



Management Report to Council



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September dates for your Diary


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<u>1</u> 10:00 CPG Mtg Zoom
<u>4</u> 10:00 Infrastructure SPC Mtg	<u>5</u> 10:30 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Mtg	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>11</u> 10:00 TCC Plenary Meeting	<u>12</u> 10:00 Planning & Emergency Services SPC Mtg	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10:00 JPC Mtg
<u>18</u> 10:00 LCDC Mtg 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting	<u>19</u> 10:00 Cllr Workshop Uisce Éireann – Horse & Jockey	<u>20</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting	<u>21</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting	<u>22</u> 10:00 Community, Culture & Library Services SPC Mtg
<u>25</u> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Meeting	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>29</u>


Report at a Glance

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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues




Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC is scheduled for 4th September 2023. The following items are for consideration:

- Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project – Update
- Road Traffic & Roads Act 2023 – E-Scooters, E-Bikes and E-Mopeds
- Review of Policy on Local Improvement Schemes

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in Sept 2020. Transport Options & Alternatives Public Consultation complete Aug 2021. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023.</p> <p>Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution.</p>

Capital Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
<p>Rural and Community Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR • Community Involvement Scheme 2023 • Local Improvement Scheme 2023 	<p>Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail Department of Rural and Community Development</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe Our Rural Future</p>  </div> </div>	<p>CLÁR Projects for 2023 have been submitted to DRCD for consideration, since June 2023.</p> <p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2023 is €804,600. Schemes have been prioritised for 2023 and offer letters issued for payment of the local contribution.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes Round 1 in 2023 was €744,914. The Roads Section requested a substantial Round 2 allocation which was notified on 28 July 2023 in the sum of €1,120,177, bringing the overall 2023 allocation for LIS to €1,865,091.</p> <p>Offer letters have been issued to the value of this allocation with many schemes completed or in progress.</p>
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled in Q4 2023.	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.



Department of Transport (DoT)



Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2023	
Restoration Improvement	€17,446,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€2,001,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,800,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€904,752
Specific Imp. Grants	€681,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€825,000
Safety Improvement Works	€605,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,000
Former National Roads	€600,000
Cycle Signs	€11,000
Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage)	€19,660
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€13,500
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€907,887
Community Involvement Scheme	€804,600
Total Allocation	€33,532,399



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR NATIONAL ROADS

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2023	
Improvement	Allocations 2023
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€1,710,000
Pavements incl. Safety Works	€1,200,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€906,000
Minor Works	€500,000
Pavements	€1,700,000
Engineering Support for National Primary, National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision	€350,000
Tipperary Bridge Rehabilitation	€250,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2023	€6,616,000
Construction of New Roads	Allocations 2023
Cashel/Mitchelstown	€25,000
NDP – N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction	€2,500,000
Total Construction of New Roads Allocations 2023	€2,525,000
Maintenance	Allocations 2023
Total National Primary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€362,456
Total National Secondary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€385,328
Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2023	€836,084
Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads	€9,977,084



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR GREENWAYS

Greenways	Allocations 2023
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	€100,000
East Limerick Greenway (Tipperary)	€50,000
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	€300,000
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	€300,000
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	€100,000
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	€150,000
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	€150,000
Local Authority Greenways Support 2023	€250,000
Total Greenway Allocation 2023	€1,400,000

GREENWAY PROJECTS

GREENWAY PROJECT	CURRENT UPDATE
Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel	Preparing to submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála.
Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal: Approved by TII and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility under review by TII.
Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir	Phase 0: SAR approved by TII and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval.
Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer	The second non-statutory public consultation on the route corridor options concluded on 12 January 2023. The submissions made by interested parties have now been reviewed by the Project Design Team. The Options Selection Report is being developed.
Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal approved by TII. Phase 1: Development of Concept and Feasibility report to commence.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Environmental surveys and site investigation underway. Planning application to An Bord Pleanála to be prepared by Q4 2023.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel Schemes 2023



Cahir Road - Cashel



Cahir Road – Cashel



Borrisokane Community College to Community Sports Field



Rosegreen



R445 Roscrea – in progress



R445 Roscrea – in progress



Active Travel Schemes 2023 – Update

Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel	On hold until N24 Waterford to Cahir options Selection Report is published	€50,000
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Alignment altered, environmental assessments and screenings underway	€50,000
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Part 8 planning application published closing date 18 th August	€280,000
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	Contractor to be appointed – awaiting construction approval	€430,000
Ballina Active Travel Scheme	Develop design	€5,000
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	Options Selection Report complete and submitted to the NTA for approval	€59,700
Active Travel Connectivity, Bowes Corner Thurles	Snagging works to complete	€150,000
Clairin Footbridge, Carrick On Suir	Works tendered, Documentation to be submitted to Irish Rail for approval	€450,000
Carrick on Suir Active Travel Scheme	Request approval to proceed to Construction from the NTA	€70,000
Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel	Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application	€80,000
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	Works complete on link to train station. Options Selection report approved by the NTA	€50,000
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Preparing Part 8 planning application.	€50,000
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Part 8 planning application to be published in August 2023	€200,000
SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's National School, Donaskeagh	Delivery Plan for the School provided by An Taisce, Develop Design	€5,000
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School	€10,000



Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
SRTS (R2) St Mary's Central National School, Killenaule	Delivery Plan received from An Taisce, develop design and request approval to proceed to the next phases.	€20,000
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel	Peer review undertake by the NTA and Preliminary Design will need to be updated following NTA feedback	€30,000
Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme	Works Complete	€50,000
Nenagh Urban Greenway	Preparing An Bord Pleanála planning application.	€150,000
Borrisokane Community College Footpath linkage	Contractor on site	€32,000
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina	Finalising Preliminary Design	€62,000
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	Develop Design	€15,000
Active Travel Scheme Ladyswell Street, Cashel	Prepare Detailed Design Drawings	€30,000
Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Contractor on Site	€500,000
Ballylooby Active Travel Scheme	Contractor on site	€150,000
Old Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Works Complete	€68,400
Emly Village Footpaths	Works Complete	€18,900
Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir	Appoint Contractor	€150,000
Suir Footpath and Cycleway Scheme, Thurles	Finalise design and appoint contractor	€48,000
Schools & Third Level Linkage Thurles Town	Awaiting approval on the Options Assessment Report	€180,000
R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme	Contractor on Site	€480,000
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	Part 8 planning complete. Appoint consultants to deliver phases 5-7	€15,000



Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
Inch National School	Options Assessment Report submitted to the NTA for approval	€10,000
Nenagh Local Transport Plan	Nenagh Transport Plan published as an Appendix to the LAP on the 28 th July 2023	€118,000
Thurles Local Transport Plan	Thurles Transport Plan published as an Appendix to the LAP on the 28 th July 2023	€118,000
Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Clonmel Transport Plan published as an Appendix to the LAP on the 28 th July 2023	€118,000
Active Travel Staff Costs		€330,000
		€4,633,000



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Neenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in 2023. MWNRDO are currently preparing tender documents for procuring a Consultant to prepare the Preliminary Design.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> road pavement improvement works addressing a number of road safety issues the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village public lighting improvements some public realm improvements. RPS consultants have been appointed to continue with the preliminary design and complete planning procedures for the scheme. Consultation with local residents and stakeholders has commenced which will inform the design of the scheme.	It is anticipated that the Preliminary design will be completed in Q4 2023 and an application to An Bord Pleanála will take place in Q1 2024.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design and Part 8 planning process completed in December 2022.	New consultants will be appointed in 2023 to complete the detailed design in 2024. A tender has been published on eTenders with a due date of 21 st August.
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town	It is anticipated that work will commence in 2024.



	of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	
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Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works and Temporary Traffic Management are underway and progressing well. Works will continue in phases over the 18-month contract period.	Contract management throughout 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. GLAS Civil Engineering were awarded this Contract in July 2022. Works substantially completed in May 2023.	Maintenance period ongoing and settlement of Final Account.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. Works are substantially completed and the defects period will commence through 2023.	Works substantially completed and 12-month maintenance period ongoing. Settlement of Final Account to be agreed.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed. Tender documents have been prepared for the procurement of a Contractor for the works.	Appointment of a Contractor in Q3 2023 with work commencing in Q4 2023.
N24 Main Street Tipperary Town Interim Pavement Maintenance	This project involves interim maintenance works to maintain the operability of the N24 Main Street. This is a necessary interim measure to repair the failed pavement until a more permanent scheme is adopted that will resolve the safety and other design issues along the N24 Main Street.	Contract awarded to Lagan, works completed by the end of August.
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town.	Construction commenced in July 2023 and will be completed in September 2023.



Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the Preliminary Design. The scheme obtained Part 8 Planning approval at the July meeting of the Municipal District.	Preparation of detailed design and tender documents.
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 th , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme.	The consultant is expected to have the detail design completed in Q4 2023. It is anticipated that a Contractor will be appointed and works commencing in Q2 2024. Advance work including fencing and site clearance work is expected to commence in Q4 2023.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022.	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with: a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction; a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access; 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir; public lighting; flood alleviation works along the River Suir. This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin/Licensing Process 2023 YTD	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	500
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	419
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	163
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	142
Road Opening Licence applications received	846
FOI requests processed	20
AIE requests processed	3
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	36
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	36
Proposed Estates being progressed for Taking in Charge	
Ardlui, Thurles	
Caislean Court, Thurles	
Mill House Park, Carrick on Suir	
Millersbrook, Nenagh	
Oakwood, Ballingarry	

ROAD SAFETY

Tipperary County Council, in conjunction with its partners in the Road Safety Working Together Group (the Road Safety Authority (RSA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), An Garda Síochána (AGS), Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service and the HSE/National Ambulance Service (NAS)) has launched the second strategy for road safety in county Tipperary. The Strategy covers the period to 2030 and includes a Phase 1 Action Plan to 2024. Further Action Plans will be developed for the years 2025 - 2027 and 2028 - 2030.

The Strategy is based on the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 - 2030 and is underpinned by Vision Zero and a Safe System Approach, which sets the ambitious target of reducing fatalities and serious injuries by 50% by 2030, and eliminating deaths and serious injuries on the roads by 2050. The objective of the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022 - 2030 is to create a greater awareness of road safety through our stakeholders to reduce the number, severity and life-changing impact of road collisions in Tipperary by advancing Vision Zero in line with the Government's Road Safety Strategy.

The Strategy examines local issues relevant to Tipperary. It offers a strategic direction for road safety in Tipperary in terms of safe roads and roadsides, safe speeds, safe vehicles, safe road use, post-crash response, safe and healthy modes of travel and safe work-related use. This requires a coordinated approach between all the stakeholders to provide a focus on collision and casualty reduction in the county and aims to improve overall safety levels within our communities.

It is the sincere hope of all the stakeholders that the focus on Road Safety in county Tipperary will contribute to collision and casualty reduction in the county over the lifetime of the Strategy. The Strategy 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.



Pictured at the launch of the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy:

Front - left to right: Mary Murphy, Assistant Road Safety Officer, TCC; Regina Staunton, Senior Road Safety Promotion Officer, RSA; Michèle Maher, Road Safety Officer, TCC;

Back – Martin Moore, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Roads and Transportation, TCC; A/Superintendent Mark Allen, An Garda Síochána; Inspector Declan Boland, An Garda Síochána; A/Superintendent John O'Connell, An Garda Síochána; Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation, TCC; James Murray, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation, TCC.

Road Safety Campaigns held during the Summer months included:

- A **Slow-Down campaign** in the Clonmel Nationalist and Tipperary Star newspapers;
- a **Put down your Mobile Phone** campaign in the Nenagh Guardian and
- a **Wear your Seat Belt** campaign on Tipp FM.

Our sincere condolences go to the family, friends and affected communities of those involved in recent serious road crashes in Tipperary, which resulted in a number of fatalities and serious injuries. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

The Council will continue to promote the Road Safety message in autumn and winter campaigns, with assistance and guidance from the Road Safety Authority.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A new Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in December 2022. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. Enerveo is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,800 lights in the county and public lighting is the biggest user of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

Tipperary County Council is participating in the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) which will see 11,600 lights upgraded to LED across Tipperary. This project is being rolled out on a regional basis with Tipperary County Council included in the Eastern region. Kilkenny County Council is leading the project in the region. Tipperary County Council continues to engage with the lead partner to ensure successful delivery of the project.

The contractor appointed to carry out this work has commenced surveying all existing streetlights. Surveys are completed in Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District and Clonmel Borough District and are ongoing in the Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD at the moment.



Do Chomhairle:
ag lasadh ár bpobal –
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid
Your Council:
lighting our community –
protecting our climate

For the benefit of Members, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet:** www.airtricitysolutions.com
- **Internet:** www.enerveo.com
- **Phone:** Enerveo Call Centre 0818 372 772
Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0818 06 5000

EV CHARGING

EasyGo, in partnership with **eir**, and working with Tipperary County Council are progressing with the installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers across Tipperary which will see the company investing €600,000 into the county. This involves the installation of thirteen new fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in County Tipperary, providing 24 charging points.

eir and **EasyGo** have joined forces to develop new charging points across the country, to accommodate the growing number of EVs on our roads. Electric vehicles accounted for 24% of all new cars sold between January and March 2023 - surpassing diesel car sales for the first time. Installing these chargers in easily accessible town centre locations will increase the appeal of EVs for drivers, greatly extending the accessibility of charging points and thus the range of the vehicles. Transport accounts for one-third of Ireland's energy-related CO2 emissions so increased adoption of EVs is a key aspect of Ireland's Climate Action Plan.

The EV chargers are at various stages of being installed in: Ballina, Borrisokane, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Fethard, Nenagh, Newport, Roscrea, Templemore, Thurles & Tipperary Town. Installation of chargers commenced in June and it will take a few months to have these rapid chargers installed and operational.

These installations mark the continuation of the rollout of this programme nationally. Throughout this programme, **EasyGo** and **eir** will utilise Tritium's world-first, next-generation simultaneous DC Rapid Chargers, adding up to 100km range to an Electric Vehicle in just 15 minutes.



EasyGo Charge Point Roscrea

EU JUST TRANSITION FUND (JTF) Community Facilities EV Charging Scheme

Application are now being sought for community centres, public libraries, public health centres, recreational facilities, and enterprise centres across the Just Transition territory to avail of a scheme where ZEVU will install EV car chargers in their car parks areas (**Carrick-on-Suir MD and Thurles MD**). The closing date for applications is Thursday 28th September 2023. Applications are being gathered and assessed by Pobal, who will provide guidance on the scheme generally and who will offer direct support to applicants.

The scheme is part of the EU JTF Programme which is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union and aims to support regions that are experiencing the negative impacts from the transition away from fossil fuel-intensive or greenhouse-gas-intensive industries, such as the use of peat for energy generation. **Further information is available at www.pobal.ie and from the coordinator of applications, Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer, Roads.**

HEDGE CUTTING

The 2023/2024 Hedge cutting Season commenced on 1 September 2023 and runs through to 29

February 2024. All landowners and occupiers of land are requested to note that Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing on uncultivated land or in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August each year. This is to ensure the safety of birds and other wildlife.

Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who inspect trees and hedges on their property during the hedge cutting season and ensure that they do not pose a danger to road users. Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs, public lighting or road users' visibility. Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe.

A public awareness campaign has now commenced and will continue throughout the hedge-cutting season. The Council's District offices will be carrying out local inspections and notices will be issued as necessary to relevant landowners.



A Guide for Landowners to Managing Roadside Trees is available on gov.ie at the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8fb45-a-guide-for-landowners-to-managing-roadside-trees/#>

ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2023



Gullett Bridge - Before



Gullett Bridge - Before



Gullett Bridge - After



Chapel Street, Borrisoleigh



Limerick Road, Roscrea



Ardcroney Village



Loughtea Junction Safety Scheme



Ardcroney Village



Dromineer



Dromineer



Dromineer

N74 Golden to Knockroe – Pavement Works





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Clonmel Local Area Plan	Draft Plan on public display until 11 September	Draft Plan published on 28 July	Consider submissions made to the Draft LAP and prepare CE's Report for consideration by the Elected Members.
Nenagh Local Area Plan	Draft Plan on public display until 11 September	Draft Plan published on 28 July	Consider submissions made to the Draft LAP and prepare CE's Report for consideration by the Elected Members.
Thurles Local Area Plan	Draft Plan on public display until 11 September	Draft Plan published on 28 July	Consider submissions made to the Draft LAP and prepare CE's Report for consideration by the Elected Members.
Roscrea Local Area Plan	CE report on Material Alterations with Members for decision on adoption	Material Alterations published. CE report provided to Members. Workshops held with Elected Members on CE report.	Decision required from Members whether to make the Roscrea LAP at September Plenary meeting. If made the Roscrea LAP would have effect on 23 October 2023.
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Supplemental Maps, showing additional sites not previously shown on the draft maps, were published on 1 st May 2023.	<p>Period for submissions to the Supplemental Map commenced on 1st May 2023 and ended on 1st June 2023.</p> <p>1no. submission received.</p> <p>Presentation to Planning SPC on 13th June 2023.</p> <p>Referral of submission carried out and formal determination was notified to the landowner by 1st August 2023.</p>	<p>In respect of the determination made on the Supplemental Map submission, the landowner has the right to appeal this determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st Sept 2023.</p> <p>Final Map to be published by the local authority on 1st December 2023, taking account of determinations and appeal decisions made on Draft and Supplemental Map submissions, and any other relevant changes including zoning changes that come into effect prior to 1st Nov 2023, most</p>



			notably the new Roscrea LAP 2023-2029.
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<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Roscrea Town Centre First (TCF) plan complete.	Plan presented to the Elected Members in Thurles MD. Meetings with the Town Team & Municipal District to progress the TCF initiative.	Plan to be launched in September. Funding to be pursued for priority projects identified in the TCF Plan via RRDF, ORIS, TVR, etc
	TRO working with Clonmel Borough - new Town Team formed. Currently prioritising actions for the team from the existing TCF Action Plan.	Meetings with the Town Team to identify actions.	Progress actions.
	TRO working with Carrick on Suir - new Town Team formed, tender brief for new TCF plan underway in advance of next funding call.	Meetings with COSTEDC & Municipal District to progress the TCF initiative.	Await TCF Funding announcement and advertise tender for new TCF Plan.
	Newport Enhancement plan – plan to incorporate TCF principles	Meeting with Municipal District to discuss (a) the contents of the current draft plan to align with TCF policy, and (b) potential of a new Town Team.	Consider current draft as TCF Plan for Newport.



