January

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

Monthly Report

Leitrim County Council

for the period 1st – 31st January 2020

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, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Revenue Account

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Total: €4,572,558 | €39,632,447 | 9% | €36,060,784

Expenditure V Income

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Total: €4,572,558 | €43,901,174 | 9% | €36,244,173

Net: €182,350 | €182,350

MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF JANUARY, 2020
Water Expenditure is in line with Income. The Preparation of 2016 APS is currently ongoing.

Recourse to Overdraft

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January 2020 - Recourse to Overdraft

Interest Incurred: €0
Water Services Department

Maximo: Asset Management

There were a total of 230 No. Work Orders for the month of January 2020. Breakdown as follows:

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Unaccounted for Water

UFW is now 48.12% or 6463 m³

Capital Works – Water Services

Manorhamilton & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project - €4.0 million

Completed plants included Mohill, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Carrigallen, Leitrim Village and Drumshanbo WWTP’s. Snagging works remain outstanding. EPS are operating the Mohill and Manorhamilton plants for the 12 months service period up to September 2020 when the plant will be handed over to SLA for continued operation.

Irish Water Capital Programmes and Projects

Water Networks Portfolio Programme Frameworks (Farrans Construction Ltd) Pipeline Rehabilitations:

St George’s Terrace: Approx 250m of cast iron watermain upgrade. Detailed design approved with contractor appointed and works on site programmed to commence on site 17th Feb 2020.

Trunk Main Upgrades: Under Tranche 5 Application to Irish Water in April 2019 for watermain upgrades the R209 Keshcarrigan to Castlefore and Drumlitten to Foxfield Church were identified as high priority sections for rehabilitation. The Gorvagh to Gortfada section of the R202 was also highlighted for upgrade works.

Irish Water has now confirmed that the upgrade works identified under Tranche 5 will not proceed in 2020. Water Services Capital Office continues to report to IW all bursts on these networks and reiterate the need to replace the aged watermains as soon as possible.

Newtownmanor: Previously approved upgrade works to Newtownmanor watermain are now placed on hold by Irish Water.

Find & Fix

Farrans are currently mobilised in Drumshanbo DMA progressing with Find and Fix/Pressure Management & DMA Establishment works and have repaired a number of watermain leaks to date. They are expected to remain in this DMA for another 4 – 6 weeks approximately.

The LCC Direct Labour Find and Fix crew have handed back the Eslin – Mohill DMA to Operations having successfully achieved the target set and significantly reduced the Minimum Night Flow. They are due to commence works in Corraleehan DMA on Feb 10th.
Back Yard Services

- 9 nr service connections at Tullyskeeherny/ Cooladonnell to commence in Q1 2020 under the Back Yard Services Programme.
- The below estates are prioritized for Back Yard Service rehabilitation 2019/2020. Irish Water to confirm if projects can proceed in 2020 on week commencing 10th February:
  - McDermott Terrace Manorhamilton
  - Rockwell Plk, Drumshanbo &
  - Lahard, Ballinamore.

Energy Efficiency Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant - EPS Ltd Contractors

Significant Upgrade to Carrick WTP aimed at reducing overall electricity is now over 90% complete with only minor ESB connection works outstanding which are now programmed for early March 2020.

ENVIRONMENT

RMCEI Plan

The Environment Department are currently working on the completion of the 2019 RMCEI Summary Report and the 2019 RMCEI Return and also the 2020 RMCEI Planned Target Environmental inspections which has to be with the EPA by a deadline of Friday 14th February 2020.

National Inspection Program (DWWTS)

We will now be planning the 25 No DWWTS inspections for 2020 and these should be completed from April 2020 to end of year.


Ongoing sampling in the Lough Forbes Catchment which includes Lough Rinn and surrounding catchment is to continue in 2020 and is included in the ALPHA monitoring programme. The next meeting is scheduled for 12th March 2020.

The Border Regional Management Committee Meeting No 12 was held in Carrick-on-Shannon Thursday 23rd January 2020 and attended by various stakeholders. The Border Regional Operational Committee meeting took place in Carrick-on-Shannon on Thursday 16th January 2020 with a good attendance from all agencies.

