April

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

Monthly Report

Leitrim County Council

for the period 1st – 30th April 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

April 2020 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY April, 2020 - FIGURES)

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| A | Housing & Building | 1,438,450 | 5,425,116 | 27% | 39,886,626 |
| B | Road Transport & Safety | 3,435,885 | 13,019,551 | 25% | 10,568,686 |
| C | Water Services | 1,081,724 | 3,295,878 | 23% | 2,216,671 |
| D | Development Management | 1,402,404 | 5,756,809 | 24% | 4,354,495 |
| E | Environmental Services | 1,392,267 | 4,513,660 | 31% | 3,120,393 |
| F | Recreation & Amenity | 918,628 | 2,877,363 | 26% | 2,608,755 |
| G | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 166,006 | 697,947 | 33% | 331,985 |
| H | Miscellaneous Services | 952,311 | 2,814,729 | 34% | 1,862,239 |
| LG | Local Government Fund / GPG | 0% | 0% |
| RA | Rates | 0% | 0% |

€10,805,916 | €39,634,847 | 27% | 28,828,451

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Expenditure V Income

MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF APRIL, 2020
Water Expenditure in line with income.
The deadline for the 2019 APS has been deferred to 30 June 2020 as a result of COVID-19.
Income and Expenditure is down across all programme groups as a result of National Lockdown.
Rates collection is down considerably vs 2019 as a direct impact of COVID-19. 70% of the total cash collected to date came from theGlobals/Utilities sector.
A Government has decided that commercial rates, for a 3 month period beginning on 27 March 2020, for all businesses that have been forced to close due to public health requirements, will be waived.
Recourse to Overdraft

No. of Days in Overdraft during April 2020

Interest Incurred

Rates, Rents and Loans

### April 2020 - Recourse to Overdraft

| Housing Rents | €805,496 | €767,532 | €2,571,076 |
| Commercial Rates | €1,081,858 | €1,206,144 | €7,296,303 |
| Housing Loans | €58,060 | €54,234 | €249,570 |

#### 2020 - Collection Rates

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#### COMMENTARY

- Housing Rents: Collection is up both in monetary and % terms vs. 2019.
- Commercial Rents: Collection for 2020 is down both in monetary and % terms vs. 2019. This reflects the impact of COVID-19.
- Loans: Collection is up both in monetary and % terms vs. 2019.

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### April 2020 - Aged Debt Analysis

#### Rates

- 30 Days: 30%
- 60 Days: 20%
- 90 Days: 10%
- 180 Days: 10%
- 1 Year: 10%
- 2 Years: 5%
- > 2 Years: 5%

#### Rents

- 30 Days: 21%
- 60 Days: 17%
- 90 Days: 10%
- 180 Days: 17%
- 1 Year: 5%
- 2 Years: 5%
- > 2 Years: 9%

#### Loans

- 30 Days: 12%
- 60 Days: 16%
- 90 Days: 14%
- 180 Days: 4%
- 1 Year: 0%
- 2 Years: 0%
- > 2 Years: 0%

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Water Services Department

Maximo: Asset Management

There were a total of 188 No. Work Orders for the month of April 2020. Breakdown as follows:

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Unaccounted for Water
UFW is now 48.65% or 6804 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: 242m of cast iron watermain upgrade and service connections replaced. Works on site are progressing well and on programme at approx 85% complete. Works however are now placed on hold due to restrictions of Covid-19. Remaining works should be complete within two weeks of contractor returning to site.

Trunk Main Upgrades: Irish Water confirmed all other pipeline replacements in Co Leitrim were put on hold due to budget restraints. LCC Water Capital office continue to push for rehabilitation works on the Keshcarrigan to Foxfield AC trunk main and the Gortfada to Sratissaun AC trunk main. Irish Water to review budgets in mid 2020 to see if the above schemes could be progressed.

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

Find & Fix
Farrans are nearing completion in Drumshanbo DMA with Find and Fix/Pressure Management & DMA Establishment works. The minimum night flow has been agreed for Drumshanbo and gains have been made towards achieving the target but more works are required. In late March Farrans leak detection crew also mobilized in Mohill DMA. Works in both towns are now placed on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

LCC Direct Labour Find and Fix crew
The LCC direct labour crew have made good gains in leak detection and repair in the Corraleehan DMA and repaired a number of large leaks. Works however are now placed on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.
Back Yard Services
- Back yard services works on 9 nr service connections at Cooladonnell due to commence in early April are now placed on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Back Yard services to be progressed in Lahard, Ballinamore in 2020.
- Irish Water have confirmed that Mc Dermott Terrace, Manorhamilton and Rockwell Park, Drumshanbo will now not proceed in 2020 due to budget restrictions.