<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Tipperary Town Regeneration	<p>Market Yard – Works fully completed.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway –Contractor appointed in June, 2022 and works substantially completed in early May, 2023. Bridge installed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The purchase of the land is completed. Walkway opened to the public in December, 2022.</p>	<p>Market Yard –Works are completed.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway – Works are completed.</p>
Fethard Town Park	<p>Phase 1 - Groundworks and 3G pitch – Works comprising of 3G pitch and grass pitch have been completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a - Pavilion and Public Realm Works – Works comprising of construction of pavilion, car park and public realm works completed in early April, 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion – Works were completed in early April, 2023.</p> <p>Fethard Town Park fully opened on Saturday, 8th. April, 2023. Facility officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys on Sunday, 18th. June, 2023.</p>	<p>Phase 1 – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2b –Completed.</p>
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	Detailed designs agreed. Tenders received through e-Tenders assessed and Tender Assessment Report completed. Final Business Case under Decision Gate 3 submitted to the Department in	Complete construction works circa June, 2024.



	December, 2022. Full Approval of Funding issued by the Department in March, 2023. Contract signing undertaken on 27 th . April, 2023. Construction commenced end of May, 2023 and is in progress.	
Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 received from the Department. Tenders received through e-Tenders assessed and design team appointed. Preliminary design completed. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers’ Market. Detail design in progress. Tender documents for the construction stage being prepared.	Finalise detailed design. Complete and review the tender documents for the construction stage in September, 2023. Advertise for tenders, evaluate and award the contract for the construction stage in Q4 2023. Commence works in Q4 2023 with estimated completion in Q2 2025. Ongoing meetings taking place with key stakeholders.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan	Visitor Experience Development currently being updated to include additional information on Nenagh Castle. Concept Development and Predesign substantially completed. Broad agreement reached with project partners on scope of works. Approval from project Steering Committee to proceed to Part 8 Planning. Part 8 stakeholder consultations took place end of June, 2023. High Level costings completed. Draft Cost Benefit Analysis/Preliminary Business Case updated following receipt of feedback and circulated to the Project Steering Committee. Surveys being finalised. Part 8 documentation being progressed. Ongoing meetings being held by the Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group.	Complete update on Visitor Experience Development in next few weeks. Finalise Cost Benefit Analysis/Preliminary Business Case. Complete Part 8 Planning process in Q4 2023. Commence detailed design early Q4 2023.



<p>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter Category 2</p>	<p>Surveys, Part 8 Planning, and detailed design completed.</p>	<p>Category 2 project completed.</p>
<p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter Category 2</p>	<p>Part 8 Planning approved. All surveys required have been completed. Detailed designs completed. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.</p>	<p>Category 2 project is completed.</p>
<p>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p>	<p>Design team appointed. Pre-Tender Approval received from the Department. Detailed design completed. Procurement for the construction stage completed. Final Business Case prepared under Decision Gate 3 and submitted to the Department end of April, 2023.</p>	<p>Appoint contractor and commence works on site in Q3 of 2023 subject to approval of the Final Business Case by the Department. Estimated completion of construction works in Q1 2024.</p>
<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Final Business Case to Proceed to Implementation Stage under Decision Gate 3 and appoint the design team approved by the Department on 4th. November, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued November, 2022. Design team appointed in February, 2023. Preliminary design at an advanced stage and survey work in progress. Consultants appointed to prepare the Preliminary Business Case and work is in progress. Pre-Part 8 consultation meeting held with Nenagh District Councillors in July, 2023. Stage 1 approval received</p>	<p>Complete Preliminary Business Case. Complete preliminary design and surveys. Finalise Part 8 documents and complete the Part 8 Planning process in Q4 2023. Commence detailed design in Q4 2023 and complete early Q2 2024.</p>



	<p>from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in June, 2023 for 12 housing units in the masterplan area. Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p>	
<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community’s Ambition’ Category 1</p>	<p>Approval in Principle received on 6th. April, 2023. Funding Agreement reviewed and submitted to the Department on 17th. April, 2023. Phase 1 Healy Park and Ormond Park- Approval received from the Department on 2nd. May, 2023 to progress through Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval and proceed to tender for the construction stage for Phase 1 works. Tender documents for Phase 1 works reviewed and finalised. Request for Tenders for the construction stage advertised on e-Tenders in May, 2023. Tenders have been evaluated and the Final Business Case for the Department is under preparation.</p> <p>Phase 3 - Request for tenders for the engagement of a design team to prepare detailed designs and oversee the construction phase for the Digital Hub advertised on e-Tenders on 14th. February, 2023. Tenders assessed and evaluation completed. Design team appointed in May, 2023. Detailed designs are ongoing. Purchase of the old An Post building is complete.</p> <p>Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5 design team - Request for Tenders for the engagement of a design team to manage the construction stage for</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park and Ormond Park – Complete Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q4 2023 subject to Department approval. Complete Phase 1 works in Q1 2024.</p> <p>Phase 2 Castle Street/Chapel Street/North Quay - Prepare and review tender documentation in September/October, 2023. Tender for construction stage November, 2023. Assess tenders and complete Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor Q1 2024.</p> <p>Phase 3 Digital Hub – Complete detailed designs and Part 8 Planning for the Digital Hub. Prepare and review tender documentation in September/October, 2023. Tender for construction stage November, 2023. Assess tenders and complete Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor Q1 2024.</p> <p>Phase 4 Main Street/Sean Kelly Square/Greystone Street - Finalise design phase in Q1/Q2 2024.</p>



	<p>Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5 advertised on e-Tenders in May, 2023. Evaluation completed and design team appointed.</p>	
<p>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2. Library - Tender documents for the engagement of a design team to manage the design and construction stages of the library completed and Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 26th. April, 2023 with closing date for submission of tenders on 6th. June, 2023. Tender Assessment completed and Successful/Unsuccessful Letters issued. Part 8 Planning inspection/ submission period completed. Preliminary design completed. Car Park Site – Approval received from the Department to demolish the former Royal Hotel and ancillary buildings with Council cash match funding resources due to the level of anti-social behavior occurring on the site. Tender package being prepared.</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects. Library – Appoint design team in September, 2023. Prepare Chief Executive Report on Part 8 Planning for consideration by the Members at the September District Meeting. Complete detailed designs by end of Q4 2023. Car Park Site – Complete Enabling Works tender package and review tender documentation for the demolition of the former Royal Hotel and ancillary buildings.</p>
<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2.</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects.</p>

National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)



<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed in Q3 2022. Options Report completed. Preferred design option selected. Extensive consultations ongoing with other statutory bodies.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Undertake workshop on preliminary design with Thurles MD Members and Thurles Chamber in early September, 2023. Commence Part 8 Planning in Q4 2023 and complete in Q1 2024. Procure for design team in Q2 2024 to prepare detailed design and oversee the construction stage. Commence detailed design in Q3 2024 and complete by end of Q4 2024. Commence construction mid-2025.</p>
Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1	<p>Regional Sports Hub – All works substantially completed end of February, 2023. Works consisted of development of athletics track, BMX track, adventure playground, tiered seating/viewing areas/pedestrian walkways, perimeter walkway/running/cycling track, pavilion, lighting, boundary treatment.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 All works substantially completed early December, 2022. Works consisted of construction of main plaza, central plaza, new street including footpaths and car parking, landscaping and boundary treatment.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Works are substantially completed. Snagging is in progress.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works are substantially completed. Snagging is in progress.</p>

<p>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre</p>	<p>Approval in Principle issued by the Department in November, 2022 under Decision Gate 1 and further information sought by the URDF Unit submitted in December, 2022. Approval received from the Department in February, 2023 to develop a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for Decision Gate 2 – Pre-Tender Approval. Approval also provides for the appointment of a design team and completion of detailed design. Stage 2 documentation (Design Brief and BIM Brief) under the Restricted procurement procedure process for the engagement of a design team is currently being finalised following receipt of requirements of Tipperary Energy Agency in August, 2023. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified. Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p>	<p>Finalise Design Brief and BIM Brief for Stage 2 Restricted procurement procedure and issue to tenderers who were successful under Stage 1 in the next few weeks. Complete tendering process, assess tenders received and appoint design team in Q4 2023. Complete the detailed design. Submit Project Brief and Procurement Strategy documentation to the Department for approval under Decision Gate 2-Pre-Tender Approval.</p>
<p>URDF Call 3 URDF Call 3 seeks to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites across URDF towns and cities primarily in order to accelerate the provision of residential development and regenerate town centres. An allocation of €5m has been approved for Tipperary County Council under this Call and €1m of this allocation has been paid in advance to assist with early activity under an approved acquisition programme in the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles.</p>		

PLANNING SECTION

Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place , progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans (LAPs) for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced. The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation

of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre

The Planning Section commenced the development of the Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles LAPs in Autumn 2022 and have been developing each of the LAPs through the different stages of the process for adopting the Plans since that time.