The 3rd Cycle (2022-2027) of the River Basin Management Plan is currently on track with a Public Consultation document “Significant Water Management Issues” – Consultation currently out for a 6 month period for Public Consultation. The Consultation period runs from 21st December 2019 to 26th June 2020. A link to this document is as follows: https://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/water-framework-directive/public-consultation-significant-water-management. Submission can be made to the Department at rbmp@housing.gov.ie and must be submitted by Friday 26th June 2020. Template questionnaires are available from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government or online survey completed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HGBJHZ

The new 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan is expected to be published in December 2021.

EPA Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM)

The Environmental Protection Agency manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network. It is proposed to install an air quality monitor in Carrick-on-Shannon by end of year 2020. Works were ongoing in late 2019 and close collaboration with LCC/EPA staff in selecting an optimum location for this unit. This will be of great benefit to the public in Carrick-on-Shannon town, giving them real time information on the following air pollutant parameters.
Nitrogen Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxides

Emissions from traffic are the main source of nitrogen oxides in Ireland along with electricity generating stations and industry. Nitrogen dioxide can affect the throat and lung. The main effects are emphysema and cellular damage. It impacts visually as it has a brown colour and gives rise to a brown haze. Oxides of nitrogen contribute to the formation of acid rain and of ozone. Levels in Ireland are moderate but are increasing due to growth in traffic numbers.

Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5)

There are many sources of particulate matter (dust) including vehicle exhaust emissions, soil and road surfaces, construction works and industrial emissions. Particulate matter can be formed from reactions between different pollutant gases. Small particles can penetrate the lungs and cause damage. These are known as PM10 (diameter less than 10μm) and PM2.5 (diameter less than 2.5μm). There are high levels of PM10 in many cities and towns. In smokeless fuel zones, levels of particulate matter decreased after the ban on bituminous coal.

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FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme

Fire Stations

Manorhamilton FS

A submission was prepared to send to the Department for approval to appoint the design consultants for the project.
Replacement HP
Approval was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for capital funding in the amount of €60,000 to replace our existing Hydraulic Platform. We carried out an inspection of a replacement vehicle in the UK and a final report is being drafted to submit to the Department to secure the funding.

Fire Service Training
The following training courses were attended / completed by fire service personnel during January 2020:
- Initial Chainsaw course – 3 participants
- Refresher Chainsaw course – 7 participants

Building Control activity

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Major Emergency Management
The existing Major Emergency Plan has been reviewed and updated. A meeting was held to review and discuss existing procedures for activating the Leitrim Major Emergency Plan. Further clarification is to be sought from CAMP West.

Erasmus+ ‘BFireSafe@School’ project
A further Project Working Group meeting was held to review progress and to collate feedback received and to identify the final edits to the content required. Members of the Project Working Group attended the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in Dublin in early January to create further awareness of the project.

Performance Indicators
The national and local service indicators for the fire service were prepared up to the end of December and were uploaded to the Intranet for discussion at Management Team level.

PMDS
PDP interviews completed for all HQ staff and CD Officer during January 2020.

Section 26 Plan
A new plan is being prepared for submission to the Council for approval.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Search Operation
On 15 January, Volunteers provided assistance to our colleagues in Monaghan Civil Defence during a missing person search in the Clones area. Volunteers used our Sonar Equipment during searches of a number of lakes in the Clones area. There has been no result to date.
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training
Training ran during January included Start Your Own Business and Facebook for Business advanced.

Mentoring
There continues to be a strong demand for one to one mentoring.

Brexit
There was a briefing session for the €28m Brexit border stimulus on 15th January which was well attended by LEO clients. Brexit mentoring continues to be delivered to clients facing issues as a result of Brexit.

Outreach Office – Manorhamilton
The Outreach Office continues to run on the first Tuesday of the month in Manorhamilton.

Other
- An article 125 audit conducted by Enterprise Ireland took place during January.
- The application under REDF, Creative Heartlands for the three counties of Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon was successfully awarded funding to the tune of €371,600. Leitrim Design House was the applicant and the 3 local authorities involved will form the steering group.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC
A meeting of the LCDC took place on January 29th, with updates on the various programmes, 13 expressions of interest for funding were outlined as having been received since the last meeting, there was 2 projects approved by the LAG at this meeting totalling €45,825.37.

Carrick on Shannon Chamber
A meeting with members of Carrick on Shannon Chamber took place on January 22nd. John O’ Neill and Kerri Louise Quinn from Venture International attended the meeting. Venture have been engaged to deliver an economic development plan for Carrick on Shannon. Other agenda items included the Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway, the Retail support programme and parking at Flynn’s Field.