Disinfection Programme - Veolia Contractors
Design & Build upgrade works to the disinfection process is ongoing at Carrick on Shannon & Glenade WTP’s. Works were due to ramp up at both sites in early April but are now placed on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Drumshanbo WWTP: Significant upgrade carried out to Drumshanbo WWTP. Additional Civil works are being completed as variations to this contract. Snagging works also remain outstanding.

IWSS (Inlet Works, Storm & Sludge) Programme: Ballinamore and Leitrim Village WWTP have been approved for upgrades to their inlet works and tendering has been progressed. Irish water to advise on timeline for these works.

Tullaghan WWTP: Upgrade works to pump effluent from Tullaghan WWTP to West End pump station near Bundoran has been tendered by Irish Water with works expected to commence on site in mid 2020. (1.8km of rising main has already been installed along the N15 to West End PS as part of a previous contract).

Capital Investment Plan

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant – Pumping Station - Atkins Consulting Engineers
This project is included in Irish Waters Capital Investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan. These works are to be delivered in the period of this CIP 2021 – 2025.

Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant – Future planning
Irish Water is developing a “National Water Resource Plan” which will consider provision for future demand. We continue to meet with Irish Water to highlight the future for Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant to ensure it is extended to meet the growing future demand in the South Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme.

ENVIRONMENT

RMCEI Plan
The Environment Department submitted the 2019 RMCEI Summary Report and the 2019 RMCEI Return and also the 2020 RMCEI Planned Target Environmental inspections to the EPA by a deadline of Friday 14th February 2020.
The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period.

National Inspection Program (DWWTS)
We will now be planning the 25 No DWWTS inspections for 2020 with ongoing NIP – DWWTS Engagement and these should be completed from April 2020 to end of year. Where Advisory Notices were issued there will be ongoing verification inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections as requested to facilitate grant payments. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period.

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 COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period.

The Border Regional Management Committee Meeting No 13 was held for the first time by Zoom technology and attended by various stakeholders on Thursday 30th April 2020 with a good attendance from all agencies. The Border Regional Operational Committee meeting No 12 took place also for the first time by Zoom technology on Thursday 23rd April 2020. This was a very successful meeting with 42 no staff from various agencies represented.
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/3HGB3HZ.

The new 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan is expected to be published in December 2021. All RBMP workshops are now cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Environment Department has submitted proposed Priority Areas of Action for Leitrim under the new proposed 2021-2027 RBMP.

The Environment Department continue to work closely with EPA/LAWPRO staff on the various PAA desk top studies and the various queries raised by them and return associated reports to the Local Catchment Assessment Team.

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 increasing due to growth in traffic numbers.

### VETERINARY SERVICES

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Capital Programme

Fire Stations
- Manorhamilton FS
Approval was received from the Department to appoint the design consultants for the project. We are appointing the design consultants for Manorhamilton Fire station by CE Order. A submission for the recoupment of the capital funding for the cost of procurement of the site is being prepared.
- Replacement HP
The vehicle was imported from the UK and delivered to Leitrim Fire Service. We reregistered the vehicle. We are planning to deliver familiarisation training to the crew in Carrick-on-Shannon when COVID 19 restrictions are lifted. A submission for the recoupment of the capital funding for the vehicle is being prepared.
- Ballinamore and Drumshanbo fire stations
A submission for the recoupment of the capital funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government is being prepared for both stations.

Fire Service Training
All training courses and drills have been suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Building Control Activity

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Covid 19
Protocols and safe working procedures have been prepared and issued to all HQ staff and crews in stations in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. Additional PPE was procured.

Erasmus+ ‘BFireSafe@School’ project
The content of the 10 training modules for the programme was finalised before sending it to the project partners for translation into 9 other languages. Work on the production of the augmented reality app for the project is nearly finished and should be available in the Android and Apple Playstore soon. We submitted a claim for the payment of the second round of funding from Leargas.

Section 26 Plan
The new Section 26 plan was finalised and circulated to the crews at station level for comment – prior to submission to the next planned meeting of the SPC.