The Material Alterations to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan were published on 25 June 2023 and submissions were invited until 24 July 2023. 16 submissions were received. These submissions have been summarised and recommendations provided within the Chief Executive's Report on the Material Alterations to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029. A decision whether to make or amend the Roscrea LAP is required to be made at the September Plenary meeting. If a decision is made to make the Roscrea LAP, the Plan will have effect on 23 October 2023, unless a direction is received from the Minister not to make the Plan or elements of the Plan.

Draft LAPs were published on 28 July for the Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles LAPs and the public display period ends on 11 September. Chief Executive Reports will now be prepared for each of the LAPs and provided to elected members, summarising each of the submissions received, and providing recommendations on addressing each of the submissions. Workshops will be provided for elected members of each respective municipal district in October to discuss the relevant CE report and the Draft LAP. A decision to make or amend the Draft LAPs will be made at a plenary meeting in October. If a decision is made to amend the Draft LAPs, the amendments will be published for public consultation in November 2023.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

As set out in Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All, a new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.



Draft maps were published on November 1st 2022 and were subject to a consultation period until January 1st 2023. A total of 91 submissions were received. These submissions have been reviewed, and where necessary, a referral to statutory consultees and internal sections of Tipperary County Council, was issued, requesting information to assist with determinations of submissions. A formal determination / decision, where necessary, was required to be notified to the landowner by 1st April 2023. 62no. notifications of determinations were issued by Tipperary County Council.

Landowners, to whom determinations were notified, had a right to appeal the determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st May 2023. Tipperary County Council has been notified by An Bord Pleanála of 18 no. appeals received. On request, the planning section sent background documentation, which informed the determinations, to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála must make a decision not later than 16 weeks from date of receipt of the appeal. Determinations have been made by ABP on these appeals (16 upheld and 2 reversed)

In addition, a further review and assessment has been undertaken to identify any additional sites that come into scope for the tax, being sites which may have been missed during the draft stage. These sites have been included on a Supplemental Map, which was published on 1st May 2023, and on which submissions could be made not later than 1st June 2023. 1no. submission was received on the Supplemental Map from a landowner requesting exclusion of a site on Tivoli Road, Clonmel. This submission was reviewed and a referral to statutory consultees and internal sections of Tipperary County Council, was issued, requesting information to assist with a determination.

A formal determination / decision by Tipperary County Council on this submission was notified to the landowner by 1st August 2023. The landowner has a right to appeal the local authority's determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st Sep 2023. An Bord Pleanála must make a decision not later than 16 weeks from date of receipt of an appeal, if made.

A Final Map will be published on 1st December 2023, taking account of determinations and appeal decisions made on Draft and Supplemental Map submissions, and any other relevant changes including zoning changes that come into effect prior to 1st Nov 2023, most notably the new Roscrea LAP 2023-2029.

Workshops were held with the Elected Members on 30th January and 24th May 2023. A presentation was given to the Planning SPC on 13th June 2023.

Town Centre First (TCF) / Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town. The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to

support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 2023.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

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 role for

the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Both elements of the project are completed. **Total project costs approved are €15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



Kickham Barracks Plaza Completed



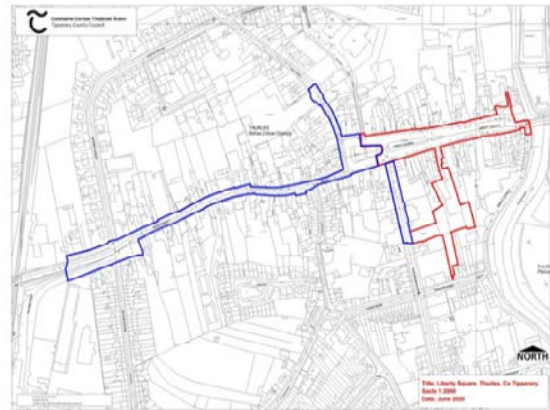
Clonmel Regional Sports Hub Completed

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles seeks 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 will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. Phase 1 works are fully completed. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of Phase 2 of this

project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,291 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**



Liberty Square Phase 1 Completed



Liberty Square Phase 2 in Blue Shading

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence, Nenagh

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. All elements of this project are completed. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**



Market Yard Completed



River Ara Walkway Completed

Fethard Town Park

The project consisted of the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emlly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This project was completed in early April, 2023 and opened to the public on 8th. April. The official opening was undertaken by Minister Heather Humphreys on Sunday, 18th. June, 2023. Phases 1 and 2b groundworks and pitches together with the stand and community annex of the pavilion were funded

by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland). **Total project costs for Phase 2A Pavilion and Public Realm Works amounted to €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounted to €3,003,445.**



Fethard Town Park Completed

Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €4,014,746 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,011,060.**



Photomontage of Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

It comprises a Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan -Category 2 Project

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This Category 2 project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



Photomontage of proposed improvements at Main Street, Castle Lane and Strand Lane, Carrick on Suir

A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir's historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural

Regeneration Development Fund. This category 2 project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



A Photomontage of the Proposed Cahir Square and Cahir Market House Business Centre

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre

for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



Existing

Thurles Market Quarter

Proposed

Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of



Tipperary County Council's **'Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing'**. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. The project was awarded

RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amount is €603,750.**

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Funding has been approved to prepare detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility using best practice and appropriate modern architectural intervention to provide excellent office, collaboration and meeting spaces. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre. The Hub will be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development through planning for the delivery of town centre homes. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**



Proposed Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Ball Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway

Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces integrating best along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 1 on 10th November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €17,989,387. RRDF grant approved is €14,391,509.**



Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business

Development Centre which will be run by Cahir Development Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic



circulating around the Square to a more rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, coach parking, EV charging, and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €14,894,686. RRDF grant approved is €11,915,749.**

Reimagining and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age



Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water

service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The

regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €5,639,145. RRDF grant approved is €4,511,316.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 2023

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023** seeks to encourage the conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage approved grants ranging from €2,500 up to €11,000 as follows:-

Project Name	Funding
• 1978 - Wolfe Tone Memorial, Liberty Square, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00
• Curraghbawn House, Newtown, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
• Coalfield House, The Commons, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	€2,500.00
• The Old Parochial House, Mill Street, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary.	€11,000.00
• St. Mary's Church, Bailey Street, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	€11,000.00
• 132 Main Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
• Lower Gate House, Lower Gate St, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
• Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€2,500.00
• Kilcorrion House, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€2,500.00
• J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen	€2,500.00
• Church of St John the Baptist, Clonoulty, Tipperary	€9,000.00
• T Mason Building, Friar Street, Thurles	€2,500.00
• Dromore House, Newport, Co Tipperary	€3,000.00
• Ballyboe, Ballypatrick, Co Tipperary	€3,000.00
• Cahir Presbyterian Church, Abbey Street, Cahir	€3,500.00
• St. Marys Church of Ireland, Thurles	€7,000.00
• Labourers Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle	€5,000.00
• McGrath's Shop, Main Street, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00
• Grenane House, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary	€3,500.00
• Alta Villa, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€11,000.00
• Ballybrado House, Ballybrado House, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
• 7 Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00

- Old AIB Building, Bank Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary €3,500.00
- Thatch Monsea, Monsea, Ballycommon, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary €2,500.00

Projects who received Extra Funding under the Supplementary Ring-Fenced Funding for Historic Thatched Structures are as follows:-

- Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary €7,100.00
- J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen €7,100.00
- Thatch Monsea, Monsea, Ballycommon, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary €7,177.00

Most project works have now commenced and are due to be completed by the 15th September when a further inspection will be carried out by Conservation Architect, Michael O'Boyle.

Some project works will not be commencing due to various factors such as lack of skilled labour and where applicants secured other funding from other sources such as the Historic Structure Fund so grants awarded to these projects will be redistributed to other projects subject to Department approval in due course.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership.