National Broadband Plan
A meeting was hosted with the representatives of the Broadband Connection Points from around the County, the purpose being to address any questions and outline the next steps in getting the equipment installed. Johnny Gorman from the dept was also at the meeting representing the dept.

WIFI 4 EU
The contract for delivery of the Wifi4 EU was advertised on Etender with a closing date of January 23rd.

RRDF
Work is underway on an application for development costs for the Blueway from Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge.

ORIS
Letter of offer received in January from the dept in relation to ORIS Measure 1.
TOURISM

Destination Marketing

- Leitrim Tourism recently attended World Holiday Shows in Limerick, Belfast and Dublin where we showcased the county and all it has to offer. We were joined on the stand by a number of tourism providers from the county including The Rainbow Ballroom, W8 in Manorhamilton, The Shed Distillery, Lough Rynn Castle and Estate, Fishtracker, Moonriver Tawnylust Lodge and Leitrim Landscapes Guided Walks. There was great interest in our competitions which included a Slow Adventure weekend in Leitrim. We also had prizes of tickets for the opening night of the Cowboys and Heros County Music Festival in Ballinamore.
- Attendance at Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands Regional Meeting in Athlone.

Slow Adventure

- Leitrim Tourism were delighted to launch its new Slow Adventure Virtual Reality Experience at the World Holiday Show in Dublin. The launch was covered by Pól O Conghaile Travel Writer with the Irish Independent. This innovative new experience immerses the user in cruising, canoeing, cycling and walking along the Shannon Blueway.
- Continued work on the Slow Adventure Website and the Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands web improvement plan.

Support

- Prepared and advertised Festival and Event Grants 2020.

Digital Marketing

- Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website/Slow Adventure Ireland websites.
- Continued presence on all Social media platforms maintained.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Taking in Charge
Work is continuing with Irish Water in relation to the 37 estates which were taking in charge last September. Work is also underway to procure contractors to undertake works in an additional 10 - 12 estates which would allow the next tranche of estates to be advertised for taking in charge later this year.

Pre Planning
8 no. pre planning enquiries were received during the month of January in addition to numerous enquiries received and replied to through e-mail.

Development Management
12 no. valid planning applications were received in January, 3 no. of which relate to commercial developments. Of the applications lodged, 3 no. applications seek the retention of planning permission. In addition, a further 4 no. applications submitted were deemed invalid and returned to the applicants. 2 no. of the previous invalid applications have been resubmitted and are now valid.

19 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during January, all of which received a grant of planning permission; 1 no. of which related to an application seeking retention of planning permission. A request for Further Information issued with respect to a further 11 no. applications during the month of January and 8 no. submissions of Further Information were received during this month.
Forward Planning
Work has begun with the impending review of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 which is due to commence during the month of April 2020. This follows the adoption by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly of the draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy at a meeting on Friday 24th January 2020 in Ballaghaderreen.

RPS Group has prepared a draft Renewable Energy Strategy part funded through the SECURE programme. The Council has also appointed the RPS Group to undertake a review of the Landscape Character Assessment which was prepared in 2002. A draft of this report has also been received.

In addition, the review of the Development Contributions Scheme 2016-2019 is also underway.

Heritage
The Heritage Officer continues her work with the Heritage Forum on the preparation of a replacement Heritage Plan and has prepared a draft Heritage Plan which was presented to the Council at their January meeting. The public consultation phase of the Heritage Plan preparation is underway from 15th January to 12th February 2020.

The Heritage Officer has submitted applications for funding for 2 projects to the Heritage Council – Undertake a Geological Survey of Co. Leitrim and a Public Awareness Programme of Heritage Events. The Heritage Office is also preparing applications for funding through the National Biodiversity Action Plan – Undertake a swift survey in Co. Leitrim and Undertake a bat survey of all Council owned properties (excluding houses). Finally, the Heritage Officer is preparing an application for funding through Creative Ireland Programme – Mumming in Co. Leitrim.

ROADS

- Road Crews continuing to carry out routine maintenance works.

- Road Crews carrying out Winter Maintenance Works as necessary.