NW Regional Mass Fatality Plan
Work on the preparation of the Leitrim section of the plan was carried out. The refrigerated unit was installed and commissioned at the Civil Defence facility in Drumshanbo. A number of online meetings were held to progress this.

Public Consultation
A number of documents were circulated for public consultation in relation to the fire safety assessment of buildings and Dangerous Substances legislation. Comments are being prepared.

Testing and Maintenance of Equipment
A proposal for the testing and maintenance of fire equipment was finalised in line with national guidelines. This included a new drill programme.
CIVIL DEFENCE

Covid 19

- Extensive preparations have continued during the last 4 weeks to prepare for possible requests from the Principle Response Agencies.

- Additional facilities have been added to the Civil Defence base in Drumshanbo to deal with the possible escalation of the Covid 19 response.

- On 10 April assistance was provided to Donegal Civil Defence during a patient transfer operation when residents of a nursing home in Ballyshannon were transferred to Stranolar.

- Transport assistance has been provided to Mohill Family Resource Centre during Food Hub collections.
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Client Portfolio
All clients have been contacted from the portfolio to discuss supports available. Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation compiled a survey to ascertain the affect of Covid 19 on businesses. This survey issued last week to the client database and findings will be used to help formulate policy responses and Business Supports to Covid 19.

Training
Since mid March, all training has been delivered online. The numbers have continued to be strong during April with 11 courses delivered with 224 participants; many courses are booking out well in advance. The types of training delivered included SEO optimisation, Remote Working Tools to Market Your Business, Social Media Tactics, Creating Video content and LinkedIn etc.

Mentoring
One to one mentoring continues to be strong particularly in relation to finance and marketing/social media.

Business Continuity Voucher
The new Business Continuity Voucher introduced in March is worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs and can be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. This voucher is promoted strongly through national campaign, LEO website and newsletter and through the Chambers of Commerce and accountants. A large number of applications are expected before the closing date of 15th May.

Trading Online Voucher
The introduction of the second trading online voucher during April generated great interest, particularly as it is now funded up to 90% to a max of €2,500. We expect a large volume of applications for this scheme.

Networking
The Leitrim Business Network continued to host “Live and Online” weekly discussions during April and covered areas such as Selling Online, Facebook Marketing and Mindfulness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC
A meeting of the LCDC took place on April 29th, with updates on the various programmes, 4 expressions of interest for funding were outlined as having been received since the last meeting, 4 projects were approved by the LAG at this meeting totaling €202,312.57.

Carrick on Shannon Town Team
There was no meeting of Carrick on Shannon Town Team in April 2020.

Carrick on Shannon Chamber
There was no meeting with Carrick on Shannon Chamber during April but ongoing phone contact was maintainec with the chamber president. Ongoing items for discussions included supports for businesses now and when crisis is over, Purple Flag renewal for Carrick on Shannon, ongoing work on the Economic Development Plan for Carrick on Shannon, the contract and plan for the marketing and promotion campaign for Carrick on Shannon, retail excellence updates, LEO support updates and discussions around scheduling a meeting in May post the current Covid-19 restrictions date of May 5th.

Marketing and Promotion Campaign – Carrick on Shannon
Contract is draft and ready for signing with a start date of June 1st. Liaising with contractor on planning for the start of the contract.
REDZ Town Team Manorhamilton
There was no meeting of Manorhamilton Town Team in April 2020.

Manorhamilton Chamber
There was no meeting with Manorhamilton chamber however ongoing phone contact was maintained with chamber reps. Various topics included supports for businesses, LEO supports, RRDF and Village Pod, retail excellence updates, north Leitrim tourism support, as well as discussions around scheduling a meeting in May post the current Covid – 19 restrictions of May 5th.

Clar/ORIS/ Town and Village Projects 2017 -2019
Ongoing follow up with Town and Village projects from 2017, 2018 and 2019 to check progress and offer support in submitting claims along with processing of claims for payment.

2020 Funding Schemes & Potential Applications
Meetings and discussions around potential projects for 2020 funding schemes, ORIS, Town and Village & Clar, Coilte, Town Teams, and ongoing follow up on projects that didn’t progress in 2019.

National Broadband Plan
Ongoing discussions and planning continue around Broadband connection points around the County.

WIFI 4 EU
Extension sought and approved on the contract by the EU.

Town Centre Health Checks
Initial reports were received from Queens for the 3 Towns involved, Carrick on Shannon, Drumshanbo and Mohill, reviewed and feedback offered. It is hoped a final report will be prepared and presented by the students involved either in person or remotely in June 2020.

