Leitrim County Council

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS
2000-2017

PART XI

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2017

PART VIII

REGISTER REFERENCE NUMBER 17-C-04

REALIGNMENT OF N16 NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD IN THE TOWNLANDS OF DIFFREEN, DRUMMAHAN, TAWNAMACHUGH & MULKAUN
Introduction and Scheme Overview

Leitrim County Council is proposing, in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the proposed realignment of the existing N16 National Primary route within the townlands of Diffreen, Drummahan, Tawnamachugh and Mulkau.

The proposed realignment extends to approximately 1.55 km or 1 mile in length. The upgrade will be to Type 2 Single Carriageway which incorporates a 7.0 metre wide carriageway with 0.5 metre hard strips and grass verges. An off road 2 way cycle track will be provided along the northern side of the proposed road. The design speed is 100km/hr. The scheme will involve the upgrading of existing junctions to provide full sightlines for motorists. A number of stream diversions and the construction of new culverts will be required to facilitate the realigning of this section of road. The scheme will commence at Diffreen Bridge to a point 760m east of the N16/L-41382. It will tie into a section of the N16 which was realigned and improved pursuant to a previous Part VIII scheme – 11-C-01 (Realignment works and safety improvement measures on the N16 at Drummahan Td., Dromore Td. & Mulkau Td. including sightline improvements, verge improvements, access upgrades, safety barriers and land fencing). The latter scheme was subsequently implemented.

The proposed road has been designed in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland’s Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).

The location and details of the project accompany the Part VIII application drawings.

Leitrim County Council previously approved a Part VIII (Register Reference No. 16-C-04) to upgrade the same section of the N16 at the Council meeting of 7th November 2016. The approved upgrade was to a Type 1 Single Carriageway standard - proposed cross-section is a single carriageway road which incorporates a 7.3m carriageway with 2.5m hard shoulders and minimum 3m grass verges. As outlined above, it is now proposed to upgrade this stretch of the N16 National Primary Road to Type 2 Single Carriageway standard following a policy decision within Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Landownership

Land Acquisition will be required in order to construct this proposed realignment of the N16. The preliminary design focuses on the development of the design to permit Land Acquisition procedures to be undertaken. The land area to be acquired for the construction of the proposed development measures approximately 8.15 hectares (ha) of which 2.5 hectares is the existing roadway. Most of the land to be acquired is from agricultural holdings with some small areas of domestic properties and roadbed also affected. In total, sixteen landowners/domestic properties are directly affected by the proposed development. No old house and derelict shed will be required to be demolished.

The realignment is generally online and as a result the impact on properties will be limited to land take along the external boundaries of the national and local roads.

An agronomy assessment of the likely impacts on each of the individual land holdings will be undertaken. The assessment will include an estimation of the required accommodation works to mitigate impacts on these land holdings. Landowners have been consulted and following further consultation with the affected landowners, accommodation works required, including provision or revised access arrangements and replacement boundary fencing or walls, will be identified.
Public Consultation Process

The project was formally advertised for public consultation between Wednesday 7th June 2017 and Wednesday 19th July 2017. Details of the project were available for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Planning Authority, at the Manorhamilton Area Office and also on the Council website. The closing date for submissions was Wednesday 2nd August 2017.

Planning Policy Context

Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

The County Development Plan acknowledges that a modern, efficient and safe road network is vital for the future development of Leitrim. The County is served by the N4 (Dublin-Sligo), the N15 (Letterkenny-Sligo) and the N16 (Enniskillen-Sligo) National Primary Routes. The County Development Plan states that a key priority will be to upgrade the National Primary Routes serving the County. This shall be achieved by carrying out and completing the following road schemes within the lifetime of the Development Plan:

- N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod (including the Carrick on Shannon Bypass);
- N16 Glenfarne to Glencar (including Manorhamilton Bypass).

Preferred routes have now been chosen for both of these routes.