- National Road Grant Allocations 2020
  A total allocation of €7,902,089 was received in January, 2020 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on the National Roads Network in County Leitrim in 2020. This can be broken down between Improvement and Maintenance Works as follows:
  - Grant Allocation towards Improvement Works on National Roads in
    - County Leitrim in 2020: €7,558,470
  - Grant Allocation towards Maintenance Works on National Roads in
    - County Leitrim in 2020: €343,619
  - Total Improvement & Maintenance Grant Allocation for National Roads in
    - County Leitrim in 2020: €7,902,089

- Carrick on Shannon By-Pass - The above Allocation includes an Allocation of €200,000 in respect of Carrick on Shannon By-Pass. Leitrim County Council is currently in the process of appointing a Consultant Team for Stage 1 – 4 of the Design of this By Pass Scheme. It is expected that this appointment will be made in the coming weeks.

- Pavement Overlays – The above Allocation includes an Allocation of €3,000,000 in respect of Pavement Overlay on the N4 from Jamestown to the Masonite Junction (A Contractor for this Pavement Scheme has been appointed and works are expected to commence in March 2020, weather permitting) and also an Allocation of €1,000,000 in respect of Pavement Overlay on the N16 from Tomrud to Tawneymoyle (This Pavement Scheme is currently at Design Stage and works will commence later this year).

- Re-alignment of N16 - Included above is an Allocation of €2,523,470 in respect of Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon – Works on the detailed Design and Tenders for the Construction of this Realignment Scheme are currently in progress. Also included is an Allocation of €200,000 in respect of Realignment of the N16 at Munakill – A Consultant for this Scheme has been appointed.
• **Fencing Retrofit** – Included above is an allocation of €25,000 which will allow us to commence the replacement of some fencing along National Roads in order to meet safety requirements.

• **Road Safety Inspections** – The above Improvement Allocation includes an allocation of €400,000 in respect of Road Safety Inspections and Improvements on both the N16 & N4.

• **Non National Road Grant Allocation 2020**

  A total Allocation of €11,564,578 was received in January 2020 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on Regional and Local Roads in County Leitrim in 2020. This can be broken down as follows:-

  - Restoration Improvement Grant €5,478,500
  - Restoration Maintenance €973,000
  - Supplementary Restoration Maintenance €602,000
  - Discretionary Grant €1,818,500
  - Bridge Rehabilitation €501,000
  - Safety Improvement Works €375,000
  - Specific Improvement €649,040
  - Speed Limits €7,200
  - Training Grant €47,500
  - Community Involvement Scheme €641,500
  - PSCI: Survey Support €16,000
  - Drainage Works €455,338
  - **Total Non National Road Grants allocation 2020** €11,564,578

• **Annual Area Programme 2020 & Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020**

  Following receipt of the Road Grant Allocations for 2020 for both National and Non National Roads, the Annual Area Programme 2020 and Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020 are now being prepared and will be brought to the February Municipal District Meetings for Approval.

• **Bridges on Non National Roads**

  **North Leitrim**

  Killavoggy Bridge – Works to Killavoggy Bridge were completed under the 2019 Road Works Programme

  Beag Bridge (2019 Road Works Programme)– Works on Beag Bridge are due to commence at the end of February 2020.

  **The following Bridges in North Leitrim have been approved for Funding in 2020 –**

  Meenagraun Bridge - This Bridge remains closed. A Consultant has been appointed to design a new deck and repairs to the abutments. Leitrim County Council is currently in discussion with the Inland Fisheries in relation to the proposed works on this Bridge.

  Aghnahaha Bridge - A Consultants Report has being completed on this Bridge in light of the recent damage discovered. A 3 Tonne weight limit is now in place on this Bridge. The Structural condition of this Bridge is now being assessed weekly and after each flood event in order to ensure no further deterioration. Tender Documents are being prepared for the necessary Works to this Bridge and it is hoped that Construction will commence in Summer 2020.

  Leckenanainey Bridge & Aghaderrard East Bridge – Construction drawings and detailed tender documents are currently being prepared by the Consultants appointed for these 2 Bridges. Construction is expected to begin in the early summer. These are being completed as a single project due to their proximity to each other.

  Gortnacorkoge Bridge – This Bridge is currently closed and it is expected that works on this Bridge will be completed in early Summer 2020.

  **South Leitrim**

  **The following Bridges in South Leitrim have been approved for Funding in 2020 –**

  Battle Bridge – A Consultant has been appointed to carry out design works and contract documents for the works required to this Bridge – It is hoped that these works will commence in summer 2020.
Drumdarkin Bridge, Drumloughan School Bridge, Annaghveagh Bridge Toomans, Drumboher Bridge, Millpark Bridge and Kilbracken Bridge have all been approved for Funding in 2020 – these are all currently being reviewed to decide the best strategy for tendering and design works for these Bridges.

