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Post Covid-19: Recovering, Reopening and Revitalising our Town Centres in Tipperary.

The Context

The Government Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business sets out a phased reduction of restrictions which have been applied to address the impacts of the Covid-19 public health pandemic. Based on a 3 week review process, the phases commence on the following dates:

- Phase 1: 18th May, 2020 (current phase)
- Phase 2: 8th June, 2020.
- Phase 3: 29th June, 2020.
- Phase 4: 20th July, 2020.
- Phase 5: 10th August, 2020.

The pace at which the reopening process moves will be determined by the ability of the country to proceed through each phase. As we pass through each phase, restrictions will ease.

The extent to which town centres and main shopping areas will re-open is determined largely by the schedule set out in the Roadmap relating to “*Retail, Services and Commercial Activity*”.

- Phase 1: Reopening of retail that is mainly outdoor and opticians, motor, bicycle and repair, office products, electrical, IT, phone sales and repair.*
- Phase 2: Small retail outlets with control of numbers, Marts.*
- Phase 3: Open non-essential retail outlets with street level access.*
- Phase 4: Gradual easing of restrictions on higher risk services eg barbers and hairdressers.*
- Phase 5: Further easing of restrictions on higher-risk services eg shopping centres, tattoo, etc.*

All phases are subject to continuing public health guidance in relation to social distancing.

In addition to the Government Roadmap, the Government *Return to Work Safely Protocol* and the recent publication by Tipperary County Council setting out “*Measures Required to Support Local Economic Recovery and Renewal in Tipperary*” provide guidance and objectives which will assist the reopening and revitalisation of our town centres.

The Challenge

The phased move towards re-opening and revitalising our town centres requires the close collaboration of a broad range of agencies working closely with local retailers and town centre fora. Tipperary County Council can lead this process by adopting a framework to assist town centres and main shopping areas to recover and renew once the Covid-19 pandemic has passed and in line with the phasing set out in the Government Roadmap.

The Framework

The Institute of Place Management (IPM) has set out a four-stage framework to help towns to recover after the pandemic:

- Stage 1: Crisis: Immediate actions to be done now and in the foreseeable future.
- Stage 2: Pre-recovery: Start planning for recovery.
- Stage 3: Recovery: How TCC, other State Agencies, Chambers and local business can support town centres in attracting visitors and business back into the town centre.
- Stage 4: Transformation: Projects, innovations and processes to improve town centres and shopping areas and address the new “normal”.



Post-COVID-19 Framework for Recovery



The emphasis, to date, has been on managing the crisis (Stage 1 of the Framework). We now need to move to stages 2 and 3 into pre-recovery and recovery. Town centres must act now to develop ways to recover and transform once the Covid-19 pandemic has passed.

The Framework is designed to ensure that as many businesses as possible and consumers return to our town centres as well as helping people to think about what type of town centre they want in the future. It also seeks to address the effect that a prolonged lockdown could have on consumer behaviour, for example, the drift towards more online retail throughout the crisis. There is an opportunity now for town centres to regain this business by creating safe spaces for consumers and an opportunity for people and communities to re-engage while fully complying with public health guidance.

In seeking to attract business back to our town centres and main shopping areas, all measures within the Framework must align with the Government Roadmap.

Financial and Other Supports Available

The full range of Government and other supports available to business are included in **Appendix 1**.

The most relevant of these to the revitalisation of our town centres and being administered by Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office include:

- **Business restart grant:** This scheme is targeted at small and medium sized business to provide cash grants aligned to 2019 rates bills of between €2,000 and €10,000 to defray costs associated with, for example, reconnecting with customers and compliance with social distancing guidelines. The grant is being administered by Tipperary County Council and the application process remains open until August.
- **Business continuity voucher:** This scheme is administered by the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office and directed towards businesses employing less than 50 persons.
- **Training online voucher:** This scheme is also administered by the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office and has been amended to allow for a reduction in match funding requirements.
- **Rates Waiver Scheme:** Government has announced funding to support the granting of a 3 month rates waiver to businesses that were required to close due to the pandemic. Full details of the Scheme are awaited.
- **The recently launched Town & Village Renewal Scheme** provides funding for projects that support our rural towns and villages to be more attractive and sustainable. This year's scheme will, in particular, support projects that aid the economic and social recovery of towns and villages in response to COVID-19.

