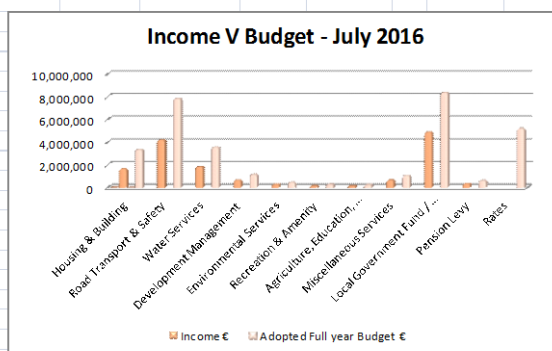
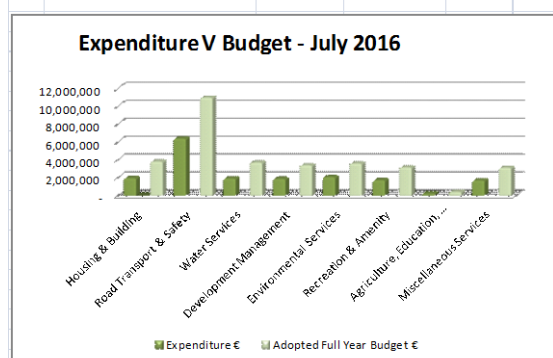


Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st July, 2016 to 31st July, 2016) prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014.

Finance & Water Services Directorate

July 2016 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY July 2016 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
A	Housing & Building	1,952,392	3,814,105	51%	1,861,713	1,663,261	3,347,747	50%	1,684,486	(289,131)	177,227
B	Road Transport & Safety	6,306,970	10,976,359	58%	4,579,389	4,201,606	7,832,186	54%	3,630,580	(2,195,364)	948,808
C	Water Services	1,911,855	3,703,448	52%	1,791,593	1,834,537	3,564,213	51%	1,729,676	(77,318)	61,917
D	Development Management	1,878,439	3,395,267	56%	1,516,828	661,167	1,152,938	57%	491,771	(1,217,272)	1,025,057
E	Environmental Services	2,075,696	3,596,984	58%	1,521,288	288,983	467,320	62%	178,337	(1,286,713)	1,342,951
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,713,905	3,162,891	54%	1,448,986	163,573	297,500	55%	133,927	(1,530,332)	1,315,058
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	238,469	425,522	56%	187,053	159,517	264,502	60%	104,985	(78,952)	82,068
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,697,501	3,124,950	54%	1,427,449	664,355	1,073,837	62%	409,482	(1,083,146)	1,017,967
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	-	-	0%	0	4,882,884	8,370,659	58%	3,487,775	4,882,884	(3,487,775)
PL	Pension Levy	-	-	0%	0	361,026	623,805	58%	262,779	361,026	(262,779)
RA	Rates	-	-	0%	0	3,030,360	5,204,820	58%	2,174,460	3,030,360	(2,174,460)
		€17,865,227	€32,199,526	55%	14,334,299	€17,911,270	€32,199,527	56%	14,288,258	46,042	46,041



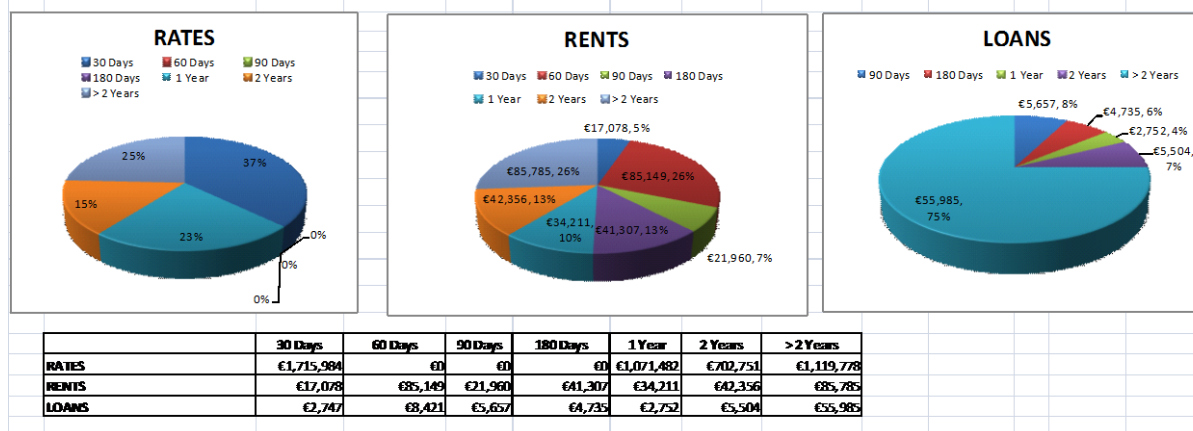
MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF July 2016

- * Water Expenditure in line with Income from Irish Water.