- **CLAR Programme 2019**
  The following Schemes have been approved for funding under the CLAR Programme 2019:
  - McDermotts Terrace Residents Association – Upgrade of existing footpaths – Works have commenced
  - Dromod Road, Mohill – Extension of Footpaths & Public Lighting – Works are 70% complete
  - Fatima NS Cloone – Pedestrian crossing and upgrade of road markings – Works to commence later in 2020
  - Drumkeerin – Upgrade of car park facilities at Drumkeerin GAA Pitch – Works to commence later in 2020
  - Carrigallen Vocational School – Construction of a pedestrian crossing at Carrigallen Vocational School – Works have commenced and are 80% complete
  - Leitrim Village – Upgrade of footpaths and public lighting – Works have commenced and are 50% complete
  - Shannonside Community Childcare Centre – Pedestrian crossing, Road Markings and Signage – Works to commence later in 2020

- **Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)**
  The Grant Allocation for 2020 for Community Involvement Schemes is €641,500. We will be finalising our CIS Programme for 2020 in the coming weeks. This Scheme remains open to new applicants - applicants may apply by completing and submitting the CIS Application Form which is available at our offices and from the Leitrim County Council Website, www.leitrimcoco.ie.

- **Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**
  The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme was continued for the Hedge Cutting season of 2019/2020. This Scheme aims to encourage Landowners/Groups of Residents to come together and arrange for the cutting of hedges/trees along the public road network which need attention. The Grant amounts to €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees attended to along the Public Road Network subject to a minimum length of road network of 2 km per application. The Closing Date for Applications for this Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme has been extended to the 14th February, 2020. The uptake on this Grant Scheme for 2019/2020 has been much higher than in previous years – this may be due to a combination of factors such as the Increase in the Grant from €50 to €75 per KM and better publication of the Grant Scheme which was publicised in the Local Newspaper, through the IFA, circulated to all Councillors in the County and TD’s representing the County and also publicised in the weekly Parish Mass Newsletters for a number of weeks.

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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 - 2021
Leitrim County Council is working with the various Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes approved for Funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021.

Capital Works - Measure 3 Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
- Cloonsarn GWS have appointed a contractor to carry out network upgrades on the scheme. It is expected that these works will commence in March 2020.
- Carrigallen GWS are in the process of appointing a Contractor to carry out upgrade works on this scheme. It is expected that these works will commence in March/April 2020.

Schemes applying to be Taken in Charge by Irish Water - Measure 5 Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
In 2019, the following schemes were submitted to Irish Water for approval to be taken in charge by Irish Water.
- Tully GWS – Application submitted to Irish Water in August 2019
- Ballinagleragh GSS – Application submitted to Irish Water in August 2019 and November 2019
- Dromore GWS – Application submitted to Irish Water in November 2019
Following an update from Irish Water on the status of these applications, Irish Water has informed this office that they have not yet processed these applications.

New Community Water and Waste Water Connections - Measure 6 Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021

Proposed Deerpark GWS – Their Pre-Connection Enquiry has been approved by Irish Water. The GWS have completed their full application for connection to Irish Water. Irish Water is currently processing this application.

Proposed Gowlaun GWS – This GWS have submitted their Pre-Connection Enquiry to Irish Water and are awaiting a letter of feasibility from Irish Water.

Proposed Tully GSS - This GSS have submitted their Pre-Connection Enquiry to Irish Water and are awaiting a letter of feasibility from Irish Water.

Carrigecor GWS, Ballynamony GSS and Edenvilla GSS - are currently working on their Pre-Connection Enquiry Forms for submission to Irish Water.

Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme (GSS) –Leitrim County Council is currently in consultation with the Department regarding the future of this GSS. The matter is currently with the Department as to whether the Scheme can proceed based on the estimated costings submitted in 2019.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Design works have commenced. Full programme details will be advised later.

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme
Contract documents have been prepared for the procurement of a consulting engineer to commence the design on the project and are with the OPW for review.

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme
This project will run as one contract with the Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme.
Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme
Architect and Consulting Engineer carrying out detailed design of the project. Four construction contracts will be undertaken:
- Reconstruction of Footpaths and Roads Main Street/St George’s Terrace
- Construction of Car Park at Flynn’s Field
- Construction of Boardwalk along river edge
- Lighting of N4 Bridge and Boardwalk at Linear Park

The contractors for the car park and marina have been chosen. We are waiting for final approval on insurances, bonds etc before appointment of these contractors.