The core aims of this fund are to:

- **enable** larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- **encourage** the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and to help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or culturally significant assets;
- **support** the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use;
- **support** employment in the conservation and construction industries;
- **build resilience** in our heritage properties to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

Tipperary County Council nominated 7 projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for funding and the Department agreed to support four projects as follows:-

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. Tipperary County Council received 18 applications under the various streams for the scheme. Once again a thorough assessment was carried out by Michael O'Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect, 7 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and 4 projects were in turn successful as follows:-

- T Mason Building, Friar Street, Thurles (Stream 1 Historic Shopfronts) €14,800.00
- Peahill, Ballylooby, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Vernacular Structures) €10,000.00



- Suir Mills, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1) €45,000.00
- Alta Villa, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1) €37,500.00

Any queries on both schemes can be directed to Jacqui Dowling, Staff Officer, Planning Section.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/23 to 29/08/23

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	130	120	10	1	3
Housing Development	10	10	0	0	1
NIA/EIA	5	5	0	0	0
Other Applications	489	473	16	6	4
Total	634	608	26	7	8

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 132 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st July 2023. During this period 93 Warning Letters and 19 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

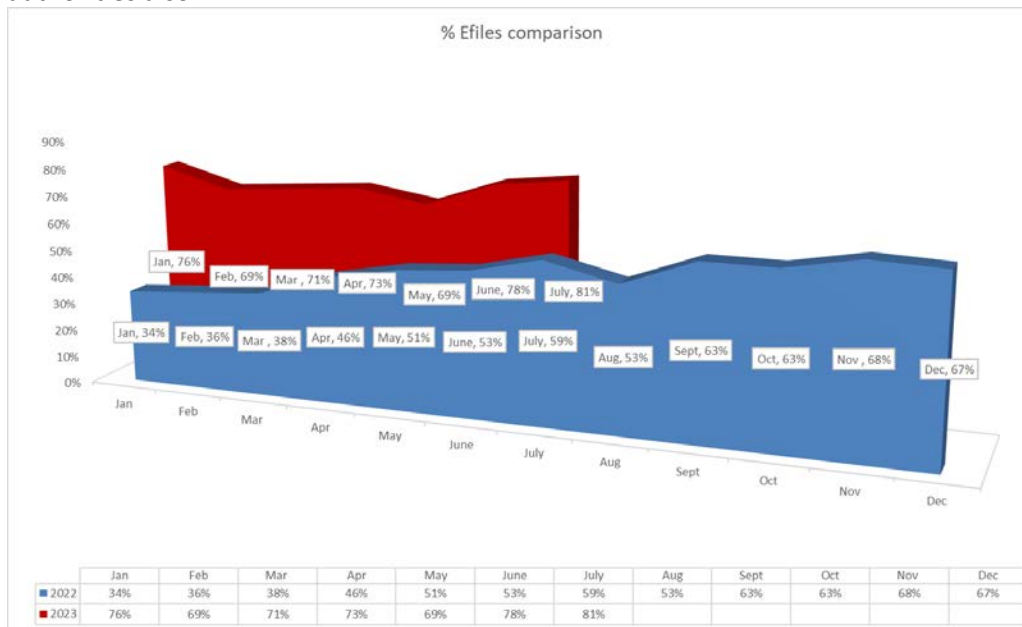
Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2022	Taken-in-Charge in 2023	Advertised/to be advertised in 2023	Applications 2023
25	21	7	0	5	4

- 7 developments (202 housing units) were taken-in-charge by Tipperary County Council in 2022.
- 5 developments are currently with the Roads Section at present.
- 3 estates advertised by Roads Section and 2 are with the relevant District Engineer for review.
- 4 taking-in-charge applications have been included for assessment as of August 2023.

- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one, two and three of planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. During our first full year live on the planning portal over 50% of applications were received online. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received by month for 2022 and 2023 in Tipperary. From January to July inclusive 2023 53% of submissions received, were received via the portal. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and part 8 applications are now online with 14 from Tipperary currently on the planning portal. We continue to liaise with the other 22 iPlan sites who have gone live on the planning portal in 2022 & 2023. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Galway County, Galway City, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Waterford, Westmeath and Wicklow and. It is planned that the remaining iPlan authority will go live in 2023 and the Apas/Odyssey planning authorities also.



Energy and Farm Diversification Show (formerly the Energy in Agriculture Show)

The Energy and Farm Diversification Show (formerly the Energy in Agriculture Show) took place on July 20th 2023, with a welcome address by Gurteen College Principal Jon Parry, which was followed by a speech from Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Charlie McConalogue. Minister of State for Land Use and Biodiversity in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Pippa Hackett was also in attendance on the day.

Talks were delivered all day across three pavilions:

- Energy Pavilion – Anaerobic Digestion, Energy Policy, Solar, Electricity, Biomass, Community Energy
- Farm Diversification Pavilion – Secrets behind successful diversification, Food Business Start Ups, Tourism Diversification
- Land Use Change & Sustainability Pavilion – Organics, Forestry, Bio-economy, Agri-Tech

This year's Energy and Farm Diversification show provided an opportunity for the public to source information and advice on farm diversification funding, grants for diversification, planning, new products, new services, new ideas, troubleshooting, business tips, marketing tools, networking, inspiring keynote sessions, like-minded professionals, potential partnerships and much more.

The event also featured several demonstrations, covering an on-farm anaerobic digester; solar PV installation and energy management; energy crops and biomass; how to maximise organic fertiliser; and a farm diversification demonstration.

The Energy & Farm Diversification Show is a collaboration between Teagasc, Tipperary County Council, Irish Farmers Association, Tipperary Energy Agency, Macra Na Feirme, Gurteen College and TUS Midlands Midwest.





Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The second meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2023 was held on 13th June 2023. Updates were given on Residential Zoned Land Tax, Department Circulars, Emergency Services and a presentation was given on Just Transition. The next meeting is due to be held on 12th September 2023.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with MW regional steering & working groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Proposal from Inoni on how to proceed received and currently under consideration.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2023 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2023 – successfully certified to both standards</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan</p>
Fire Safety	<p>Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2023</p>	<p>Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools during school year.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Cashel Fire Station	Construction underway with planned completion date of Oct 2023	Ongoing monitoring of progress
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Delivered in August 2023	Commissioning and on-site Training and Familiarisation September 2023 and will go Operational October 2023

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 30th August 2023
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1093
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	90
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	80
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	66
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	46
Number of Commencement Notices Received	321

New Fire Appliances

Our two new fire appliances have now been delivered from factory in Scotland to Nenagh Fire Station after all final checks carried out in Ireland by Scania. On-site Training and familiarisation will be taking place in both Roscrea and Tipperary Town Fire Stations in September and should be going fully Operational in October 2023. The appliances were completed at a total cost of just in excess of €400k per appliance and was fully funded from the capital programme of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management.



One of New Fire Appliances

Cashel Fire Station

Construction of our new station in Wallers Lot in Cashel is nearing completion with works on target to be completed by October 2023 and should be fully Operational by November 2023.



New Cashel Fire Station

National Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course

A 2-week National Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course was held in Nenagh Fire Station over 2 weeks in May 2023. 18 no. Fire Officers (including Station Officer in Borrisokane Fire Station) received intensive training in all aspects of dealing with Road Traffic Collisions in order to qualify them to train fire fighters locally in their respective Fire Stations and Fire Services. This course was delivered by Officers working on behalf of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.



National Road Traffic Course Nenagh Fire Station May 2023

Hazardous Materials Chemical Protective Clothing Course

A 1- week Hazardous Materials Chemical Protective Clothing (CPC) Course was held in Thurles Fire Station in May 2023. 12 no. recently qualified Firefighters from Tipperary and Laois Fire Services attended and successfully completed this course. This course teaches firefighters to wear CPC and effectively deal with Hazardous Materials Incidents.



Hazchem CPC Course Thurles Fire Station April 2023

Recruitment Drive

In order to attract prospective Firefighters to the Fire Service, Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service have undertaken great efforts to promote and attract people to the sector. In the past number of months, firefighters from across the county have taken a more proactive approach to this. A number of ‘Open nights’ and ‘Recruitment Days’ across Tipperary were held, where Firefighters displayed their skills and answered any questions the public may have about joining the service.

Firefighters in Clonmel and Tipperary Town also took to the streets handing out information packs and flyers. These efforts were matched by a social media campaign in conjunction with media interviews, career talks and attendance at a county careers expo held in Thurles earlier in the month. These efforts to date have yielded a number of applicants putting themselves forward for consideration.