July 2016 - Collection Rates

	€			%			COMMENTARY
	Jul-16	Jul-15	FY 2015	Jul-16	Jul-15	FY 2015	
Housing Rents	1,158,843	1,082,922	1,878,709	78%	79%	86%	Collections up on 2015
Commercial Rates	2,662,896	2,647,923	4,226,300	48%	47%	79%	Collection slightly up on 2015
Housing Loans	94,492	108,913	181,651	52%	48%	65%	Loan collections down on 2015

July 2016 - Aged Debt Analysis



Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo:- Asset Management

In July, 2016 a total of 114 issues were raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System.

93 related to water and 21 related to waste water. There were 44 Bursts / Leaks with an additional 14 leaks detected through active Leak Detection.

Water Conservation:

The Unaccounted for Water is 55.8%.

The Following District Metered Areas require Water Conservation / Leak Detection...

DMA Name	DMA Code	Total Nett Inflow m3/day	AFW Total m3/day	UFW Total m3/day	Percentage UFW %
Carrick on Shannon Town	1700_TEMP_005	1956.30	798.533	1157.76	59.181
Corraleehan Scheme	1700_TEMP_010	316.505	80.065	236.440	74.703
Dromahair PWS	2700MA045	694.737	233.69	461.047	66.363
Glenade WTP to Fertagh Res	1700MA007	229.900	56.151	173.749	75.576
Gowel to Kilnagross	1700MA003	244.2	44.406	199.764	81.814
Leckaun & Fivemilebourne	2700MA010	252.000	86.407	165.593	65.712
Manorhamilton PWS	1700MA005	1108.000	731.462	376.538	33.984
Mt. Campbell to Jamestown	1700MA058	221.000	61.141	159.859	72.334
Point X to Drumkeeran	1700MA046	53.500	3.551	49.949	93.363
Point X to Manorhamilton	1700MA001	126.100	32.494	93.606	74.232
School Road Black Road	1700_TEMP_007	101.000	11.404	89.596	88.709
Toomans to Gortfadda	1700MA022	494.800	144.600	350.200	70.776

Capital Update:

North Leitrim Regional Water supply Scheme (Project No. 1000390)

Extension to Moneyduff WTP and Watermains extensions to Rossinver/Kiltyclogher.

- Jennings O' Donovan have been appointed Consulting Engineers.

- The total estimated cost of this project is now €8.076 million incl. VAT.
- Planning Application for new pumping station at Cooladonnell reservoir has been granted.

The contract at Moneyduff WTP extension has been tendered and a tender recommendation report has been prepared and Irish Water will appoint the preferred Contractor soon. The Programme envisages award of contract and commencement on site in August, 2016.

Irish Water Capital Delivery has fast tracked procurement of the contract for pipelines to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver and pumping station at Cooladonnell. Ward and Burke Construction Ltd have been appointed and works commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. Work on the Kiltyclogher rising main is well under way and is programmed to be finished by early September, 2016. It is possible that following a period of testing in September that consideration can be given to lifting the Boil Water Notice before the end of September. The works on the trunk main to Rossinver will commence in September after Kiltyclogher is completed.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734 and Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735

This project was approved for Funding by WIAC on 21st January, 2016. Nicholas O Dwyers have been appointed Consulting Engineers. Planning Permission granted by Leitrim County Council.

- Irish Water invited tenders on 4th May, 2016.
- Closing date for receipt of tenders has been extended to 6th July, 2016.

Unfortunately only one complete tender was received by Irish Water from 6/7 companies invited to tender. It is likely now that Irish Water will re-tender these works.

The all in cost of this project is currently estimated at €2,009,931.incl VAT

Minor Capital Works

The total cost of all Projects Approved to date is estimated in excess of €2.5million

- **HSQE Programme** – On hold by IW
We have been informed that Irish Water has decided that these 8 No. housing wastewater package plants in County Leitrim are not going to be taken over by them and responsibility for these will rest with Leitrim County Council.
- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project which is being managed directly by Irish Water.
- **Sampling Programme** - flow monitoring and sampling at 12 no. WWTP'S in County Leitrim. The contractor Glan Agua has substantially completed the works on the various sites in Leitrim and inspection of the completed works has taken place and snag lists prepared. These will be addressed by the contractor in due course. Training and instruction for Council staff will be scheduled to take place.
Approx **Estimate in Leitrim = €120,000**
- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme** -level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 13 No. drinking water reservoir sites. Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed to Design and prepare contract documents for this contract as a pilot project for IW. Ryan Hanley and Leitrim CaPO are scoping the works required. Ryan Hanley will produce contract documents for procurement by Irish Water of a contractor to undertake these works. These Contract documents for Leitrim are a Pilot scheme which will be rolled out and used in other counties. **Approx estimate: €91,400**

- **Power actuated valves** to replace ball cock valves at 5No. Reservoirs - all works completed and final account has been prepared and submitted to IW Minor Capital Lead for approval. Small claim to be approved. **Contract cost: €73,900.**
- **DMA Programme** – Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in County Leitrim. The contractor EMR has commenced works on site. Civil works proceeding on programme and due for completion in August, 2016. Mechanical/Electrical works to follow and calibration and commissioning to complete early December, 2016. **Contract cost: €518,000.**

- **Killenna Watermain** replacement (2km) is approved and included in the minor capital programme. Estimated cost = €100,000.