Tenders have been received for the Streets Contract and are currently being assessed.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme
Dhb Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. We are currently waiting for approval from the Dept Rural and Community Development for this appointment. Design work to commence shortly.

The Junction Project Ballinamore
Tenders have been received for the appointment of a Design Consultant for this project and are currently being assessed. Steering group involving local community groups has been set up for this project.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen
Leitrim County Council has made an application for funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport to bring this project through the Planning Process, Detailed Design and get the project ready for construction.

SLNCR – Manorhamilton to Boggaun
The contractor has commenced on site and the trail is under construction at present.

SLNCR – Dromahaire Demonstration Stretch
This project is under construction at present with completion in February.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Ballinamore to Corgar
Negotiations still underway regarding final land agreement for project. Construction will commence once all land agreements in place.

Leitrim Way
The Leitrim Way from Leitrim Village to Drumshanbo to Dowra has been inspected and passed as acceptable by Sports Ireland Trails office. Trail has been added to their list of national trails and insurance is now in place for the trail.

Final land agreements have been signed for the bridge construction project. We are in discussion with contractor regarding commencement of bridge construction project.

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns
Funding of €500,000 has been received from Fáilte Ireland for this project. Total budget is €760,000. Design team has been appointed for this project. We are currently working on options. Once agreed we will proceed to Part 8 Planning approval.

Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway
Leitrim Co Co is currently working on an application for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to bring this project through the planning process and up to detailed design to get it ready for construction. Funding application deadline is 28th Feb 2020.
HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

HOUSING

Housing Allocations

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<th>Offers issued to 31st January 2020</th>
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New Tenancies created from 1st January 2020 to 31st January 2020

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<th>New Tenants (1st time allocation)</th>
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Private Rented Inspection Programme

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**Housing Grants**

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

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<th>01/01/2020 – 31/01/2020</th>
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Available Balance  €46,151.12

**HOUSING CAPITAL**

- **LA Construction Project**
  Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
  Site development works ongoing on site. Soil stabilisation works agreed to expedite earthworks and deliver project by the programmed completion date of December 2020.

- **Phase 1 Project Appraisal Reports**
  Stage 1 approval was received from DHPLG on 14/01/20 for 12 Units at Townparks, Carrick on Shannon with an approved budget of €2,698,500.

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1 65% of 2019 Allocation of 508,483.00
2 Includes applications approved in 2019, not yet paid
3 Includes applications received in 2019, not yet approved
LA Turnkey Projects

Ballinamore
Commencement notice submitted on the delivery of 9 No. 2 bedroom units at Church Lane, Ballinamore under a Turnkey project with a budget of €1.75 million with a completion date of December 2020.

Pipeline Turnkey Projects
Animation meetings/discussions were held with a number of developers regarding areas of need for potential Turnkey Projects in 2020 & 2021.

Expressions of Interest
The Housing Delivery Unit recently advertised in the Leitrim Observer and on e-tenders seeking Expressions of Interest from Developers/Contractors to deliver turnkey social housing projects during 2020 and 2021 throughout Co. Leitrim.

Acquisitions
The Housing Capital Delivery Unit was successful in acquiring 3 properties during January 2020. A number of additional Properties for acquisition in 2020 have been identified and negotiations are ongoing.

Vacant Homes
Latest vacant Home Survey Totals for Carrick on Shannon, Ballinamore, Manorhamilton & Mohill.

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<td>Known Ownership</td>
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Framework for Architect Lead Design Teams
Wynne Gormley Gilsenan Architects & Surveyors Ltd. were appointed as the Architect Led Design Team for Carrick on Shannon, Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Stage 1 approved projects and a kick off meeting was held on 22nd January 2020.

COMMUNITY

PEACE IV
Children & Youth People and Building Positive Relations Programmes are complete and claiming is ongoing.

Shared Spaces
- Extension to Mohill Library for Peace Room: Works Ongoing and due for completion at the end of Jan 2020 and for Main Library by Easter 2020.
- Manorhamilton: Refurbishment and Extension to Sexton House: Clyhore Construction appointed as Contractor and works will complete by end June 2020

Comhairle na Nóg
A meeting was held with senior officials of An Garda Siochana in relation to the roll out of the 'Use Your Brain Not Your Fists' Workbook, in conjunction with the video as part of their Garda Schools Programme and with foreige as part of their Drugs and Alcohol Programme with young people in youth settings.