Community Helpline
Staff within Economic Development has worked on a number of shifts as part of the community helpline in April.

URDF
Work is ongoing in relation to the scheme design, the application form, branding and business case. Closing date for applications is May 29th.

TOURISM

Destination Marketing
Work continues on the:
- upgrade to the Leitrim Tourism website
- Canal Promotions project
- Sliabh an lárainn Visitor Centre Project.
- ORIS Walking project.
- Development of the Rainbow Experience at the Ballroom of Romance in Glenfarne.
- Manorhamilton Tourism Initiative.

Attended Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands Tourism Officers meeting along with the Cross Border Tourism conference hosted online by Dundalk Chamber of Commerce.

Slow Adventure
Continued work on the Slow Adventure Website under the Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands web improvement plan and currently working with the European Travel Commission preparing for the revised date for the launch of the ongoing joint campaign on Slow Adventure.
Support
Weekly newsletter is being sent to all of the trade/tourism providers in the county where they are being kept up to date on tourism matters both county wide and nationally. We are also providing weekly updates on COVID 19 supports available in the tourism industry which include weekly one-to-one telephone contact with tourism providers in Leitrim keeping in touch on the current situation and offering support if applicable. Also, assisting with the development of the Sean Mac Diarmada on-line Summer School.

Digital Marketing
Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website and the Slow Adventure Ireland website. Continued presence on all Social media platforms maintained and a competition ran on our Slow Adventure Instagram platform.

Submissions
A detailed submission was made to the Shannon Master Plan.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Taking in Charge
Work is continuing with Irish Water in relation to the 37 estates which were taken in charge last year. Work is also underway by the Capital Projects Office to procure contractors to undertake works in an additional 13 no. estates which would allow the next tranche of estates to be advertised for taking in charge during the month of June.

Pre Planning
4 no. pre planning enquiries were received during the month of April in addition to enquiries received and replied to through e-mail. No physical pre planning meetings were held during the month of April.

Development Management
Arising from the provisions of Section 251A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the period from 29 March 2020 to 9 May 2020, inclusive (since extended to 23 May 2020), are disregarded in the calculation of any appropriate period, specified period or other timeline in the Act or other related planning legislation. No decisions could therefore be made on planning applications during the month of April other than one application in which the 5 week public consultation period had completed before 29 March. Planning applications could be submitted, validated and referred but their decision period does not commence until the provisions of Section 251A no longer apply.

6 no. valid planning applications were received in April. Of note, 2 of the applications submitted seek to develop housing developments in Carrick on Shannon and Dromod respectively. 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. All of the previous invalid applications have been resubmitted and are now valid.

1 no. final decision on a planning application was made during April, a decision to grant planning permission. A request for Further information issued with respect to a further 2 no. applications and 8 no. submissions of Further Information were received on planning applications during the month of April.

Forward Planning
Work has begun with the impending review of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 which was due to commence during the month of April 2020 but will now not commence until mid June. This follows the adoption by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly of the RSES at a meeting on Friday 24th January 2020 in Ballaghaderreen. The Strategic Issues Papers are being prepared at present.

Heritage
The adopted Heritage Plan has been translated and was published in early April. The Heritage Officer has been approved funding for 2 projects through the Heritage Council funding programme – Undertake a Geological Survey of Co. Leitrim and a Public Awareness Programme of Heritage Events. Both projects are now underway. The Heritage Officer had submitted applications for funding under the National Biodiversity Action Plan – Undertake a swift survey
in Co. Leitrim and Undertake a bat survey of all Council owned properties (excluding houses), both of which have been approved. Finally, the Heritage Officer has submitted an application for funding through Creative Ireland Programme – Mumming in Co. Leitrim.

**ROADS**

- **COVID-19 Crisis**
  The restrictions imposed due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis have delayed the commencement of works included in the 2020 Road Works Programme. Like all other Departments of Leitrim County Council, the Roads Department have had to change our work practices in order to comply with the restrictions in place in terms of physical distancing and other measures necessary to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Essential Services are continuing to be provided (Street Cleaning, Emptying of street litter bins etc.) and any emergency works. Staff is working from home where it is practicable for them to carry out their duties remotely. The position will be kept under ongoing review by Leitrim County Council.

- **Carrick on Shannon By-Pass**
  A Consultant Team has now been appointed by Leitrim County Council for Stages 1 – 4 of the Design of this By Pass Scheme and has commenced working on this Project.