Stages 2 and 3: Pre-Recovery and Recovery

Town Action Plans and Further Supports:

The process for the development of Town Action Plans will build on existing work and engagement with businesses in our towns. Town Action Plans will be guided by this Framework and define a series of practical steps and other measures to assist and to ease the path to recovery having regard to the specific circumstances within the town. The initial step will involve discussion of the issues raised in this Framework with Councillors at District Level and from there will proceed to discussions with Town Fora and local business organisations. The issues to be considered include:

- The opportunity to create town centres as “safe spaces” while managing expectations.
- Creating identity for our town centres through branding and online promotions – Clonmel.ie, Nenagh.ie, Thurles.ie etc.
- Immediate measures to enhance town centres including painting schemes, planting etc.
- Ensuring compliance with public health guidelines in our town centres – particularly the challenge of social distancing.
- The use of Outdoor Public Spaces by businesses as part of the Recovery and Reopening of our Town Centres. **(Appendix 2)**
- Creating additional pedestrianised spaces.
- Managing our car parks and parking enforcement. **(Appendix 3)**

In addition to the range of national supports referred to earlier, the following additional local supports are being put in place:

- Each District will be authorised to apply any unallocated/unspent 2020 General Municipal Allocations to support measures and actions agreed in the Town Action Plans. This will be supplemented by a further countywide allocation of €200,000 (which has been made possible as the budget allocation for co-funded projects has not proceeded at the pace envisaged due to Covid-19 restrictions) to be allocated to the Districts pro-rata to GMA allocations. The allocation for 2020 to Carrick on Suir Municipal District is €24,370 in addition to the original GMA allocation for 2020 of €114,857.
- The Council’s Early Payment Incentives Scheme will provide an extended timeframe this year for the application of percentage reductions for early payment of commercial rates.
- The Commercial Incentives Scheme will be reviewed and amended to take account of the current reality of vacant premises in town centres with the objective of accelerating incentivisation for the return to use of qualified vacant premises.
- Fees paid by local business for applications made under Section 254 of the Planning Acts will be refunded in full by way of grant following confirmation of compliance with the terms of the licence (see Appendix 2)
- The Painting Enhancement Scheme will be continued with flexibility to be applied by Districts in how it is to be applied, for example, re-designing pavement, entrance and shop fronts to comply with Covid -19 restrictions.
- Work has commenced on the updating of the Casual Trading Byelaws within each of the Districts to provide up-to-date maps of locations for casual trading.

Tipperary County Council working with the Tipperary Tourism Board is putting in place a Recovery and Marketing Plan which will seek to boost visitor numbers to the county. This sector, in particular, has been adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and actions now are focused on driving tourism numbers from late summer through the late shoulder season based on compliance with the timescales set out in the Government Roadmap.



Stage 4: Transformation Projects.

Appendix 4 lists Town Centre projects within the District which are either proceeding or proposed, the current status of each project and the projected status at year end.