Healthy Ireland
The following have been agreed;

Priority Themes €72,500
- Healthy North Leitrim – Bee Park Manorhamilton
- Stay Well Screening Health and Well being Programme – Townspark Residents Association
- HSE, Primary Health Care – Smart Health and Wellbeing
- North West Regional Drug & alcohol Task Force – Prevention and Reduction of Alcohol
- Leitrim Sports Partnership – Leitrim Disability and Disadvantaged Communities
Community Mental Health Fund €32,050 (over two years)
- Brief Intervention / Counselling service
- Social Farming

Community Engagement €30,000
1. Update and maintain the Healthy Leitrim webpage
2. Develop and deliver a Healthy Leitrim Community radio programme across local radio stations within Leitrim (Contact made with Ocean FM & Shannonside & iRadio through Expressions of Interest to develop a Health and Wellbeing slot for radio
3. Develop and deliver a cycling capacity building initiative within 6 disadvantaged pre-schools within Leitrim. The balance bikes and Helmets are ordered and are due to arrive by the end of January.
4. Develop and deliver a strength and flexibility capacity building initiative that targets older people within Leitrim. Local physiotherapists have been sent out expressions of interest, 2 physiotherapists have come back with an interest and this programme would be rolled out in Leitrim.

A small Grants scheme was advertised in December 2019. The scheme is for a minimum of €2000 to a maximum of €5000 with a total fund of €30,000. 32 Applications were received. Applications were assessed on Tuesday, 28th January 2020 and 15 Small Grants were approved, 12 County Wide Applications and one in each of the MD’s.

PPN

Outstanding Leitrim PPN Vacancies
- Rep on the Housing, Community and Cultural Special Policy Committee.
- Rep for Forestry on the Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification (PEFC) Social Inclusion Rep on the Local Community Development Committee.
- Representative on the Special Policy Committee for Economic Development Enterprise and Planning Members of the Leitrim PPN Secretariat have been made aware of these developments and have confirmed that vacancies will be filled at the next General Meeting (Plenary) due to take place in March. A call for nominations has already been circulated to members of the PPN Secretariat.

Secretariat Meetings
One Secretariat meeting was held during January. Another is scheduled to discuss proposed changes to the running of the annual Love Where You Live Leitrim Awards 2020.

PPN Members Directory
A nationwide on-line directory of PPN member groups continues to be rolled out. Leitrim PPN’s website has now been updated as a result and features a database of all active community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups in the country. As new groups register they will automatically be included in this directory.

PPN Membership Campaign
Following on from last year’s Re-Registration process, it was decided to embark on a campaign to recruit new members or re-register those who might have lapsed in the New Year. This involved articles on the website, Facebook, etc. Since the campaign began, six new groups have registered and it is intended that the campaign continue in the coming months.

PPN User Guide/ Structural Review
The Dept of Rural and Community Development is preparing a new User Guide/ Handbook for PPN’s. As part of this process the views of LAS were sought nationwide and submitted by a deadline of January 30th. The views of Resource Workers/ Support Workers are also open until February 21st. A Structural Review of the PPN’s is planned in the coming months which will involve Dept consultation with all stakeholders. Outcomes from this Review will be incorporated into the new User Guide/ Handbook.

Newsletter
The first Leitrim PPN newsletter of 2020 was issued in January.
Communications
Twitter:  401 followers with 8.10K impressions.
Facebook: 696 followers with a reach of 12103 in January  (i.e. 40% increase over past 6 months)
Website:  19 articles, 7 events. 908 users over 11,117 sessions.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Operation Transformation Walks & Programmes
Leitrim Sports Partnership completed 4 Operation Transformation walks in Ballinamore, Carrick on Shannon, Dromahair, and Manorhamilton as part of the O.T. RTE programme. We delivered follow up six week walking programmes in Ballinamore, Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton.

Carrick Inclusive Walk (17 Participants)
We have inclusive weekly walks on Friday’s at lunch time in Carrick on Shannon for all.

Drumreilly Active Age Programme (15 Participants)
We have an easy exercise programme being delivered with the Drumreilly Active Age group.

Girls Active Programme (127 Participants)
Girls Active is a physical activity programme targeting teenage girls in schools in Leitrim. It is a joint initiative between the HSE and Leitrim Sports Partnership. We have six post primary schools participating.