- **Pavement Overlays**
  **N4 Pavement Overlay - Jamestown to Masonite Junction**
  A Contractor has been appointed for the Pavement Overlay on the N4 from Jamestown to the Masonite Junction. Survey Works commenced in mid March and Pavement Construction Works are currently postponed due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. The position is being kept under ongoing review by Leitrim County Council and works will commence as soon as it is safe to do so.

  **N16 Pavement Overlay – Tumrud to Tawnymoyle**
  Consultants for this Pavement Scheme have been appointed and are currently working on the Design and Tender Documents for this Pavement Scheme.

- **Re-alignment of N16**
  **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on the detailed Design and Tender documentation for the Construction of this Realignment Scheme are currently in progress.

  **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – A Consultant for this Scheme has been appointed. Consultants are currently working on Phase 1 – Concept & Feasibility. However, the COVID-19 crisis could impact upon the Ecology Geographical Surveys, however, Desktop Studies are in progress.

- **Bridges on Non National Roads**

  **North Leitrim**

  **Beagh Bridge (2019 Road Works Programme)** – Works on Beagh Bridge are currently postponed due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Works will recommence when the COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted.

  **Meenagraun Bridge** - This Bridge remains closed. A Consultant is preparing a design for a new deck and repairs to the abutments. Leitrim County Council are planning to undertake the works themselves and replace the bridge using box culverts or similar U units. It is planned that these works will be completed in summer, 2020.

  **Aghnahaha Bridge** – This Bridge is now closed due to structural damage caused by the recent flood waters. A Contractor has been appointed to carry out emergency repairs to this bridge. A Derogation Licence has been granted by the Inland Fisheries to undertake the works. However, the works cannot yet commence in light of the current COVID-19 restrictions.

  **Leckenarainey Bridge & Aghaderrard East Bridge** – Construction drawings and detailed tender documents are currently being prepared by the Consultants for works on these two bridges. Construction is expected to commence in summer 2020.

  **Gortnacorkoge Bridge** – This Bridge is currently closed and it is expected that works on this Bridge will be completed in summer 2020. It is planned that Leitrim County Council will undertake the works themselves and replace this structure with a box culvert.
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. The Project is currently out to Tender with a view that these works will commence in Summer 2020.
Drumdarkeen Bridge, Drumloughan School Bridge, Drumboher Bridge, Millpark Bridge and Kilbracken Bridge has all been approved for Funding in 2020. Tenders for works on these 5 No. Bridges have been received and are currently being assessed.
Anaghveagh Bridge Toomans – Tenders have been sought for works to this Bridge.
Please note that the timeframe for the construction works on all of the above projects may change in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

- **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 are complete
  - Dromod Road, Mohill – Extension of Footpaths & Public Lighting – Works are 90% complete
  - Fatima NS Cloone – Pedestrian crossing and upgrade of road markings – Works are 90% complete
  - Carrigallen Vocational School – Construction of a pedestrian crossing at Carrigallen Vocational School – Works are 90% complete
  - Leitrim Village – Upgrade of footpaths and public lighting – Works are 90% complete
  - Shannonside Community Childcare Centre – Pedestrian crossing, Road Markings and Signage – Works to commence later in 2020.
  - Kiltyclogher Sensory Garden – The North Leitrim District Engineers Office are working with the Community Department and the Kiltyclogher Community Group to successfully deliver this project. A contractor has been engaged to undertake all civil engineering preparatory work for this project and works have commenced and are approx. 50% complete. However, these works are now delayed due to the current restrictions on construction works. Following completion of the preparatory works the garden will then be planted with shrubs, raised beds etc. finishing this project for the local community.

- **Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)**
  There are now 124 No. Applicants on the LIS Waiting List. In March 2020, Leitrim County Council received its 2020 LIS Funding Allocation of €250,000. We are now in communication with the next 10 – 12 applicants on the LIS Waiting List in order to verify their continued eligibility for Grant Funding under this Scheme. It is expected that approx. 10 Schemes will be completed with the 2020 LIS Funding Allocation.

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

- **Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**
The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme has now closed for the Hedge Cutting Season of 2019/2020.

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**RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

**Guidance to Group Water Schemes during the COVID-19 Crisis**

The Rural Water Department of Leitrim County Council circulated a further Advice Note prepared by the National Federation for Group Water Schemes, to all Group Water Schemes in Co. Leitrim. The Advice Note contained further information on contingency planning, and continuity of service during the COVID-19 current crisis.