Policy 54

It is the policy of the Council to upgrade the National Primary Routes serving the County. This can be achieved by carrying out certain road improvements along these routes and in particular completing the following road schemes within the lifetime of the Plan:

- N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod (including the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass)
- N16 Glenfarne to Glencar (including the Manorhamilton Bypass)

N16 National Primary Route

The Department of Transport published ‘A Study of Border Region East West Transport Corridor’ (March 2010), which recommends the N16 as part of this corridor.

ICBAN produced a document entitled ‘Setting Strategic Direction Improving Transport Infrastructure in the Irish Central Border Area’ which discussed the importance of the N16.

The Council considers the realignment of the entire N16 route in County Leitrim as vital to the long-term development of the county and thus the Council supports the upgrading of the N16. A route selection report has been adopted by Leitrim County Council for sections of the N16 extending from the proposed Manorhamilton bypass to the Cavan Boundary and from Glencar to the Sligo boundary. These route selections, including the Manorhamilton bypass, will be included within the County Development Plan (See Map 3.5, Map 3.6 and Map 3.7).

Objective 31

It is an objective of the Council to complete the design and progress the realignment/construction of the most critical sections of the N16 route, particularly the Manorhamilton bypass and the interim realignment works already approved by the NRA, at Cornacloy.

In relation to Natura 2000 sites which refer to Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas, the County Development Plan states that the Council shall take appropriate steps to avoid, in
these areas, the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species, as well as disturbance of the species for which the areas have been designated, in so far as such disturbance could be significant in relation to the objectives of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC Directive).

With regard to Natura 2000 sites, the County Development Plan includes the following policies:

Policy 76  It is the policy of the Council to protect and conserve Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas including ‘Candidate’ and ‘Proposed’ areas.

Policy 77  It is the policy of the Council to ensure that all Plans and Projects that have the potential to negatively impact on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, will be subject to a Habitats Directive Assessment (HDA), in accordance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and in accordance with best practice and guidance.

Submissions

Prescribed Bodies
The application was referred to the following

1. An Chomhairle Ealaion
2. Fáilte Ireland
3. An Taisce
4. The Heritage Council
5. Development Applications Unit – Archaeology & National Parks and Wildlife Service
6. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
7. Inland Fisheries Ireland (Western River Basin District)
8. Irish Water

Submission from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
A submission has been received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland which acknowledges receipt of our correspondence and indicates that they have no specific observations to make in this regard. As the scheme is proposed in conjunction with the TII, no further comments were expected.

Submission from Inland Fisheries Ireland.
A detailed submission has been received from Inland Fisheries Ireland. The proposed road realignment runs adjacent to a tributary stream of the Diffreen River which provides good quality, productive salmon and trout spawning habitat for the Glencar Lough and Drumcliff River fisheries. The proposed project includes three diversions totalling 341 metres in length and two culverts. There are also a number of drainage ditches on the site which flow directly into the tributary stream of the Diffreen River. The Diffreen River also flows into the Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex SAC. This catchment has been allocated “good ecological status” in the Western River Basin Management Plan and this status must be protected. The submission states that there is considerable potential for this development to have a negative impact on the local fisheries resource and it is imperative therefore that all works that could impact on water quality and the aquatic habitat are carried out in consultation with the iFi through planning, design and construction. Having reviewed the application documentation and accompanying Ecological Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement, a series of recommendations are outlined (13 number conditions effectively).
Response
Having considered the detailed submission received, it is considered that a method statement shall be included as a condition of this Part VIII approval which requires the undertaking of the recommendations contained in the Inland Fisheries Ireland submission.

Submission from Development Applications Unit, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
The submission relates to the archaeological aspects of the proposed scheme. Due to the scale of the proposed development and its position adjacent to areas of proven archaeological potential, the Department agrees with the findings of the archaeological assessment which was undertaken, namely that pre application testing as outlined in detail in the submission should be carried out in advance of this development.

Response
The recommendation of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht shall be reinforced by the inclusion of an appropriate condition.