Ag Sughradh Le Cheile Programme (25 Participants)
Ag Sughradh Le Chéile or ‘Playing Together’ is a programme which encourages active play between parents/carers and children in primary schools. The programme was developed by the HSE and delivered by Leitrim Sports Partnership. We complete a workshop in Aughawillian N.S. with 11 parents and 14 children taking part.

Disability Programmes
Rehab-Care Programme (15 Participants)
We have a Go For Life Games programme being delivered with Rehab Care.

St Ciaran’s Day Service Dance Programme (9 Participants)
We have a Zumba dancing programme being delivered in St Ciaran’s day centre.

National learning Network Gym Programme
Swim 4 All Programme (12 Participants)
We have started an 8 week swim 4 All programme for children with disability in the Aura Leisure centre.

Rehab- Care & Active Age (22 Participants)
We have started a social walking programme for Rehab Care service users and Ballinamore Active Age Group members.

THE ARTS

Creative Ireland
Open call for submissions for the 2020 Creative Ireland Programme.

Spark
Artist Fiona Mulholland has begun work with Merenda in Manorhamilton on the Spark Programme. Small Sparks will be completed at the end of January.

Creative Frame
Artists get together was held in Ballinamore (20 attendees). The online Survey has now been completed and the findings will be analysed.

Youth Theatre
Term one 2020 started with 2 groups in Manorhamilton, 3 in Carrick on Shannon and 4 groups in Carrigallen with a total of 140 participants. A monthly text survey monitoring the benefits of participation in youth theatre has been launched.

**Artist in Schools**
One Artist is currently engaged with a school for the current term.

**2020 Festivals**
Funding decisions are awaiting ratification from the upcoming Municipal District meetings.

**Iron Mountain**
A call out for submissions for the John McGahern award has been issued and submissions are starting to be received.

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

2020 got off to a busy start. Almost 9,000 people came through our doors, just over 7,500 items issued to library members and 108 new library memberships taken out. There has been a positive response to #takecloserlook campaign which aims to highlight/promote the range of services on offer through your local public library and has received good visibility online. Events are planned for all 9 libraries in Leitrim for the ‘Open Day’ on Feb 29th 2020.

In addition to all the regular groups who meet in the various libraries such as the Knitting/Craft Group, Parent and Toddler Group, Writers Group and Walking Group, the following also took place:

- **Book Club Meetings** Adult Book Club meetings continued in Kinlough, Killyclogher, Ballinamore, Manorhamilton, Carrigallen and Carrick on Shannon while the monthly Junior Book Club meeting took place in Dromahair library.

- **School Visits** Many libraries facilitated a number of school visits from both primary and second level schools in the county. 69 children attended Killyclogher, 51 children visited Ballinamore, 52 children visited Manorhamilton. There were also some visits from pre-school children. 12 children from Little Learners Preschool paid a visit to Manorhamilton library and 17 children from Happy Feet Creche paid a visit to Carrigallen Library. Deidre in Dromahair library visited Ballintogher Play School and After School and met with 22 children and the 3 leaders while Local studies Librarian, Mary Conofrey visited Ballinamore Community School where she presented a copy of the ‘Leitrim History and Society’ publication for inclusion in the school library. Mary gave a presentation to second and third year history students about the Local Studies Library and how its collection could assist and support students with their special classroom based assessment projects. Mary also exhibited a sample of resources including; a Workhouse Minute book, a bound volume of Leitrim Observer, a School Roll book and Register. A follow up visit by 18 students was made to the Library on Tuesday 28th January.

- **Healthy Ireland Events** A Yoga Workshop for children was facilitated by Michelle McGarry Spence in Carrick on Shannon Library on Saturday January 25th. The children who attended were hugely engaged and really enjoyed the experience.

- **Comhrá Gaeilge** The weekly Comhrá Gaeilge Classes commenced in Ballinamore Library on January 7th. These classes are hugely popular with 190 people attending over the 4 weeks in January. The classes will continue until mid-March.

- **Local Studies ‘Item of the Month’** The ‘item of the month’ for January was a recreation of Moll’s 1728 map of Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Fermanagh. Herman Moll was a cartographer, engraver, and publisher and he operated a book and map store in London. He produced maps from his studies of the work of other cartographers. The information on this historic map includes roads and towns in the early 18th century. The 5 baronies of the County; Carrigallen, Mohill, Leitrim, Drumahaire and Rosclogher are clearly marked. There was quite a lot of interest in this item and it generated further local studies enquires.

**SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Signed: [Signature]  
Lar Power, Chief Executive  
Date: [Signature]