Transition Year Youth Fire Service Programme


Community Fire Safety has always been to the forefront of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, through our Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, our 3rd Class Primary Schools Programme and many more initiatives with which we strive to help our communities take a more active role in their own fire safety. While we have always been very active promoting Fire Safety at a primary school level there has, up to now, been less of an opportunity to do this at a secondary school level. Consequently, last year we launched the Youth Fire Service Programme. This is aimed at the secondary school senior cycle, primarily, but not limited to, transition years. This programme runs in conjunction with the secondary school curriculum covering areas such as Fire Science, Case Studies and even Career Investigation (where we look to the Fire Service for potential career opportunities). There is both a theoretical and practical element to the programme, which seems to appeal to all, both student and teacher alike.

At the end of this 4-week programme students will understand the basics of fire safety and their responsibilities both in and out of the workplace. They will also gain first-hand experience in dealing with small fires and extinguishers. In addition to this, students will obtain a certificate in Fire Marshal training which will be valid for 3 years and can be taken into industry.

Since the start of 2023 we have put more than 500 students from 5 secondary schools through the pilot stage of the Youth Fire Service Programme and all feedback has been very positive. Interest in the programme is also very high and many schools have already come forward to request that their school be considered for this programme next year.



Civil Defence

Activities	Ukrainian Response
<p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to provide ongoing support to both rest centers in Clonmel and Littleton predominately with the provision of transport to medical appointment, INTRO offices and other essential and emergency services.</p> <p>Volunteers and staff also provide first aid and medical assistance at both centers Civil Defence is still providing ongoing assistance to Housing section in the movement of residence to more permanent accommodation.</p> 
<p>Health & Safety Risk Assessment Review</p>	<p>Civil Defence is currently reviewing our risk assessments with the input of our senior volunteer and instructors. The updated risk assessment will be share with the volunteers once completed.</p> <p>ISO450001 audit date for the section is set for Mid October and preparation for this Audit is ongoing.</p> <p>A recent audit was conducted by our A/Director of Service and issues arising are being addressed.</p>

Community Support & Duties

Summer time is extremely busy for Civil Defence in support of our community. First Aid / Ambulance cover was provided throughout the County with a sample including Clonmel Horse Show, Kilusty Pony Show and 10k Road Race in Dumdum.

In addition, Tipperary Civil Defence provided water based safety cover for the Liberty Music Festival in Thurles.

Tipperary Civil Defence also attended the Emergency Services display day at the Clonmel Show demonstrating our communications vehicle and our drone.



Ambulance cover Kilusty Pony Show



Water safety team for Thurles Music Festival

Tipperary Civil Defence were also delighted to be able to assist Mullihone Men's Shed with transport for a visit to a Men's Shed in Waterford



On Going Training

Equipment familiarization and training took place recently in Thurles on our incident and control vehicle, all related equipment. We finished up a very successful evening training with a presentation on our electronic mapping equipment the Mapx system. Well done to all volunteers and instructors for a wonderful nights training.





Civil Defence volunteers also attended Terrifirma Off Road 4x4 Driver Training to undergo Sever Weather and Off-Road Driving Course.



Our Instructors continue to provide on-going training to volunteers in CFR and Manual handling and water awareness. Training was also provided to Rest Centre Staff, SICAP staff and Staff of Tipperary County Council.

Tipperary Civil Defence were requested to assist Gardai with the search for 2 separate missing person incidents in Clonmel and Thurles. Ground Crews, the Drome Unit and K9 unit were mobilized in Clonmel and the Mapx system was utilized in Thurles. A positive outcome in both cases.

Presentation of Long Service medals and special COVID 19 recognition medals

A special awards night was held recently to honor volunteers who have given 10,20,30- and 40-years' service to Civil Defence. This very special ceremony was attended by Chief Executive Joe MacGrath, A/Director of Service Dave Carroll, and Mr. Paul Brophy, Dept of Defence, Technical Department, and many Civil Defence Volunteers.

A special medal commissioned by the Department of Defence in recognition of the outstanding work of our Volunteered throughout the COVID 19



10 Year Service medals



20 Years Service Medals



30 Years Service Medals



Mr. Rory Walsh from Fethard with an outstanding 40 years service to Civil Defence



Members of Tipperary Civil Defence were awarded medals by Paul Brophy, Dept of Defence as a recognition of the outstanding responses by Tipperary Civil Defence to the COVID 19 crisis.

Volunteers who had already received their medals and those who were unable to attend were acknowledged on the night



Library Service



Sarah Rose O'Sullivan collecting her My Little Library Bag in Nenagh Library

- The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between Public Libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. As part of this initiative, a 'My Little Library Book Bag' is available free for every child starting school in 2023 to help them to prepare for this big step. Each My Little Library Book Bag contains:
 - Three books on starting school, making friends and being comfortable to be yourself
 - A story card on going to the library
 - A postcard the child can write or draw on and send to their new teacher, or bring to give to the teacher on their first day at school

- Their very own library card and special 'My Little Library' cardholder

Nenagh Library commenced this initiative on 9th June with Sarah Rose O'Sullivan, who starts school this September, being the first child to pick up her bag.



- Nenagh Library hosted a plate spinning workshop with Cloughjordan Circus Club on 10th June. This event was held as part of Cruinniú na nÓg.



From L-R: Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, PPAI award winning photographer, Mark Condren, Cllr Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator, Nenagh MD

- Nenagh library hosted the AIB Press Photographers Association of Ireland Exhibition for three weeks commencing in mid-July. The exhibition was launched in the Civic

Offices, Nenagh on 12th July by Cllr Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council with Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council also in attendance. Both current and outgoing Presidents of the Press Photography Association of Ireland, David Branigan and Paul Sherwood respectively, were also in attendance.



Staff at Nenagh Library at the launch of Summer Stars

- To mark the launch of the Summer Stars, programme in Nenagh Library on 20th June, a treasure hunt was organised in the Library.



Sensory Workshop with Corville N.S



- Roscrea Library held a sensory workshop with the ASD Class of Corville NS on 30th June. Students were able to access the range of Library Sensory tools during this workshop.



- To mark the launch of the Summer Stars, programme in Roscrea Library, two events were held. An arts and craft workshop was held on 25th July and a print workshop was held on 1st August.



- Staff in Roscrea Library organised a FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) Stroke Prevention display in association with the Irish Heart Foundation on 27th July.



- To mark the launch of Summer Stars, Clonmel Library hosted a storytime with Leona Forde author of 'Millie MacCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe'. Over 100 children attended two storytime sessions.



- Clonmel Library organised a talk for children entitled 'Gut Health for Kids' by AnnMarie Eustace Ryan on 13th June. Over 100 children attended two separate sessions. This talk was held as part of the *Healthy Ireland at your Library* programme.



- Library Staff member Pat Glavin, hosted a healthy eating workshop for visiting Fethard schools as part of Healthy Ireland at Your Library and July Provision on 24th July. 27 children attended the workshop.



- To celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg, Thurles Library held a series of interactive children's events including Kite-Making, Story-time, Arts & Crafts, Ready2Play Music and Movement, Coding, Science Show, Music Making and Dance. There were over 160 children in attendance.



- Students from St Patricks Junior National DEIS School camp visited Thurles Library on 5th July. They received a tour of the library, took part in an interactive storytime and used the sensory services on offer in the Library.



- Thurles Library held an Energy Saving Information Day with Deirdre O'Brolchain from Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative on 20th June. This workshop was funded by the Climate Change Action Plan 2022 via Pobal.



- Cashel Library organised a Circus Skills Workshop with Fidget Feet for the local active retirement group on 27th June. This event was run in conjunction with the Cashel Arts Festival.



- Cashel Library ran a basket making workshop on 8th July which was well attended.



- Cashel Library organised a comic strip workshop with illustrator Andrew Dorland on 18th July. Two classes from Scoil Chormaic July Provision attended the workshop.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted an evening with Carrick-on-Suir man Nicholas O’Keeffe, author of Inner

Compass – One Man’s Spiritual Journey. The talk took place on 12th July.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library held a five-week long chess club in June and July.



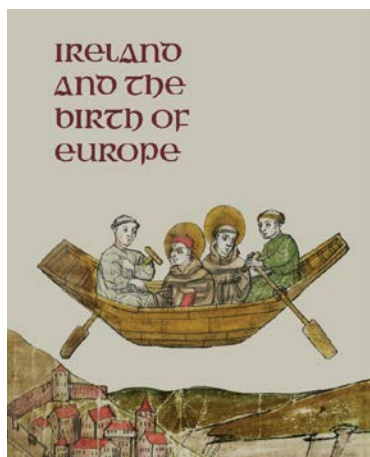
- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted local artist Annette Glascott’s painting exhibition for the first two weeks in July. Annette held a launch night that was very well attended, and most of her pieces were available for purchase to raise funds for the Hope Foundation

Tipperary Studies



From L-R: Elaine Fitzpatrick, Danny Grace, Liz Howard, Des Murnane

- The annual Tipperary Historical Journal was launched on 1st July in The Source Library, Thurles. The journal was launched by Liz Howard, former PRO of Tipperary GAA.