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May, 2020

Appendix 1: Supports available to business

- **Credit Guarantee Scheme:** The Credit Guarantee Scheme supports loans up to €1 million for periods of up to 7 years. Applications can be made to AIB, Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank. Eligibility criteria apply.
- **COVID-19 Business Loans:** Microenterprises can access COVID-19 Business Loans of up to €50,000 from Microfinance Ireland. The terms include a six months interest free and repayment free moratorium, with the loan to then be repaid over the remaining 30 months of the 36-month loan period. Loans are available at an interest rate of between 4.5% and 5.5%. Businesses can apply through their Local Enterprise Office or directly at microfinanceireland.ie. Eligibility criteria apply.
- **COVID-19 Working Capital Scheme:** The €450m SBCI COVID-19 Working Capital Scheme for eligible businesses supports loans from €25,000 up to €1.5 million (first €500,000 unsecured) with a maximum interest rate of 4%. Applications can be made through the SBCI website at sbc.gov.ie. Eligibility criteria apply.
- **Future Growth Loan Scheme:** An additional €200 million in COVID-19 funding for the Future Growth Loan Scheme, which will be released in tranches, will provide longer-term loans to COVID-19 impacted businesses.
- **Sustaining Enterprise Fund:** The Sustaining Enterprise Fund of up to €180 million is specifically aimed at firms operating in the manufacturing and internationally traded services sectors, with 10 or more employees, that are vulnerable but viable. The fund is operated by Enterprise Ireland, providing repayable advances of up to €800,000 as agreed with the EU under new State Aid rules.
- **Sustaining Enterprise Fund for Small Enterprise:** As part of the Sustaining Enterprise Fund, Enterprise Ireland will administer a specific Sustaining Enterprise Fund for Small Enterprise. This fund will provide a short term working capital injection of up to €50,000 to eligible smaller companies to support business continuity and strengthen their ability to return to growth.
- **Pandemic Stabilisation and Recovery Fund:** The Ireland Strategic Investment Fund will focus on investment in medium and large scale enterprises in Ireland through a Pandemic Stabilisation and Recovery Fund. The fund, worth up to €2 billion, will make capital available to medium and large enterprises on commercial terms.
- **COVID-19 Income Supports Scheme:** The COVID-19 Income Support Scheme provides financial support to Irish workers and businesses affected by the crisis.
 - **COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme:** The COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme, operated by Revenue, enables employees, whose employers are affected by the pandemic, to receive significant supports directly from their employer through the payroll system.
 - **Pandemic Unemployment Payment:** The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment is a payment of €350 per week. It is available to all employees and the self-employed who have lost their job due to the COVID-19 pandemic. MyWelfare.ie is the quickest and easiest way to apply for payments - all you need is your email address, PPSN and bank account details.
- **Short-time Work Support:** Employees of businesses that need to reduce hours or days worked can avail of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Short-time Work Support.

- **General grant supports:** The full range of Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Local Enterprise Office and Údarás na Gaeltachta grant supports continue to be available to eligible firms to help with strategies to access finance, commence or ramp-up online trading activity, reconfigure business models, cut costs, innovate, diversify markets and supply chains and to improve competitiveness.
- **Restart Grant:** The new €250m Restart Grant provides direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures. The grant is available to businesses with a turnover of less than €5m employing up to 50 people, which were closed or impacted by at least a 25% projected reduction in turnover to the end of June 2020. The grants will be equivalent to the rates bill of the business in 2019, or a minimum grant of €2,000, with a maximum grant of €10,000. The application form is available online from all local authority websites.
- **Trading Online Voucher:** The Local Enterprise Office Trading Online Voucher is a government grant scheme, designed to assist small businesses with up to 10 employees. It offers financial assistance of up to €2,500 along with training and advice to help your business trade online. Businesses that have already received a Trading Online Voucher can now apply for a second voucher, where upgrades are required.
- **LEAN for Micro:** LEAN for Micro is available to Local Enterprise Office clients to help build resilience within small companies. Businesses can avail of consultancy support with a LEAN Expert or help to implement new remote working and physical distancing guidelines.
- **COVID-19 Business Financial Planning Grant:** The COVID-19 Business Financial Planning Grant, worth up to €5,000, is designed to help companies to develop a robust financial plan, including the preparation of documentation required to support applications for external finance from banks and/or other finance providers. The grant is a new support for Enterprise Ireland clients and those manufacturing or internationally traded services companies that employ 10 or more full time employees.
- **Lean Business Improvement Voucher:** The Lean Business Continuity Voucher is available to eligible companies to access up to €2,500 in training or advisory services support related to the continued operation of their businesses during the current pandemic. It is open to small, medium or large client companies of Enterprise Ireland or Údarás na Gaeltachta (including High Potential Start-ups). The voucher may be used to obtain services from approved providers.
- **'Warehousing' of deferred tax debts:** The scheme, administered by Revenue, will 'warehouse' VAT and PAYE (Employer) debts associated with the COVID-19 crisis.
- **Commercial rates waiver:** Commercial rates are being waived for a three month period beginning on 27 March 2020 for businesses that have been forced to close due to public health requirements.

Appendix 2: The use of Outdoor Public Spaces by businesses as part of the Recovery and Reopening of our Town Centres

Background

This document forms part of the framework that Tipperary County Council is putting in place to assist town centres and main shopping areas to recover and renew once the Covid-19 pandemic has passed and in line with the phasing set out in the Government Roadmap.