Internal Submissions
The application was referred to the following:

1. North Leitrim District Engineer
2. Water Services Department
3. Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department

Submissions from the General Public
One submission was received from a member of the general public. A submission was received from Mr. Michael Keaney who is a landowner along the N16 National Primary Road in the townland of Dillreen. Mr. Keaney states that following an inspection of the map for the proposed realignment, an existing agricultural entrance has not been recorded on the maps. The said entrance is opposite the Local Road L-4138 where the new nearside passing bay is proposed. Mr. Keaney inquires where his existing entrance will be relocated to in the proposed upgrade of the N16.

Response
The Planning Department referred the above submission to the Roads Department for their comments.

Mr. Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer, Roads Department has attached a drawing showing Mr Keaney land holding and also showing the current access off the N16 which he refers to in his submission. This existing access is into land owned by Leitrim County Council. Also on the drawing is the location of the new access into the Leitrim County Council land off local road L41382-0. Therefore when the new road scheme is completed Leitrim County Council will have provided access to the same land holdings as exists at present. It is considered that the response from the Roads Department addresses the concerns raised in the submission.

Appropriate Assessment
NATURA 2000 sites are protected habitats for flora and fauna of European importance. They comprise Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (SPAs), designated under the Birds Directive.

The site is located in an area where there are numerous NATURA 2000 sites and Natural Heritage Areas / proposed Natural Heritage Areas. The nearest NATURA 2000 site is Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex SAC (Site Code 000623) which is 1.1 km north of the proposed realignment or 2.9
km via surface water routes. There are 13 other Natura 2000 sites with a further 14 Natural Heritage Areas / proposed Natural Heritage Areas located within a 15 km radius of the proposed works.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been prepared by McCarthy Keville O’Sullivan Planning and Environmental Consultants. The Planning Authority is satisfied that the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report is comprehensive and robust in its assessment.

The site of the proposed development is located 2.9km upstream of the boundary of the Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex SAC. There is surface water connectivity between the development site and the SAC via the Diffreen River and a tributary of the Diffreen River on which diversion and culvert replacement works are proposed.

Where necessary, best practice and control measures will be adopted to ensure avoidance of potential impacts on designated sites and the environment. The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report concludes that the project by itself or in combination with other plans and projects, in light of best scientific knowledge, will not, in view of the sites conservation objectives, have significant effects on any European Site. The project does not require to be progressed through to Stage II Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive.

Ecological Impact Assessment
An Ecological Impact Assessment of the proposed realignment project has also been undertaken by McCarthy Keville O’Sullivan Planning and Environmental Consultants.

The project includes the realignment of a tributary of the Diffreen River and the provision of one new crossing of the tributary via a new box culvert. An existing 800mm pipe culvert under the N16 will also be replaced by a box culvert. Inland Fisheries Ireland has been consulted at the design stage and has provided input in relation to the design of diversions and culverts. The existing culverts will be carefully removed and the new culverts will be lifted into place using a small crane. The proposed new 1.2m box culverts will be buried 500mm below the existing channel bed. The culverts will be lined with boulders, cobbles and gravels to mimic the natural channel bed.

The works will be carried out during the summer period, outside the fisheries spawning season, when water levels are likely to be low. Depending on water levels, dewatering of the bridge replacement site will be achieved by providing a flow through pipe or by damming the stream, with sandbags, upstream of the bridge and pumping water to a point downstream of the proposed culvert. The diversions will result in a net gain of 16m of channel.

The proposed works predominantly traverse the existing N16 road and wet grassland. The works will result in the loss of hedgerow/tree lines and some semi-mature trees. The majority of hedgerow to be lost is located along the existing road verge. Any length of hedgerow to be removed will be replaced by planting a hedgerow of equal length post construction works. The hedging plants chosen will be indigenous to the local area.

The development has been designed to ensure that ecological connectivity and cover is maintained around the perimeter of the site. There is limited potential for construction activity to cause disturbance to wildlife in areas surrounding the construction site. The proposed construction works will be temporary in duration and will be restricted to the proposed development footprint. It is recommended that pre-construction mammal surveys are conducted following NRA guidelines.