(The existing supply along this section is under a threat of a boil water notice due to poorly discoloured water due to poor condition of old cast iron mains.)

We understand that this will soon go to Tender and we await the appointment of a Contractor by Irish Water.

- **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.**
Estimated cost: €270,000.

Nicholas O' Dwyer's Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Irish Water and work has commenced on the preparation of design and tender documents.

Budgets approved Drumshanbo - €150,000, Ballinamore - € 51,100, Leitrim Village €6,500, Carrigallen - € 60,000. Planning permissions for the various works have been granted in June 2016. Tender documents complete and have issued to CST in Irish Water. We await the Procurement of a contractor by Irish Water. Commencement of works on site dependent on procurement.

- **Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000**

Tender documents prepared by Leitrim County Council were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for the appointment of a contractor from their Frameworks. A meeting was held on 28th July with Irish Water Minor Capital with a view to moving this forward. We await developments. There have been a number of bursts in recent times and Irish Water notified of urgency and need to appoint contractor ASAP.

- **Dowra and Boley Hill Watermain Replacement.**

Dowra works completed successfully by J.Reilly Plant Hire contractors. The boil water notice in Dowra has been removed following the Work.

Boley Hill – Works completed by Source Civil Contractors and all customers are now receiving clean supply from the new infrastructure. The boil water notice has been removed following the Work.

- **Drumsna WWTP.** Irish Water has approved an ANB for Minor Capital upgrade of Drumsna WWTP to provide for optimisation of the treatment process. The works require the construction of a balancing tank and level sensor and linked communications to main pumping station. The estimated cost is €62,000. Design and tender document preparation will be undertaken by CaPO and submitted to IW for procurement.

- **Bridge Street, Carrick –on-Shannon**

Irish Water has approved the replacement of old cast iron watermains in Bridge Street, Carrick-on -Shannon at an estimated cost of circa €120,000. Source Civil Ltd has been appointed contractors for these works. Due to

the needs of local traders and the tourist season these works have been put off until September, 2016. Meetings with business' on this street to take place next week to inform them of the works plan.

Ballinamore and Mohill Mains Replacement: These watermain replacement jobs have been bundled up and Tobins Consulting Engineers have completed survey and designs. Irish Water has now decided that these Minor Capital works will be procured by Shared Services in the normal way. No definite date for appointment of contractors at this stage.

- **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**

Irish Water has procured **Coffey's Water Ltd.** to install inline UVT and Crypto monitors at two water treatment plants in Leitrim at Carrick on Shannon and Moneyduff as part of a larger regional project. . Designs have been approved. Works at Leitrim WTP's has not taken place yet. We will follow up with PM John Morris. This contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants based on grab samples. This DATA to be used by Irish Water to highlight further necessary process improvements at WTP's.

- **Other Projects recently approved under Minor Capital works**

1. **New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant estimate €50,000** has been approved under Minor Capital. EPS appointed as Contractor and the prefabrication of the structures has been completed. Erection on Site to commence after the builders holidays.
2. **Chlorination Boosting at Oughteraght Reservoir Estimate €25,000**
Measures put in place to boost chlorine in this network have alleviated this issue. It is considered that additional chlorination boosting at Oughteraght may not be required. This will be monitored by operations.
3. Two jobs at **Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade Water Treatment Plant** the upgrade of Filters and raw water diversion at a total estimated cost of €44,000 is approved. Work has commenced on site.
4. A project to provide "**Filter Run To Waste**" at Carrick on Shannon has been approved by Irish Water on 22nd April, 2106. Carrick on Shannon has been recommended by the EPA and is being treated as urgent by IW. Documents prepared by CaPO were sent to Veolia as the preferred single source contractor to prepare a proposal and quotation. A PO should issue to Veolia in the next week or two with a 10 week works programme for completion by the end of September 2016.
5. Irish Water has approved an ANB for Minor Capital upgrade of **Drumsna WWTP** to provide for optimisation of the treatment process. The works require the construction of a balancing tank and level sensor and linked communications to main pumping station. The **estimated cost is €62,000**. Design and tender document is underway by CaPO and will be submitted to Irish Water for procurement in due course

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Training

LEO are currently planning and scheduling the Autumn training courses for September 2016.

Mentoring

There is ongoing demand for mentoring and two Social Media mentoring clinics ran during July 2016.

Networking

- First Fridays continue on first Friday of the month.
- Leitrim Business Network continues to meet on a quarterly basis.
- A Women in Business Networking event is being planned with LEO Longford for September 2016.

PR

Sunday Business Post contacted the LEO Office in July looking for businesses in Carrick on Shannon for an article on business in Leitrim. Articles are ongoing for each county. The reporter, Leanne Byrne visited the county on 12th July.

Online trading Vouchers

Applications continue to come in and we have issued 12 to date in 2016.