There is an opportunity to assist our local restaurants and cafes with their reopening plans following the impacts and restrictions imposed during this pandemic by facilitating requests from business owners to place tables and chairs in our outdoor public spaces.

There is also an opportunity to enhance the streets in our towns through promoting the appropriate use of tables and chairs outside of restaurants and cafes which would encourage the creation of an on-street atmosphere which in turn would attract shoppers and tourists to the County and extend the town centre function beyond the traditional retail hours.

As this Council aims to support and foster vibrancy in town centres, we should engage with the Traders in order to ensure that such tables and chairs are safely and appropriately located in areas which do not pose a risk to pedestrians/footpath users.

Aims

Examine the existing and proposed approaches taken nationally to request for the use of outdoor public spaces

Examine the existing approaches taken by Tipperary County Council to request for the use of outdoor public spaces

Examine the licensing requirements and any considerations set out under the Planning Acts and Roads Acts

Through consultation with other relevant Sections of the Council and taking a positive and solution focused approach identify an appropriate mechanism and system that allows for the effective management of outdoor public spaces and balances all conflicting demands and interests, whilst also assisting our local restaurants and cafes with their reopening plans

Working Group

An internal Working Group of officials from across the organisation representing a range of varying perspectives discussed the implications, incentives and issues associated with developing and managing a best practice approach to the use of outdoor spaces by

The Group was made up of the following people:

Planning Section: Eamon Lonergan, Brian Beck, Ann Marie Devaney and Sonja Reidy

Roads Section: Liam Brett and James Murray

District Administrators: Rosemary Joyce and Michael Moroney

Outdoor Spaces examined:

- Footpaths (with or without adjacent linear car parking spaces or cycle tracks)
- Pedestrianisation
- Plazas & Squares
- Car parks
- Parks

Considerations & Requirements

1. A balanced approach that facilitates the applicants needs and protects the needs of others.

Don't impact other retail businesses (disturbance, access to parking), neighbouring/abutting properties, pedestrians, road users, wheelchair users, visually impaired, age friendly. A probable requirement to make agreements with other traders to allow deliveries into closed streets/roads for a limited period of time, plus the associated manpower and cost.

2. A need for adequate space on the footpaths

Physical/Social distancing requirements, queuing on street, access ramps, removal of street furniture and poles from footpaths. The requirement for a minimum 1.8 meters unobstructed width for people to get around and pass each other and structures is recommended on footpaths. In general our streets were not designed for any degree of extensive outdoor use like many larger cities and particular larger European cities, which have large avenues and plazas. Correspondence received on the 18th May 2020 from the National Council for the Blind, Ireland sets out the fears that the reallocation of street space to businesses could cause harm and injury to people who are blind and vision-impaired.

There is likely going to be a need for the closure of streets and introduction of traffic management measures if we are to create any significant outdoor seating areas along our footpaths.

3. Need to be mindful that we don't allow an approach that impacts on the visual character of our streets

The weather will inevitably result in the need for rain coverings and wind breakers and outdoor heating systems. There is a need to control the types of awnings (Planning Application), hoardings and standalone marquees/tents. If we take a too soft an approach to this, then there could be difficulties in rowing back at a later point, when public complaints are received.

4. Control and Enforcement of the use of public open spaces

Any public relation gains made from taking a soft approach to the management of the use of outdoor public spaces could quickly be reversed if strong enforcement is needed in the future, to address unauthorised development and associated public complaints or issues raised by the emergency response services.

5. Financial Incentives and implications

The associated fee is prescribed under Section 254 and the Application Form. The annual statutory fee is set at €125 per table (or €12.50 per table per month). The legislation doesn't provide for the waving of these fees by an authority.

There could be costs to the Council in managing the process and providing associated on-street arrangements, such as removal of road barriers, installation of ramps, removal of street furniture.

Legislative Requirements

There is no national policy on this, so at this stage, each Local Authority will have to take its own position.

The legislation dealing with the use of public spaces include the following:

- Section 254 - Planning & Development Act and Regulations provides for the licensing of structures to be placed on public spaces, including tables and chairs
- Roads Act & Regulations – deals with Road closures, diversions and traffic management
- Planning & Development Act covers applications for structures fixed to or overhanging footpaths such as awnings and advertising hoarding

General Recommendations

There needs to be a balanced and proactive approach that considers the needs and rights of all parties.

