Completion 2026
Wallors Lot, Cashel	20	Tuaith AHB	Completion 2026
Puckane	21	Utility connection viability review	
Gortlandroe, Nenagh	27	On Hold – Uisce Eireann	UE Connection confirmation
Millersbrook, Nenagh	13	On Hold – Uisce Eireann	UE Connection confirmation
New Line Road, Nenagh	10	On Hold – Uisce Eireann	UE Connection confirmation
Rialto site, Nenagh	13	On Hold – Uisce Eireann	UE Connection confirmation
William Street, Nenagh	5	On Hold – Uisce Eireann	UE Connection confirmation
Mulcair Manor, Newport	13	On Hold – Access issue	
Templemore AHB, Main Sreet, Templemore	23	Planning refused by ABP	Consider revised planning
Church Street, Templemore	4	Turnkey - Vendor Withdrew. Site sold.	



RAS Voluntary

New properties	112
Total tenancies	411

RAS Private

New properties	4
Total tenancies	553

Long term lease

New properties	5
Total tenancies	261

Mortgage to rent

New properties	14
Total tenancies	118

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP tenancies set up	165
Total tenancies	1515

Inspections

	1 st inspection	2 nd inspection
RAS	17	22
Private rented	377	176
Long term lease	2	15
HAP	309	152
Mortgage to rent	16	2
Total	721	367

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

EERP Programme Delivery	
Units Completed to Date	237
2024 Allocation	74
2024 Completions	71
Construction on-site	10
Projected Allocation 2025	100

Housing Grants

The Council received a total of €3,604,148 in private grant funding for 2024. An additional €804,518 was received in November and this was also committed. The allocation received for LA DPG's was €1,984,478.

Following a Review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, changes to the existing Grants Scheme commenced on 1st December 2024. The revised scheme includes an increase in grant limits and in income thresholds for those applying for support.



	Budget	Allocated	No. of Paid Applications
Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD)	€2,685,706	€2,685,706	317
Mobility Aids Grant (MAG)	€99,213	€99,213	30
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	€1,623,747	€1,623,747	367
TOTAL	€4,408,666	€4,408,666	714
Local Authority DPG Grants	€1,984,478	1,984,478	73

Voids

The number completed is 143.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir – 37
- Nenagh - 29
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 32
- Carrick - 26
- Clonmel – 19

Vacant Houses¹

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses	% Vacant Houses ²
Carrick	372	24	0.43
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel	864	30	0.53
Clonmel	584	15	0.27

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

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock

Nenagh	765	15	0.27
Templemore/Thurles	841	27	0.48
Total	3426	111	1.98%

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 1591 housing applications received of which:

- 1143 were found to be valid
- 448 were found to be invalid

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted/ Pending	Refused	Nomination to AHBs
Carrick	100	96	4	9
Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel	169	162	7	79
Clonmel	106	100	6	9
Nenagh	78	75	3	8
Templemore Thurles	77	72	5	23
Total	530	505	25	128

Choice Based Lettings

- 240 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest,
- There have been 3 refusals

AHB forum

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

Over the duration of the Housing For All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered in the coming years. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target. Individual AHB schemes are at various stages of construction and delivery and are listed above in the Construction Programme 2022-2026. A meeting of the forum took place in November 2024, with the next meeting scheduled for the Quarter 1 2025.

Local Authority Home Loans³

Number of Applications Received	68
Number of Valid Applications Received	25
Number of Loan Applications Approved	16
Number of Loans Issued	14
Total Value of Loans Issued	€1,112,383

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Formal applications to purchase received	50
Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	39
Sales completed	24
Total proceeds of sales received	€1,701,000

Homelessness

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

³ Please note any application received which is deemed to be invalid i.e. missing information will be returned to the applicant for updating. Therefore, not all applications received will be moved on to "Valid"

Homeless Support Services		Number
Secured HAP accommodation from prevention work	Singles	20
	Families	9
HAP Placefinder - exit EA to HAP	Singles	14
	Families	2
Exits from EA to LA/AHB/RAS	Singles	60
	Families	47
Number In emergency accommodation B&B	Singles	24
	Families	10
Number in OFD	No of units	31
CWI 9-9	No of beds	16 + 3 crash beds
Number in Housing First	North	9
	South	15
Tenancy Support & Settlement (TSS)	Number of cases	28
North Tipperary Intensive TSS	Number of cases	23
START	Number of units	7

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation plan has now been through consultation and the housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). It is being brought to the February Plenary for consideration. This sets the target for traveller accommodation units for the next 5 years. It comes alongside a traveller capital spending programme to support upgrade works etc.

The Local Traveller Clinics across the County are set out below.

Persons wishing to avail of an appointment can ring or e-mail the customer services desk to arrange an appointment. This is for all Traveller Accommodation queries. It can also be used to bid on houses on CBL. This initiative arose from feedback received at the LTACC. The Housing Section would ask all elected members to encourage travellers they may be representing to engage in these clinics.



Location	Day	Morning (10am-12pm)or Afternoon (2-4pm)
Clonmel, Civic Offices Clonmel	Wednesday	Morning
Cashel, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary's Cashel Office at Hogan Square Cashel	Tuesday	Morning
Tipperary, Tipperary MD Offices	Thursday	Morning
Nenagh, Nenagh Civic Offices	Wednesday	Afternoon
Thurles, Thurles MD Offices	Thursday	Morning
Roscrea, NTDC offices, Main Street Roscrea	Monday	Afternoon

Buy and Renew / SHIP Renewals

Buy & Renew / SHIP Renewal	
Completed 2023	5
Completed 2024	6
Projected Completions 2025	6
Units Purchased / Sale Agreed	2

Repair and Lease

Repair and Lease Delivery	
Delivered 2023 (Units)	19
Delivered 2024 (Units)	2
Projected Delivery 2025	9
Live Applications	17
Under Review	9
Contract Stage	8



Affordable Housing

The Affordable Sites in Boherlahan:

1 of the 4 sites sold, potentially another will progress but after exhausting all Expression Of Interest's (EOI) the other 2 remain unsold. The scheme will be re-advertised in 2025 to seek additional EOI's from potential purchasers.

Affordable Housing Clonmel

Two potentially viable schemes have presented and a business case has been forwarded to the Department in respect of the first of these. The advice from the Department is to initially engage on a small number of units with scope to potentially increase if demand presents. This is all subject to ongoing dialogue and communication with the developers.

Affordable Housing Nenagh

The EOI for interested developers is live and will remain open until the 28th of February 2025. Developers in Clonmel advised that the time was particularly short given the details required in the EOI so the call for Nenagh was informed by this feedback. The members will be updated when the EOI closes.