One to one meetings

Staff continue to meet one to one with clients for advice and signposting to supports.

Other

- A follow up Sustainable Energy Communities Project meeting took place in Mohill on 4th July last, in Mohill Enterprise Centre supporting the gap to get the project up and running.
- SPARK artist in residence 2016/2017 is progressing and an artist in residence has been selected to work with Prior PLM.
- IT Sligo is hosting Innovation clinics where SME's can avail of a one to one review of their specific innovation needs. A clinic has been scheduled for The Hive, Carrick on Shannon on 23rd August.

Economic Development

Local Economic Development Committee

LCDC meeting held on July 6th with presentations given on SICAP Interim Report and on Local Authorities Water and Community Office on their role with communities. It was also agreed to wait Department Guidance on LECP implementation which is due out in August.

LEADER

Work continued on setting up of Evaluation Committee for LEADER and progress on this was reported to the LCDC. It is hoped to finalise this process over the next month.

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL worked with Sligo and Longford County Councils and the CCMA with regard to the SLA and following issuing of Programme Operating Rules further work has been done on the draft which has been submitted to the CCMA. An RDOC meeting was scheduled for early August to review SLA, POR and Procedures manual.

Manorhamilton REDZ

A programme of facilitation work was outlined and dates are to be confirmed to commence the process in September.

Carrick on Shannon Town Teams

A Town Team Meeting was held on July 6th with presentation received from Simon Wall, Town Architect in Westport which was very well received by the large number of businesses in attendance. The outcomes of the meeting were as follows:

Update Town Marketing and Citizen Engagement Group

- Carrick-on-Shannon Chamber of Commerce have engaged OSD to update website at an approximate cost of €4,000

- Number of Retailers are looking at this currently
- Social Media training will be offered by OSD over 2 evenings at cost of €400
- Leitrim County Council sourcing Shop Window Display Training through REI particularly in run up to Christmas to be available in early October.
- Increasing Business Activity and Visitor Experience for Christmas

Update from Town Offer/Public Realm

- Walk of town done earlier to identify locations with signage issues, also looking at having large experience Carrick on Shannon signs on approach roads. Work progressing.
- Agreed not to proceed with WiFi as most businesses already have WiFi and 4G here also

Purple Flag

No update on application. This will be examined in September by ATCM. Next meeting at 11am in Murtaghs on 14th September, 2016.

Renewable Energy - SECURE Project

Work continued on the SECURE project with collaboration between partners in relation to promotional material including logo, pop up banner and powerpoint template.

Training

Follow up contact came from SEAI in relation to the provision of training for staff in the Local Authority to provide guidance to local authority planners engaging with spatial planning for renewable energy. SEAI has developed six training courses on key aspects of its practical implementation.

The SEAI wish to work with Leitrim County Council and neighbouring authorities in the rollout of this training which is free and would lead to the development of a Renewable Energy Plan for the County and would fit with the ethos of the SECURE project.

District Heating System

Following discussions with the Western Development Commission (WDC), it was agreed that WDC would prepare a request to tender document for the feasibility of a District Heating System in Carrick-on-Shannon. This will be discussed with technical staff in Leitrim County Council and ready for WDC to issue in August.

USEFE

Tourism

- An itinerary was devised for the EU Laktive Tourism trip to Ireland in September. This itinerary was submitted to the lead partners in Italy for agreement. They have since sought some amendments in relation to the itinerary and this is being worked on at the moment.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator worked on drafting up a Failte Ireland application for funding for Co. Leitrim in relation to the development of a Greenway from Carrick-On-Shannon to Leitrim Village.

Diaspora

- A working document consisting of an agenda and speakers was devised in consultation with staff in Leitrim County Council who had worked on the Leitrim Diaspora Event for the USEFE Diaspora event in Croke Park in Dublin on the 3rd November, 2016. This document was circulated to the Operational Group for consideration and agreement.

Creative

- A USEFE Creative Craft Group meeting took place on the 26th July, 2016 in Leitrim Co. Council. Leslie Ryan presented on the Creative Frame project and explained how the USEFE group members could join the initiative. It was confirmed that Co. Roscommon makers will host a retail exhibition in Leitrim Design House from the 16th September to the 15th October, 2016.

Tourism Development

The following actions have been undertaken throughout June 2016 to facilitate the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the County:

1. A Visitor Survey was carried out at Glencar Waterfall with the purpose of profiling the large number of visitors to this site.
2. Visitor Surveys were also carried out in Drumshanbo on the second weekend of the Joe Mooney Festival ascertaining the profile of visitors to this event.
3. Provided assistance to Carrick on Shannon Heritage in connection with the proposed memorial to Susan Mitchell, Poet and Journalist, born in Carrick on Shannon and who will be commemorated in this centenary year.
4. Leitrim Tourism Ezine was sent out to our 10,000 plus database of visitors both nationally and internationally informing them on all that is on offer in Leitrim.
5. Workshop in Dublin regarding the Year of Commemoration
6. Leitrim Tourism website is now fully operational. We are in the process of compiling a manual which will be provided to all trade members that will enable them to update their own listing on the site
7. On-going social Media Campaign highlighting Leitrim 2016, Tourism in Leitrim and Events taking place in Leitrim during the holiday season.