Section 254 is deemed to be the most suitable piece of legislation to effectively manage requests for use of outdoor public spaces

The District Offices are best suited to administering and dealing with the technical aspects of applications under section 254.

Applications need to be considered on a case by case basis, but with an overview of the impact on the street, should the demand increase due to the public health situation.

Note:

The allocation of spaces in a Plaza and larger open space areas could present issues with competing businesses and members of the public who use this space for recreational purposes.

This may need further discussion around the best approach to assessing such applications. Each request will need a case by case approach and the proximity to certain businesses will influence requests and decisions, as will the collaboration between businesses.

Proposed Improvements

In order to improve the application process it is suggested that the following improvements would enhance the application experience and facilitate requests from businesses to locate tables and chairs outside their premises on public spaces, and in particular on the footpaths.

- 1) Reducing the **duration of the application process** and turning around licences quickly and consistent with other Districts is considered an improvement. This will need a refocusing of efforts by each Districts and maybe the assignment of a specific role to this process. A target of a 1 week turnaround should be applied for the assessment of valid applications.
- 2) In order to achieve **consistency** in assessments and approvals, an agreed county wide methodology or procedure for Tables and Chairs on public footpaths under Section 254 of the Planning & Development Acts should be developed.

- 3) In order to achieve adequate management of licensed apparatus and in particular the extent of licensed areas, it is considered appropriate to devise a set of **standard conditions** which would be attached in the event of the issue of a license. It should be noted however, that additional and more specific conditions may be added where required/necessary on a case by case basis. This will further enhance the consistency in approach across the county.
- 4) **Financial incentives** are limited under section 254, but there is an opportunity for authorities to **reduce the licence fee** per table in any situations where the licence is granted for less than a 12 month period. It is also suggested that the full **licence fee could be refunded** to a business by means of a **grant**, subject to that business complying with the conditions of the granted licence. In the event that an application was refused, then the **fee could be returned** to the applicant.
- 5) The need for Public Liability **Insurance** that indemnifies the Council does place an additional cost on applicants. IPB's opinion on this should be sought and removed from the application form if deemed appropriate.
- 6) Adopting a more **proactive approach** to increasing awareness and assistance around this process could benefit business owners. Dedicated personnel should be assigned to this role, which would involve the visiting of businesses premises and meeting with owners with the aim of explaining the process and determining any site specific issues there and then, essentially this would be a pre-application meeting.
- 7) This new proactive approach could be further **promoted** with assistance from the Town Forum, the Chamber, our C&E Section and Communications Officer. The development of awareness documentation and media campaigns would assist in the increasing awareness of the licensing system and the promotion of its potential benefits to businesses and our towns.

The aforementioned considerations, recommendations and suggested improvements should be discussed and developed further by the individual Districts and the relevant Town Forums with the objective of creating **Town Action Plans** around the use of Outdoor Public Spaces by businesses as part of the Recovery and Reopening of their key towns.

This engagement should take a collaborative approach to examining each key town in the District and identifying specific public areas and streets that would be suitable for and benefit from the appropriate use of tables and chairs outside of restaurants and cafes.

The Town Action Plan should set out specific tasks, requirements and risks pertaining to each identified public space and street.

The Action Plan should also seek to promote and encourage the creation of an on-street atmosphere both during normal shopping hours and also support evening time uses, which in turn would attract shoppers and tourists to the County and extend the town centre function beyond the traditional retail hours.

Appendix 3 : Managing our car parks and parking enforcement.

Retail and commercial activity virtually shut down in the towns of Tipperary since the full application of restrictions arising from the Covid-19 emergency. Only essential services such as the retail of food remained open and footfall and traffic in all of the commercial and retail areas of our towns reduced dramatically. All of the Municipal Districts effectively suspended the operation of pay parking although parking byelaws remained in force.

As more businesses have begun to reopen in line with the Government's Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business, problems are beginning to arise with issues such as parking in prohibited areas, in a dangerous fashion and all day parking on streets preventing the necessary turnover of available parking spaces. It is, therefore, necessary to consider the orderly resumption of pay parking in tandem with the phases set out in the Government's Roadmap.