**Regulatory Testing of Group Water Schemes**

Regulatory testing of Privately Sourced Group Water schemes has now recommenced with water samples being taken from outdoor taps etc., in order to comply with current government social distancing guidelines. It is expected that regulatory testing of public group water schemes will resume in May 2020, with testers sampling from empty commercial or public premises.

**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**

- Cloonsaran GWS have appointed a contractor to carry out network upgrade works on their scheme. However, the commencement of these works has been delayed due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.
- Carrigallen GWS have appointed a Contractor to carry out upgrade works on this scheme. However, the commencement of these works has been delayed due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.

**Subsidy Payments to GWS’s**

3 No. GWS’s were paid Subsidy Payments in April 2020 in respect of the Operational Costs of running the respective GWS. To date a total of 11 GWS’s have received Subsidy Payments in 2020.

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

1. Proposed Deerpark GWS – Irish Water is currently processing the full application and this office is awaiting the cost estimate from Irish Water.

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

3. Proposed Carrigencor GWS – Irish Water is currently processing the full application and this office is awaiting the cost estimate from Irish Water.

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

Works are ongoing in Capital projects during the Covid 19 restrictions. Construction works ceased on all our projects on Monday 30th March and all sites remained closed for the month of April. Design works on projects continued through remote working of all local authority and outside design staff.
Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Design works have commenced. Data collection is underway. Surveys including topographical, ground investigation and environmental have been suspended for the present.

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 approval. Tender for design consultant will be advertised once it is allowed for tenderers to visit site during the tender period.

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme
The OPW have decided to update the flood maps for Mohill which will then allow us to decide location of defenses.

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
Contractors appointed for the Car Park, Boardwalk and Streets contracts. Contractors were due to commence work in March but all construction works currently suspended. Site meetings are ongoing to resolve any design issues.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme
Dhb Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. Design work has commenced.

The Junction Project Ballinamore
Cooney Architects have been appointed as design team 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
Construction contract 90% complete. Construction works currently suspended.

SLNCR – Dromahaire Demonstration Stretch
This project is complete. Outstanding snags will be completed when construction works are allowed to recommence.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Ballinamore to Corgar
Construction commenced in March. Construction works currently suspended.

Leitrim Way
A Contractor is ready to commence construction once restrictions are lifted.

Hartley Bridge
Planning application to An Bord Pleanála required for the construction of this bridge due to the requirement to produce a Natura Impact Statement for the construction of the bridge. We are currently in discussion with the Department of Transport regarding the options to advance this project.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes
- Application has been made to the OPW for funding for a scheme at Ardakip More, Dromahaire involving increased capacity for an existing culvert/bridge.
- Application is currently being prepared for a minor flood schemes on the Glenaniff River at Rossinver involving clearing vegetation for the river.
HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

HOUSING

Housing Allocations

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New Tenancies created from 1st April 2020 to 30th April 2020

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Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 –
Progress Report at 30th April 2020

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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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Available Balance: €-20,590

HOUSING CAPITAL

❖ LA Construction Project
Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Project suspended on 30th March 2020 to comply with HSE guidelines due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

❖ LA Projects at Planning/Design Stage
Preparation of Stage 2 documentation by Wynne Gormley Gilsenan Architects & Surveyors Ltd continued throughout April in relation to potential projects in Manorhamilton (5 Units), Ballinamore (10 Units) & Carrick on Shannon (12 Units) with revised layouts and detailed design produced.

❖ Single Stage Approval project
Preliminary Design layouts for delivery of 3 no 2 bedroom units at St. Patricks Park, Carrick on Shannon were produced by Wynne Gormley Gilsenan Architects & Surveyors Ltd.

³ Includes applications approved in 2019, not yet paid
³ Includes applications received in 2019, not yet approved

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1. 65% of 2019 Allocation of 508,483.00 (2020 Allocation not yet received)
LA Turnkey Projects

Ballinamore - Project encompasses 9 No. 2 bedroom units at Church Lane, Ballinamore under a Turnkey project with a budget of €1.75 million and a completion date of December 2020. Works suspended on 30th March 2020 to comply with HSE guidelines due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Turnkey Expressions of Interest - Three Capital Funding Applications for Turnkey projects were approved by the DHPLG on 22nd April 2020. The funding approval included for 5 No. Units at Oakgrove, Klinlough with 2 No. Units at Newtowngore and a further 5 No. Units at Carrig Breac, Drumshanbo.