- 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe' and 'Europe 50', two exhibitions forming part of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Ireland's accession to the EU were hosted by Thurles library in The Source Gallery for the month of August. 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe' tells the story of the part played by Irish scholars and missionaries in the early history of the European idea whilst 'Europe 50' covers the half century since Ireland joined the European Economic Community,

the forerunner of the European Union.



- Tipperary Studies recently digitised the collection of Thurles photographer Ned O'Shea. Ned had a keen eye for detail. His photographs document events and characters of Thurles. The collection also includes a number of Michael Scanlan photographs of the R.I.C. evacuating the barracks on Friar Street in 1922. Donated for digitisation by the O'Shea family, Ned's work is dedicated to his daughter, Maureen O'Shea. In 1995, Maureen made Thurles proud by securing two silver medals for Ireland in the Special Olympics held in the USA. The collection can be viewed on the Tipperary Studies Website:

<https://tipperarystudies.ie/ned-oshea-photographic-collection/>

Arts Service



Musicians on Call

- *Musicians-on-Call* is a music in healthcare programme supported by The Creative Ireland Creativity in Older Age Award 2023. *Musicians-on-Call* brings professionally trained musicians to work in healthcare settings in the Mid-West Community Healthcare Region, to connect music-making opportunities to residents and healthcare staff in Nursing Homes and Community Hospitals. The *Musicians-On-Call* programme provides a music sharing experience that puts the residents' interests and choice at the heart of music making, by connecting closely with the setting before each visit and facilitating the residents to curate each visit through a two-way responsive engagement. This regional project, led by Limerick Arts Office and delivered in partnership with Tipperary and Clare Arts Offices, Music & Health Ireland (working with local musicians) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) promotes health and well-being by improving the quality of life and cultural access for those who live and work in

Healthcare Settings. Working with the Older Person's Residential Services in the Midwest Community Healthcare Area across all 9 HSE Residential Nursing Units, the Tipperary area of the project includes 12 live music events to 3 nursing homes in the Tipperary area; St Conlon's Community Nursing Unit, Nenagh; Community Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles and Dean Maxwell Roscrea. Evidence has shown a huge increase in loneliness and isolation for older adults in residential care over the pandemic. Purpose, self-expression, autonomy, well-being, improved communication, maintenance of family connections, and enhanced relationship between staff and residents are some of the reported qualitative benefits of music in healthcare (Sheppard & Broughton, 2020). This programme will run from June to October 2023 and in addition to the impacts described above, the project will also develop a regional team of professional musicians with the skills and training to work appropriately and safely as healthcare musicians.

Invitation to Collaboration Project with Cashel Arts Festival

- This is a collaborative project which received funding under The Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration scheme for 2023. Fidget Feet Aerial Dance will deliver intergenerational creative residencies in Tipperary, Kildare and Donegal that will result in local performances in each area. In Tipperary we are working with The Cashel Arts Festival. The Tipperary Residency with Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Company took

place around the Cashel area during the month of June and will result in a community sharing as part of performances of Fidget Feet's House! Show during The Cashel Arts Festival in September. This project presents a unique public engagement opportunity for local communities. By incorporating themes of bingo and circus into one cohesive intergenerational opportunity, it attracts new audiences and allows people of all ages and abilities to engage with the arts in new ways. Participants are engaged in multidisciplinary workshops including dance, theatre, circus skills, and bingo. Circus? Bingo! residency programmes and House! performances are produced by Fidget Feet with Kildare County Council, Tipperary County Council and Donegal County Council. Funded by local authority partners, The Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration and The Touring work schemes.

About Fidget Feet

- Since 1998, Fidget Feet have created, established and nurtured the aerial dance sector in Ireland. This year marks Fidget Feet's 25th year and House is a big part of the 25-year celebrations. Having created and performed over 35 shows, both indoor and outdoor over the past 25 years. Fidget Feet has established itself as a leader, a creator, a performer and a trainer of aerial arts and circus in Ireland. It is particularly significant for Tipperary to host this project celebrating Fidget Feet's 25th year as Tipperary

(along with Donegal) was one of the first Local Authority Arts Offices to work with Fidget Feet in 1999 with a project in Roscrea.



- **Artist in Primary School Scheme** - The aim of this scheme is to give pupils in schools all over the county



the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. 12 schools were successful in receiving support under this scheme for 2023.

Projects completed in May included in Lackamore National School, Newtown Upper National School, Moycarkey NS (images in previous report) and Lorrha National School's project based on local

history with Killea based artist Lynn



Kirkham was completed in June, please see images from the Lorrha project below:



Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions:



- *Reinventing the Past: Old Houses New Homes* a seminar for owners of vacant and old properties took place at the TUS Campus in Thurles on 17th June. This was a collaboration between the Heritage office, Planning Department and Tipperary Museum of Hidden History. There was a range of talks on practical examples of re purposing old buildings and practical advice and information on supports from our Fire Officer, Vacant properties officer and Acting Senior Executive Planner. Approximately 65 people were in attendance with lots of interaction and questions from the audience.

Heritage Plan Consultation

- Consultation took place on the new heritage plan in May and June through a mixture of drop in clinics and an online survey. This is

currently being collated and a draft plan is in preparation.

- A Guide to the Heritage of Cahir was launched in June at Cahir Castle and is available in the town.



National Heritage Week

- A celebration of Ireland's rich heritage takes place August 12th to 20th. This is a Heritage Council programme supported by the Local Authority Heritage Officers Network. Over 72 events are registered for Tipperary this year. Over €20,000 has been allocated in grants and supports to groups and organisations across the county to help put on events showcasing and highlighting our heritage.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Cruinniú na nÓg



Nenagh Arts Centre



Clonmel Applefest



Downs Syndrome Tipperary LAMH choir



Plate spinning, Nenagh Library



Cookie making, Fethard

- Cruinniú na nÓg, our national day of creativity for children and young people took place on Saturday 10th June 2023. There were over thirty events registered throughout Clonmel, Cashel, Fethard, Nenagh, Roscrea & Thurles. The day was a great success with lots of engagement at all events. Sincere thanks to all our partners and all that responded to our Open Call to participate in this year's programme.

Irish Walled Town Network

- The digital storyboard on Tipperary's Medieval Walled Towns is in its final drafting stages and will be available in the coming weeks.

Community Monuments Fund

- Work has commenced at a number of sites that received funding and is going well. Details of works will be available at later stages in the year. Some projects that are specifically related to conservation assessments and addressing issues such as vegetation will commence at end of September when nesting season ends.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- Tipperary County Council advertised the post of Biodiversity Officer earlier in the summer.
- Work is progressing in the meantime on all projects that received funding through the Local Biodiversity Action fund, with some close to completion.

Royal Sites Bid

- Mapping of OUV attributes is well underway and due for completion next month. A presentation will be made to the next Steering Group meeting on the results which will be the basis for the community engagement.
- Funding has been awarded to Dr Will Megerry and to Dr Cathy Daly to carry out Climate impact assessments on all of the sites
- To complete the Archaeology Ireland Series on the Royal Sites, the next issue will feature an insert on the Hill of Uisneach and will be followed in 2024 by the Rock of Cashel.

Museum Service



From L-R: Cllr Michael Murphy, Marie McMahon Curator, Eugene de Leastar Artist, John Kennedy Chair CJAF '23 & Aisling Kilroy Owner The Narrow Space

Exhibition: “Oh, the Allegory”

- An exhibition by local artist Eugene de Leastar *Oh, the Allegory* was opened on the eve of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival ‘23. It hosts a series of paintings and bronze sculptures, beautifully curated by Eugene de Leastar & Marie McMahon and expertly installed by David Nolan Museum Caretaker and technician. Our exhibition welcomed a huge number of visitors to the museum launch.
- Tipperary County Council’s Museum, Heritage and Planning Departments collaborated to organise a one-day seminar for owners of vacant properties who are looking at ways of bringing them back into use. A free event was held on Saturday 17th June from 10am to 4pm in the TUS Campus, Thurles.



- The Museum organised an Archaeology summer camp for 21 children which was held from July

4th – 7th. Facilitated by *The Big Dig*, the camp was held in Gael Cholaiste Cheitinn, Clonmel. Children from 6 – 13 years learnt about Viking and Medieval times as well as fun activities such as Archery.



- A talk on representations of Mary in Art by Art Historian Dr Caroline Kay was held in the Museum on Saturday 15th July. A full audience of 40 people attended and feedback from those in attendance has been very positive.