Development Management

Unfinished Housing Developments/Taking in Charge

- The Council's application to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with regard to the National Taking in Charge Initiative was successful, with the Council receiving €101,950 for works to 9 number estates and €35,000 towards funding for a special project relating to the engagement of legal counsel in relation to 'non-recompense' bonds.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of July. The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planner each Wednesday morning. Four new pre-planning consultations took place in July, in addition to a number of other inquires which are dealt with through e-mail.

Scheme to facilitate testing of Zero Discharge Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems in Co. Leitrim

- The Planning Authority has prepared a short background document providing details of this scheme and selection criteria which will be applied for determining additional participants. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms will be close of business on Friday 30th September, 2016. All

relevant details of the scheme are available on the Leitrim.ie website. There have been no further applications to date.

Development Management

- 19 valid planning applications were received in June of which included 4 applications relating to commercial development. Unfortunately a further 9 applications were deemed invalid of which 4 have since had valid applications accepted.
- 11 final decisions on planning applications were made during June, 10 of which were granted planning permission (9 relating to applications for permission and 2 applications for retention). A request for further information issued with respect to a further 5 applications.
- A major reorganisation of the historic planning application files held in storage from 1964 to present is ongoing by the administrative staff of the Planning Department. This project will result in a more efficient service being provided to customers and staff seeking to retrieve historic files for viewing purposes.

Heritage

- 3 newsletters (Heritage Matters) were published during July. This notified interested stakeholders of various events being held over the coming weeks including talks and book launches, Keaney/Keany Clan Reunion, the Joe Mooney Summer School (16th-23rd July), Leitrim's ties with Harland and Wolf shipyard in Belfast, National Heritage Week (20th – 28th August) and the deadline for inclusion in the County Print Guide for events held over National Heritage Week in Leitrim and the Book of Fenagh Festival (29th-31st July).
- Letters of Offer to the two no. successful applicants under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016, namely St. Catherine's Church in Fenagh (€8,840) and Killegar House (€5,000), were issued.

Development Contributions Scheme

- Pursuant to Section 48 (5)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015, Leitrim County Council has prepared a draft Development Contributions Scheme 2016 – 2019. The Scheme went on public display from 13th July, 2016 and all submissions or observations must reach the Planning Authority before 31st August, 2016.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – All the 2015 NIP Inspections are completed. The Council will be inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. We will be selecting these sites based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. These DWWTS inspections have commenced and will be ongoing from now until the end of September 2016.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2016 RMCEI Plan. The 2016 RMCEI Plan was submitted to EPA in January 2016.

CFRAMs – OPW and their Consultant Jacobs Engineering are working on the development of suitable flood mitigation options regarding the management of flood risk in the Shannon River Basin District in the Leitrim area. The Flood Risk Management Options had Public Consultation meetings which took place within Leitrim on in November 2015. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is leading the CFRAM Programme in part to meet Ireland's obligations under the 2007 EU Floods Directive, in accordance with the European Communities "Assessment and Management of Flood risks) Regulations 2010, SI No. 122 of 2010, which transposed the EU Floods Directive into Irish Law, as amended by SI No. 495 of 2015.

- Draft Flood Maps went on Public Display as part of the Statutory Public Consultation from Friday 20th November, 2015 to Wednesday 23rd December, 2015 inclusive and were available at all Local Authority offices for viewing.
- A Stakeholder Workshop took place with OPW/Jacobs Engineering in Athlone on Wednesday 25th May 2016 on Preliminary Options report Stage.
- The OPW in conjunction with their Consulting Engineers plan to have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed by April 2016. Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan takes place between Friday 15th July, 2016 to 23rd September, 2016 both dates inclusive with final adoption of plans by end of 2016. The Draft FRMP documents are currently on Public Display in the County Buildings at Reception area and in the Manorhamilton Municipal area offices. Comments and Observations regarding the Draft Flood Plans must be made to the Office of Public Works in writing, by post or email, to arrive no later than **5.30pm on Friday 23rd September 2016** to.

The OPW/Consultants plan to make a presentation to Elected Members at the September, 2016 Council Meeting on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans.

ENERGY:

Leitrim County Council in conjunction with our Energy Consultants Retrofit Energy Ireland Ltd (REIL) lodged a Better Energy Communities 2016 Application on Friday 26th February 2016 with Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI).

SEAI announced on the 9th June, 2016 that Leitrim County Council and its Beneficiaries would be awarded a Grant of €691,903.78 total eligible costs with Maximum Grant amount of €283,964.33 for this SEAI Project.

As part of this grant 43 local authority houses will get Retrofit Energy upgrade works done. There will be a further 6 Private houses done consisting of Fuel poor and non-Fuel poor homes. A further 10 no Private homes will be done in conjunction with the LEO office and a Credit Union Initiative Scheme. There are 3 no Community beneficiary's projects consisting of a Community Centre and two no schools.