Acquisitions
The Housing Capital Delivery Unit have progressed a total of 6 properties to sale agreed/sale closed during 2020.

Refurbishment Works
One property acquired in 2019 has a contractor appointed to undertake refurbishment works during April with a 2nd property advanced to contractor appointment stage. Refurbishment tender documentation was prepared during April for a further 2 No. properties.

Vacant Homes
No vacant homes surveys were completed during April due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

Collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies
The Opportunities Register including details on potential projects for collaboration with AHB's issued during April. Housing Need Assessment Data for Co. Leitrim issued to active AHB's in April. Currently AHB's are examining 2 No. apartment and townhouse blocks with the potential to deliver 24 units in 2021.

Long Term Leasing
The Housing Capital section had preliminary discussions with the Housing Agency regarding 3 No. potential Long Term Leases during April 2020.

COMMUNITY

PEACE IV
Shared Space claims are being submitted—currently on Claim 10 with 3 more to submit to bring us up to current period. Under CYP & BPR part payments have been received for Claim 10. Lead Partner Reports need to be submitted for Claims 11, 12 & 13 as verification is also ongoing for these claims.

Shared Spaces
- Extension to Mohill Library for Peace Room: Works Ongoing and were due for completion for Main Library by Easter 2020. These works is all on hold now.
- Manorhamilton: Refurbishment and Extension to Sexton House: Clyhore Construction appointed as Contractor and works will complete by end June 2020. These works is all on hold now.
An extension has been sought from SEUPB until April 2021 but no approval has been confirmed. SEUPB has granted a 3 month extension until end of June 2020 in the short term but this will need to be extended.

Age Friendly
An age friendly questionnaire has been devised and is being circulated to older people for completion in preparation for our next Age Friendly Strategy 2021 to 2025.

Covid 19 Community Well Being Helpline
The Community Wellbeing Helpline is up and running 24/7 and calls are steady mainly for collection of goods, medical requirements, befriending services etc.

Covid 19 Community Well Being Packs
Leitrim COVID-19 Community Response Forum are preparing 1500 Well Being Packs to be distributed to older people as part of its ‘In This Together’ campaign which aims to assist them to Stay Connected, Stay Active and look after their Mental Wellbeing throughout the COVID-19 Emergency.
The pack includes a new physical activity initiative, featuring eight daily exercises over a four-week period, primarily aimed at older adults who are cocooning. It is being launched by HSE Community Physiotherapy in partnership with the Age Friendly Alliance, Sport’s Partnerships, Local Authorities and Public Participation Networks across Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan and Monaghan - Community Healthcare Organisation Area 1. Older people can follow this programme in Leitrim by tuning into Shannonside Lets Talk Programme.

Also included in the pack are quizzes, word games, gardening tips, healthy eating plans and adult colouring to keep our minds and bodies active as well as some goodies such as healthy treats or seeds.

It is very important to stay connected at this time and included in the pack is a new GAA initiative ‘It’s Good to Talk GAA’ as well as details of our existing befriending services.

Other initiatives include our Library services who can arrange to have a book dropped to your doorstep or a range of Creative Services around dance, reading and fashion.

PPN

Outstanding Leitrim PPN vacancies
As stated in March, a number of Leitrim PPN vacancies remain.
- Rep on the Housing, Community and Cultural Special Policy Committee.
- Rep for Forestry on the Programme for 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 are aware of these vacancies and have confirmed that vacancies will be filled at the next General Meeting (Plenary). In view of the on-going COVID-19 situation, the Secretariat is now exploring the possibility of seeking nominations via email, social media, etc, and of hosting voting via email. No firm decision has yet been made.

PPN and Community Response Forum
PPN Support Worker Michael Moran and Secretariat member Philip Rooney represent the PPN on the Community Response Forum.

The Support Worker worked with colleagues in Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Development Company in establishing a map and directory of supports and services available in county Leitrim during the COVID-19 pandemic. The map was the second in the country to be launched in March, while the Support Worker also developed a directory to enable those manning the community.

ARTS

Community Engagement Initiatives

While there are many national and international resources that people can access online, they still mean that individuals don't get to engage with anyone. Under the Creative Ireland programme, the Arts Office has been developing projects that allow and encourage groups to continue to engage with each other by taking part in online creative group projects that are stimulating, inspiring and fun.