The parking strategy and measures outlined below to be applied within our towns will align with the Government Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business to ensure that:

- There is a graduated and informed return to pre-Covid parking arrangements in town centres.
- Parking is available to shoppers and consumers assuring a turnover of parking spaces which maximises spend within the town.
- Illegal or dangerous parking does not prevent free movement of people within open spaces and compliance with social distancing guidelines.
- The needs of drivers with disabilities are protected.

June 2nd : Traffic wardens will return to town centres, call to businesses and advise them and motorists of parking arrangements. Issuing of parking tickets will be avoided for the rest of this week.

June 8th : This coincides with Phase 2 of the Roadmap. In addition to the outlets that are currently operating , small retail outlets will reopen on this date. Effectively most of the shops in the town centres will reopen. On-street pay parking and in the Mary Street carpark in Clonmel should resume from this date.

July 20th : This coincides with Phase 4 of the Roadmap. At this stage, almost all of the retail units, hairdressers (Phase 4), cafés and restaurants (Phase 3) will be open and full enforcement of pay parking will resume at this time. This will be advertised in the local media and across social media platforms.

Appendix 4: Town Development Projects - Carrick on Suir Municipal District

Carrick-on-Suir				
Town	Brief Description of Project	Estimated Overall Cost to Project Completion	Current Status of Project (April 2020)	Projected Status of Project (December 2020)
1A	<p>RRDF 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'.</p> <p>A Design stage plan for a heritage-led regeneration that will enhance Healy Park as the entry to the Blueway and better link Blueway with town centre. The programme will have a design scheme for public realm enhancement of the central area. The overall objective is to realise the potential of the town as the eastern access to the Suir Blueway.</p>	<p>Design Stage €487,500.00</p> <p>Construction Stage Est. €4.5m</p>	<p>Awaiting confirmation of funding from Department Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>If the Category A application is successful, an application will be made for Category B funding under the RRDF 2021.</p>	<p>If funding application is successful, Planning and design stage will be advanced.</p> <p>Design phase will be still ongoing (see above).</p>
2	<p>Sean Kelly Square Public Realm Enhancement. (Shovel ready project which was unsuccessful for RRDF in 2019)</p>	€809,732	<p>Planning permission in place. For consideration for Category A RRDF in 2020.</p>	<p>Await result of RRDF Category A application.</p>
3	<p>Castle Street and New Street public Realm Enhancement. (Shovel ready project which was unsuccessful for RRDF in 2019)</p>	€1,218,218	<p>Planning permission in place. For consideration for Category A RRDF in 2020.</p>	<p>Await result of RRDF Category A application.</p>
4	<p>2020 Suir Blueway Completion near Carrick on Suir (approx 2km)</p> <p>Outdoor Recreation Improvement Scheme</p>	€137,000 (part of 2020 ORIS Grant of €500,000)	<p>Tendering due to commence for construction in Q3 2020</p>	<p>Completed & open for use</p>
5	Digital Hub (within Carrick Civic Offices)	CoSTEDC have indicated a working capital and fit out cost of €33,000 for the first 6 months .	Postponed due to COVID	
6	<p>Town Walls Conservation 2020. Construction Stage</p> <p>To date over €125,000 has been received</p>	€35,000	<p>Initial approval, awaiting final approval from the Heritage Council.</p>	<p>Complete</p>

	from the Heritage Council towards conservation of the Town Walls. It is expected that funding will be received this year for further works.			
7	Ormond Castle Park Biodiversity and User Enhancement Scheme.	Design Stage €20,000 Construction Stage Est: €200,000	Procurement for landscape architect to commence by May 2020	Design stage complete
8	N24 Pavement Strengthening Scheme Carrick-on-Suir town– 3.5km (T.I.I. funding)	Construction Stage Est €4.0M	Part 8 underway	Construction start
1	Fethard Town Park (RRDF funded project on TCC & Coolmore lands)	Construction Stage Est €5M (Excl. HSE Primary Care facility)	Completion of Design & additional consents via external Project Team	Construction underway
1	N76 Traffic Calming & Pavement Strengthening	Design & Construction Est €1.5-2.0M	Part 8 to commence shortly	Construction underway