Tender Documentation is currently been prepared by Housing Department and beneficiaries and Tender Evaluations been assessed with award of various contracts by end of August, 2016 and it will be a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October, 2016.

ROADS:

- Area Road works Programme progressing in accordance with the adopted program
- Verge trimming ongoing at Junctions of Local roads and regional roads
- Verge trimming completed along national roads
- Severe weather funding – progress in accordance with programme
- Traffic lights installed & commissioned at Leitrim Village
- Works ongoing at memorial projects at Carrigallen & Carrick on Shannon (Carrigallen 1916 & Suzan Mitchell)
- N16 Cornacloy to Sradrine Phase 2 – Culverts installed during road closure between the 2nd- 7th July.
- N16 Drummahon Realignment Scheme – Prepared Draft Part 8 documents for approval
- N4 Embankment failure at Carrick on Shannon – Prepared draft Tender documents for remedial works of slope failure
- N16/ R280 Junction – Prepared tender documentation and sought quotations for the supply and installation of Traffic lights.

Rural Water Programme:

Improvement works on the following group water schemes have been approved for grant funding. Works are underway or about to commence.

- Cloonsarne – Works on pipelines complete. Testing underway

- Cornabrone/Aghaslane - Works on pipelines complete
- Poolboy - Works on pipelines to commence shortly

Discussions also continue with proposed new Group Water Scheme at Carrigeencor. A response to the Council's application for 3 year funding programme applied to the Department of Environment for the upgrade of existing group water schemes and provision of new group water and sewerage schemes. Total value of programme €2.5m.

Leitrim County Council received interim funding of €30,000. This will be used to complete the funding of the works currently underway.

Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services Directorate

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 31 st July, 2016	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
69	43	62%	26	38%	0

New Tenancies created from 1st January 2016 to 31st July, 2016

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st July, 2016	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
6	37

Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st July, 2016

Accommodation Type	2016	Outputs achieved at 31 st July, 2016
Group Housing Scheme – Existing	0	0
Service Block - Existing	0	0
Local Authority Standard Housing	1	7
Rental Accommodation Scheme (incl. renewals)	3	1
Long Term Leasing (incl. renewals)	2	0
Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)	4	0
Totals	10	8

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2016	No of inspections completed to 31 st July, 2016	% Complete

50	40	80%
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Housing Grants

NOTE: HGD = Housing Adaptation Grant; MAG = Mobility Aids Grant; HOP = Housing Aid for Older People

2016 Allocation					€409,695.00
01/01/2016 – 31/07/2016	GRANT	NO	VALUE		
PAID 2016	HGD	4	€17,859.50		
	MAG	6	€17,390.00		
	HOP	15	€64,744.05		
	TOTAL	25	€99,993.55	€99,993.55	
Approved not paid	HGD	11	€167,100.51		
	MAG	6	€17,173.00		
	HOP	17	€76,040.58		
	TOTAL	34	€260,314.09	€260,314.09	
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved	HOP	13	€40,000.00	Estimated	
	MAG	4	€10,000.00	Estimated	
	HGD	7	€40,000.00	Estimated	
	Total	24	€90,000.00	€90,000.00	€450,307.64
				Balance (Estimated)	-40,612.64

Housing Capital

Energy Efficiency Works

Leitrim County Council has proactively sought to improve the Council's Social Housing Stock by securing funding from the Department under the Energy Efficiency Programme in addition to providing a level of match funding from the Council's own financial resources. The Programme has been particularly beneficial to upgrade older social housing stock. Following requests for proposals from the Department in March, the Council has made a submission to upgrade 153 units under Phase 1 energy efficiency works and 27 potential units for Phase II upgrade works at an

estimated cost of €390,000 approx. The Council has received preliminary approval to progress with works up to a total cost of €130,000 pending full allocation approval. Contract documents are being finalised and will issue for contractor interest shortly. If fully approved is received, this will complete the energy upgrade works on all Leitrim County Council housing stock.

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Better Energy Communities Area Based Scheme

A submission for grant aid was lodged under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme for an extensive energy retrofitting project on 43 Council housing stock in Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon during 2016. The submission also included for energy retrofitting to a further 6 Private houses consisting of Fuel poor and non-Fuel poor homes, a further 10 no Private homes which will be done in conjunction with the LEO office and a Credit Union Initiative Scheme and also 3 no Community beneficiaries projects consisting of a Community Centre and two no schools. SEAI announced on the 9th June 2016 that Leitrim County Council and its Beneficiaries would be awarded a Grant of €691,903.78 total Eligible Costs with Maximum Grant amount of €283,964.33 for this SEAI Project.

Tender Documentation were prepared by Housing Department and Tender Evaluations is currently underway with award of various contracts by mid August 2016 and it will be a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October 2016.