- Education Officer Julia Walsh and Museum Receptionist Siobhan Wynne attended the Age Friendly Expo in LIT Campus, Thurles on June 22nd. The Museum had an information stand showcasing the Museum's two loan boxes. Over 420 people visited the Museum stand.
- Dr Stephen Ferguson, Archives and Museum, GPO gave a lecture about 100 years of the Postage Stamp, on 19th June to coincide with the Museum's Decade of Centenary Commemoration strategy. The Museum collaborated with the Clonmel Historical Society at the OPW Main Guard site.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st July 2023

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	31,623,381	39,850,258	79%	8,226,877	30,309,783	39,112,215	77%	8,802,432	(1,313,597)
B	Road Transport & Safety	38,908,118	59,643,759	65%	20,735,641	27,911,425	41,463,621	67%	13,552,196	(10,996,693)
C	Water Services	8,620,596	16,085,133	54%	7,464,537	8,043,524	15,506,586	52%	7,463,062	(577,072)
D	Development Management	12,598,907	19,701,481	64%	7,102,574	6,030,736	8,234,425	73%	2,203,689	(6,568,172)
E	Environmental Services	19,963,305	34,821,401	57%	14,858,096	9,278,450	16,243,760	57%	6,965,310	(10,684,855)
F	Recreation & Amenity	9,157,990	14,932,200	61%	5,774,210	1,642,239	2,675,783	61%	1,033,544	(7,515,751)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	968,283	1,844,743	52%	876,460	654,545	1,212,277	54%	557,732	(313,739)
H	Miscellaneous Services	10,730,385	18,092,337	59%	7,361,952	10,459,994	16,600,010	63%	6,140,016	(270,392)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	15,742,014	26,986,309	58%	11,244,295	15,742,014
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	21,432,766	36,936,326	58%	15,503,560	21,432,766
	Totals	132,570,966	204,971,312	65%	72,400,346	131,505,475	204,971,312	64%	73,465,837	(1,065,491)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st July 2023

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	25,280,070	24,742,096
B Road Transport & Safety	12,153,079	10,848,988
C Water Services	2,099,547	1,871,147
D Development Management	6,704,912	5,731,844
E Environmental Services	2,637,951	1,730,884
F Recreation & Amenity	503,835	335,925
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	58,025	30,217
H Miscellaneous Services	1,438,445	43,651
Total	50,875,865	45,334,752

Collection Rates	YTD 202307	YTD 202207	YTD 202212
Rates	60%	55%	88%
Rents	84%	81%	90%
Housing Loans	97%	98%	97%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2022 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.
- 2022 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €0.8m
- 2022 figures include credit brought forward of €1.41m.



COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2023 amounted to **€36,839,065**.

Arrears of **€5,921,516** were brought forward from 2022, giving the total amount to be collected as **€42,760,581**.

This has been adjusted downwards in the amount of **€353,506**, following decisions on appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019. Further reductions may follow as other appeals are decided.

Write offs in the amount of **€616,498** have been processed to date in 2023.

Receipts of **€25,190,500, (60%)**, were recorded to 31/07/2023.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

Approximately 3,850 (88%) of customers are eligible to benefit from our Early Payment Scheme in 2023.

If fully subscribed and availed of this could achieve total reductions in their rates of €653,680.

The terms for our Early Payment Scheme for 2023 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €26,000.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2023.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2022.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

Final figures for the EPS for 2023 are not available yet.

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF



Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.

Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80% Vacancy Relief 20% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60% Vacancy Relief 40% to be paid

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business Systems

Budgeting System - Budpay

Progressed the implementation of a new BudPay system which interfaces real time information from HR Core to Agresso Financial reports

- Updated Firewalls rules
- Configured Oracle on the Agresso Database server.
- Linked relevant systems using ODBC technology

iPlan

Upgraded IPlan to V5.

- Deployed new Application Server and configured TCC-IPLAN-2019
- Migrated existing iPlan to new Server
- Liaised with LGMA on Role out of upgrade to new iPlan server and eplan/iDocs configuration.

iHouse

Upgraded I-House to version 3.9.1.

- Upgraded the “.Net” environment on the application server to accommodate new releases
- Facilitated UAT Testing
- Applied upgrade
- Progressing the upgrade to 3.9.2 (DEASP Tokens)

Parking Fines system

Assisted Roads in the procurement of a new parking fines system. Tender evaluation process now completed.

General

- Assisted with addressing performance issues with our test Agresso environment - a new backup and logfile strategy implemented.
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Applied patches where possible to business system’s underlying technology
- Reconfigured business systems impacted by the Email MS Exchange upgrade, which was performed by the Networks team.
 - Agresso complete
 - I-Docs -complete
 - I Plan in progress
 - CRM in Progress

Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

- Continued with the updating of internal and external Planning GIS viewers
- Completed the retesting of the Property System GIS system
- Continued with the roll out of the updated version of MapInfo to 29 users
- Provided relevant analysis maps of the towns to Engineering staff.
- Continued to update our GIS systems with the latest GeoDirectory/Bord GAIS/ESB data received from these Agencies
- Facilitated 3rd Party Requests for Data
- Provided desktop support for AutoCAD, LabWorks, ArcGIS, MapInfo, Sat Nav updates

Websites and eDevelopment

- Continued to provide web training to staff for new www.tipperarycoco.ie website
- Published Carrick-on-Suir Town Centre First online survey
- Developed online consultations for three Local Area Plans : Clonmel, Nenagh & Thurles
- Developed further a Workwise Hubs section for Tipperary.ie
- Performed further work on redevelopment of the Property Portal for Tipperary.ie
- Continue to the redevelopment of Tipperary Artists Database Website
- Developed a module for phase 2 of Blended working system for HR- Review Module
- Assisted with developing Climate Control sub site for Climate Action Team
- Continued to enhance several of the systems on the Sharepoint platform (approx 150 custom back-office systems)



Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

Blended Working

Continued to facilitate blended working requirements. 179 applications and 123 kits facilitated. 20 kits in stock.

Video Conferencing - Zoom

Progressed the update of Zoom facilities in the Planning meeting rooms. Indicative solution costs and cabling specifications provided to facilitate



redevelopment works in Clonmel County Hall civic offices

Data Centre Secondary Site

- Completed the move of elements of our Data Centre to the secondary site (Civil Defence bungalow). The second side of cluster is located in secondary site with 50% of VM Wares running directly from the site.
- Second phase is the move of our resilient Government Networks connection. Proposed to be completed in Sept / Oct

Using the cloud for Disaster Recovery

Completed a proof of concept for using the cloud infrastructure for disaster recovery. Not going to proceed with solution at present.

Tape to cloud

Completed a proof of concept for using the cloud infrastructure instead of tapes for backups. Basic functionality verified but didn't meet the success criteria of the test. Not going to proceed due to this issue and costs.

Data Connectivity

Ordered/Progressed new circuit provisions for the following:

- Wallers Lot / Cashel Fire station
- Parnell St Clonmel – complete 4th September .
- New circuit order in place for Clonmel Fire station, to replace existing wireless connection.

Libraries Data Connections

Completed the proof of concept for a wide area network solution (SD WAN) for several Library branches. Two solutions tested Meraki and CATO. CATO solution selected due to many issues with Meraki deployment. Recommendation issued to libraries re solution. Meeting to be scheduled to confirm approach.

Email

Exchange upgrade – Upgraded Exchange on-premise from 2013 to 2019. 80% complete, continuing to work on decommissioning work.

Building Works Civic offices Clonmel and Parnell Street

Assisted with all IT Elements of building works on-going in Civic offices Clonmel and Parnell Street

New Building's

Assisted with all IT Elements of new offices setups for O'Connell Street Clonmel and Cashel Fire Station

Phones

- Continued with upgrade of desk phones to latest version hardware and the installation of softphones for blended workers.
- Explored a cloud based solution for Customer Services Desk as a backup

Security

Vulnerability Management

- Continued to patch our systems.
- Prices were obtained for Vulnerability Management as a Service (VMaaS) which was due for renewal.
- Underlying vulnerability management software (Qualys) licensing has been renewed.
- 6,328 vulnerabilities closed since the initiation of the project.



Security eLearning

- Issued the latest assignment (Social Engineering) on 12th of June with a closing date of 7th of July. Completion rates are low (67%). A number of reminders have been issued. Directors reports will be issued shortly.
- Completed a Phishing test on the organisation. There was failure rate of 10%. All failures have completed follow up training.

Privileged Access Management (PAM)

- Deployed Privileged Access Management solution to all server assets
- All IT staff and contractors now utilising PAM with relevant approvals in place
- Next phase is onboarding of domain admin accounts. Currently test domain admin account provisioned for relevant staff to test.

USB Device Restrictions

Implemented restrictions on test group of 150 PCs / Laptops. All helpdesk staff have access to allow temporary policy exclusions. Policy to be sent out to staff detailing allowed devices (TCC supplied encrypted USB sticks) and then ruleset rolled out to remaining devices.

Micro segmentation project

- Deployed a system (Aria) for network operations and it is mapping application traffic.
- Selected a Vendor following request for quotes for a module of our Virtualisation

software (NSX). Implementation scope being discussed with contractors.

All Teams

- Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, social media, phones, desktop, devices and network systems.