- Dancer Edwina Guckian produced a film featuring 41 young dancers from Leitrim, the surrounding counties and from New York dancing within 2km of their homes. On Twitter it was shared by the Minister for the Arts, the Local Arts Authority and the Irish Consulate NYC. On Facebook it had over 40,000 organic reach and was shared 353 times.
• We have developed a programme of readings by leading authors for Active Age Groups, Men’s Sheds and other isolated groups.

• **Magnetise, A Call for Home**, is an intergenerational performance project between six international dancers and two local community groups, WILL (Women Living Independently in Leitrim) and Creative Current Youth Dance.

• Rabbits Riot Theatre Company is developing a **Virtual Sustainable Fashion Show** with young people which will follow on from a series of online up cycling workshops.

• Artist Crona Gallagher is inviting children in Manorhamilton to ‘**Build Their Own Wings**’ via online workshops so they can virtually soar above today’s challenging issues.

• Young members of **Leitrim Down Syndrome** group are working with the artist Anna Leask to deliver a digital/photographic project.

• The Dock has an open call to young people to participate in a virtual exhibition, **Nature Nurture**. Also at The Dock ‘**2Km, 3 Locations**’ sees artists David Smith, Anna Leask, Wayne O’Connor and Laura Mahon investigating our 2km radii of our home settings with young people aged 14-19.

• At Leitrim Organic Centre artist Sarah Lundy is working with the **Green Shoots Playgroup** via online workshops focusing on what is available to them in their own garden.

• Artist Kate Wilson is working with **Rossinver Community Centre** through a series of online meet ups, workshops and video tutorials for 10-12yr olds in the Rossinver area.

• The **MuseHyper Club** consisting of 12 young Autistic adults aged 18-30 years are working with Artist Denise Corbett on a project entitled **My Immediate Environment**.

• **Drumsna Community Resource Centre Senior Citizens Group** has developed a project “**Back to the Future**” with singer Fionnuala Maxwell.

• **Web-Spinning** is a creative writing project for disabled people living in Leitrim working with artist Isolde O’Brolcháin Carmody.

• Illustrator and group facilitator, Wayne O’Connor will run a series of workshops with a group of young people aged 10-18 and introduce them to the joys of a shared storytelling.

• A series of online drama workshops with **Cloone NS** delivered by Maura Williamson and Treasa Nealon will culminate on June the 13th for Cruinniú na nÓg using an online platform.

• **Fab Lab Manorhamilton** is working with students from **Mastersons NS** who will take part in a Geodesic Dome construction project with kits that Fab Lab sends out.

• Story teller Alan Woods and artist Kate Murtagh-Sheridan are developing a project for the whole town of Mohill to engage with.

• Jess from **Mudbugs** is working with Leitrim Libraries and will facilitate an online workshop for Cruinniú na nÓg aimed at children ages 6+ to create your very own nature journal.
Creative Frame Professional Development and Support Programme

The Arts Office has shifted the focus of its professional development programme enhancing networking amongst members and helping them cope in the current circumstances.

- Hosted two online networking events exploring the use of online platforms to deliver collaborative community projects and the impact of the crisis on current projects.
- Developed a list of recommended platforms for artists for the Management and Delivery of Online Creative Projects.
- Working with M.CO consultants in the final stages of developing a summary report on the Career Development of Members of the Creative Frame Network.
- Developed additional guidance for artists and group leaders on best practice for working with children and young people online in consultation with the National Youth Council of Ireland.
- Received largest ever number of applications to annual call for applications under the Artist Professional Development Bursary programme.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- The month of April saw 10 library staff members becoming involved in the Community Support Helpline as Call Handlers, a further 2 staff being involved as supervisors and the County Librarian was assigned responsibility for operational elements of the Helpline.
- Spring into Storytime – A series of weekly online Story-time events commenced with Kim and her beloved panda entertaining children with a bedtime story. These sessions proved very popular and received a high number of views on social media.
- There was a significant increase in the number of library members accessing books online and almost 1,000 e-books and e-audio books were borrowed and an additional 500 were renewed.
- Discussions commenced regarding the Creative Ireland project which will involve Ballinamore Library and Solas Art Gallery working on a joint project.
- Some preliminary work was done in terms of establishing the demand for access to physical library materials. This service was highlighted and promoted through the Community Response Helpline, the two Befriending Services (Leitrim Calling and Rossinver Calling) and the Well Being Pack which was issued by Leitrim County Council.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: [Signature]
Lar Power, Chief Executive

Date: 16/5/2020