Voids

The Council made a comprehensive submission in February for maximum funding to continue the refurbishment programme of 32 units requiring significant remedial works including 3 dwellings classed as derelict. In June 2016 the Council received confirmation from the Department of an allocation of €531,700 towards works on 29 void units. Works are progressing on the 29 houses under a number of different contracts with Contractors procured through eTenders and under National Frameworks. These works are progressing well with approximately 80% of the units substantially complete.

In July the Council received confirmation from the Department of an allocation of €130,000 towards works on 3 derelict units. Tender Documentation was prepared by Housing Department and is currently advertised on eTenders, it is anticipated that this contract will be awarded by end of August. In July the Council made a submission to the Department to include an additional 7 no. houses in the 2016 voids programme and an additional 1 no. house in the Derelict Scheme 2016 and awaits a decision from the Department. When complete these works will return 40 units back to productive use, therefore significantly reducing the Councils vacant properties requiring significant repair and refurbishment works.

Disability Works in Council Houses

An Adaptation Works (Disability related) scheme for Council housing stock will continue to be funded by the Department in 2016 to facilitate the Local Authority in carrying out adaptation works for tenants to address mobility problems, primarily associated with medical need and disability related. The works will render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of the Tenant, with typical works including, depending on the individual circumstances, installation of level access shower, installation of rails in bathrooms, installation of ramp access to front/back doors, installation of oil heating systems or storage heating and associated works. The funding for these works is based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority. The Council made a submission in February following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 17 suitable tenancies for proposed disability works costing an estimated €150,000. In June the Council received confirmation of grant approval of €134,100 (90% funding) with €14,900 (10% from Council's own resources) totalling €149,000 to complete identified works. A contractor has been procured and is currently on site undertaking works at a number of these houses. Tender documentations has been complete by the Housing department for the extension of an existing house into the adjoining house to provide accessibility for a tenant, this contract will be awarded by the end of August.

Acquisitions

3no. family type houses were purchased in Carrick on Shannon in 2015. A building contractor was procured and is currently working on these properties to return them to productive use. The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017, to date the Council has purchased/ is engaged in purchasing 20 number houses across the county.

Construction - Taobh Tíre, Manorhamilton: This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing has received Stage 2 approval from the Department and the Design Team can now proceed to Stage 3; Detailed design and completion of tender documentation. Approved construction costs have now been reduced to under €986,500. We had applied for construction costs of €1,140,300 however these costs were for a very high specification build which included rain water harvesting, high spec Mech & Elec and garden shed, these extras will no longer be included in the design specification. Construction works are anticipated to commence on site by year-end. The Department have provided an allowance of €17,400 for local authority administration costs.

Capital Assistance Schemes

Two properties in Carrick-on-Shannon were acquired by North West Simon in late 2015 / early 2016 through a Capital Assistance Scheme funded by the Department through Leitrim County Council. These properties are currently going through refurbishment contracts to be tenant ready in Q4 2016.

A further approval was received in February 2016 for a project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. In July this project received Stage 2 approval from the Department and the Design Team can now proceed to Stage 3; Detailed design and completion of tender documentation. Construction costs of €276,486 were applied for and received along with an allowance of €5,000 for local authority administration costs. Construction works are anticipated to commence in early 2017.

The Council will have 100% tenancy nomination rights on all these CAS scheme properties from the Housing Waiting List.

Community:

Public Participation Network

- A trainer to provide Social Media training to all interested groups was appointed
- Groups were requested to register for specific Linkage Groups
- A total of 175 groups are registered with the PPN
- A NOAC audit took place on the return dated 311215

Peace IV

- One meeting of the Peace IV Partnership took place at which indicative actions were discussed
- There are still two places remaining to be filled on the Partnership.
- Clarifications on the Stage One application were provided to SEUPB
- A report was made to a meeting of LCDC

Floral Pride

- Community and business judging throughout the county took place on 20 and 27 August.

Pride of Place

- Community representatives from Carrick on Shannon, Rossinver and Drumshanbo were all met to progress their entries.

SLNCR Greenway

- Clarifications on management were provided to SEUPB

Leitrim Sports Partnership

Swim Weeks in Leitrim

In association with Leitrim's Irish Water Safety Committee Swim weeks are taking place throughout July/August in the following locations. To date we had 669 children participating on the swim weeks.

- Drumshanbo: 2 camps from June 27th to June 8th – 275 participants
- Rossinver: 2 camps from 18th to 29th July - 141 participants
- Gulladoo: 2 camps from 11th to 22nd July 79 participants
- Keeldra: 2 camps from 4th to 15th of July – 174 participants

FAI Summer Soccer Schools

FAI Development Officer Damon Kearney has been just completed two Soccer summer Schools in the following locations in July, Ballinamore -79 children & Kinlough – 59 children.

Approximately 138 children have attended the camps.

Carrigallen Multi Sport Summer Camp

We held a one week multi sport summer camp in Carrigallen, where the participants get opportunity to try out different sports, Soccer, Tennis, Gaelic, Olympic handball and Kayaking on the town lake. We had 53 participants involved on the camp.

The Arts

Creative Frame- In partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office, Leslie Ryan has been appointed Creative Frame Manager to develop the Creative Frame programme – a user driven continuous professional development network designed to facilitate the ongoing training and development requirements of practitioners in the creative sector in Leitrim and the wider region.

Spark – Artist Tinka Bechert has commenced work with Prior PLM Medical as part of the 2016 Spark Programme.

Festivals and Events – 9 Festivals from across the County have been granted funding under the 2016 Scheme.

Artists in Schools – 4 Artists and schools are now commencing the 2016 Residencies.

Artist in the Community – 4 artists were selected to work with 4 Community Groups across 3 Municipal Districts and the initial facilitated planning meeting has taken place.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios – Artist Kate Wilson and writer Gerry Boland are continuing their Residencies

Leitrim Equation 4 – Work has commenced in producing the DVD of the Leitrim Equation 4 concert.

Youth Theatre- Autumn/winter term is in place for 5 existing Youth Theatre groups in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon and Carrigallen with a new junior group in Manorhamilton.

Literature – The programme has been confirmed for the Iron Mountain Literature Festival that will take place in October. As part of the Festival, Leitrim County Council and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre have developed the John McGahern Award to encourage the development of emerging Irish writers and to pay tribute to the exceptional contribution of John McGahern to literature and to Leitrim

Wild Words – 40 submissions have been selected from the 130 submissions received for inclusion in Wild Words volume 4, which will be launched during the Wild Words Carrick-on-Shannon Childrens’ Book Festival in August.

Culture Night - A call out was made for venues to participate in this year’s Culture Night and applications have been received from 16 organisations.

Library Service:

Event Programming

A full programme of activities took place in all branches across the county, including regular I.T. classes for older members, Craft and Hobby Group Meetings, Film Screenings, Citizen Information Mobile Clinic in Mohill Library, Reading Groups and Creative Writing Workshops. Regular Comhrá classes continued in Kinlough library during July. Carrigallen hosted a free Craft Workshop and a Storytelling Event in conjunction with the local Mardi-Gras festival.

Highlights

Leitrim County Library Service is participating in a literacy pilot over the summer months, to present a series of shared storytime sessions for young children together with their parents, grandparents or carers. Sessions took place in Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton Libraries during July. The newly formed Leitrim Astronomy Club organised a very well-attended talk on the “Origins of our Solar System” at Ballinamore Library.

Library Visit

Drumshanbo library hosted a very exciting visit by the children of the Dowra Summer camp group on July 6th during which the children enjoyed a Sound Shower workshop, followed by a tour of the library and a storytelling session.

Summer Stars Reading Initiative 2016

This year, Leitrim County Library Service is running a new Summer Reading initiative for children, called “Summer Stars” – this is a national programme taking place across the country.

Early registration has been very strong, with significant numbers participating.

Leitrim 2016 Centenary Programme

As part of ongoing Centenary Commemorations, the Library Service presented a lecture by author Kevin Galligan about his grandfather Peter Paul Galligan, a Leitrim-born rebel, who led the Easter Rising in Wexford. The event was well-attended.

Local Studies - ‘Item of the Month’

Local Studies displayed an article by Patrick Logan ‘The Ballinamore Cant’, which featured in the Leitrim Guardian 1971.

Fire Service

Building Control

- Received 2 Commencement Notices (both valid), 4 Opt Out commencement notices (valid),
- Received 1 Disabled Access certificates and processed 5 Disabled Access certificates
- Received 1 Fire Safety Certificates and processed 4 Fire safety Certificates.

Fire Safety - Traveller Accommodation

The final report on Fire Safety in Traveller Accommodation was issued for comment by the Department of Environment. Leitrim County Council responded to a number of items flagged in the report and asked for modifications / updates to be made in relation to input from Leitrim County Council.

New Class B Fire Appliance

We received confirmation from the manufacturer that the expected delivery date for the chassis is mid October 2016. The new Fire Appliance is expected to be delivered in Quarter 2 of 2017.

Fire Station Site - Manorhamilton

A valuation of the preferred site was obtained and a meeting is being set up with the new owner with a view to procurement of part of the site.

Major Emergency Management

The Major Emergency Management Regional Working Group meeting was held in Manorhamilton on 20th July. It was decided that the regional tabletop exercise planned for Leitrim in October 2016 would not now be held and that only the regional live exercise planned in Sligo would take place in 2016 – exact date to be confirmed.

Civil Defence

- On Monday 18th July Civil Defence responded to a request from Gardai to assist in the search for a 34-year old male reported missing in the Carrick on Shannon area. On Tuesday 19th July, 2016 the Civil Defence Search Team located a body in the Shannon in 3 metres of water using their Sonar equipment. The Garda Water Unit recovered the remains from the scene.
- On Tuesday 26th July Civil Defence provided assistance to our colleagues in Longford Civil Defence during a search for a missing person in the Longford area.
- On Sunday 31st July Safety Boat and First Aid cover was provided during the Annual Carrick-on -Shannon Regatta.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Department in order that the lake water sampling programme could continue.

Signed: _____

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Date: 12th August, 2016