The proposed works will not result in any significant impact on faunal habitat within the proposed development site. No significant residual impacts are anticipated.
There is no identifiable connectivity between any Natural Heritage Areas and the proposed development and no pathways for impact were identified during the assessment process.

**Environmental Impact Assessment**

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report of the proposed realignment project has been undertaken by McCarthy Keville O’Sullivan Planning and Environmental Consultants.

This screening report was carried out in accordance with a methodology that is based on ‘Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development’ (EPA, 2003), ‘Environmental Impact Assessment of National Road Schemes – A Practical Guide’ (NRA, 2008) and ‘The European Commission Guidelines on EIA Screening’ (June 2001).

The proposed scheme is approximately 1.5km in length. The project does not exceed any of the thresholds outlined in the Roads Act 1993-2007 that would trigger a mandatory requirement to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Planning Authority does not anticipate significant effects on the environment. It is considered that the proposed development is of a nature and scale such that any potential for significant effects can be effectively avoided in the design of the scheme.

Due to the proximity to the National and European sites designated for nature conservation, the likely effects of the proposed works on the designated sites have been assessed in an Ecological Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening Report which concluded as follows:

"In view of best scientific knowledge, on the basis of objective information, the proposed road development, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a significant effect on European sites."

The proposed development will not impact on nationally designated sites, nature reserves or refuges for fauna.

The conclusion of the Screening Statement was a recommendation that Leitrim County Council determines that the proposed road development would not be likely to have significant impacts on the environment and that the N16 Road Improvement Scheme at Drummahan does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. This recommendation was accepted by the Planning Authority and a copy of the correspondence from the Planning Authority to this effect accompanied the Part 8 documentation.

**Archaeology**

An Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Report of the proposed scheme was undertaken by Niall Roycroft of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and was based on a desk study and field survey. The N16 in this section is a mid-19th century road that was built in ‘green fields’ along the floor of the Glencar Glacial Valley. The road was placed at the junction between the higher, drier ground (generally on the northern side of the N16) and an area of wetland drained by the Diffreen River tributaries (generally on the southern side of the N16). The N16 is terraced into the rising northern land and the excavated material has been used to construct an embankment (with deep drainage ditches) on the southern side. The N16 has probably been previously widened in the 20th century (generally to the southern side) and all associated roadside furniture is wholly modern.
The proposed realignment does not directly or indirectly impact on any sites and monuments on the Record of Monuments and Places or on any Protected Structure. Some ring fort-type crop-marks occur in the area overlooking the N16, but these will not be impacted. Most of the N16 which is due to be widened is along the southern side into an area of wetland. The land take is approximately 30m wide. Previous stream channels occur all along this area and there is the possibility for burnt mounds and waterlogged material.

A mid-19th century single-arch masonry bridge on a local road to the N16 is due to be resurfaced. A modern concrete bridge on a side road to the N16 is due to be demolished and rebuilt. A 19th century vernacular house (no longer in original use) will continue to be adjacent to the N16. This would appear to be an error as the proposed scheme provides for its demolition and the adjoining outbuilding.

Therefore, there are no significant cultural heritage impacts. Although detail design is not complete, the green field (wetland) area into which the N16 is due to be expanded amounts to approximately 2.3 hectares over the 1.57km length.

Suggested Mitigation contained in the Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Report is that advance archaeological trial trenching and or test-pitting of the accessible areas be undertaken with further rescue excavation and publication should any archaeological remains be discovered. This is considered reasonable.

Planning Assessment
This report has outlined the principal relevant provisions of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 as applicable to the consideration of this Part VIII proposal. The conclusion of this assessment is that the County Development Plan is fully supportive of the realignment of the N16 route through County Leitrim as this corridor is considered vital to the long-term development of the county. Specifically, objective 31 is quite definitive in its support for the design and progression of the realignment/construction of the most critical sections of the N16 route through the county. Leitrim County Council therefore supports the principle of the proposed development which accords with the stated policy framework contained in the County Development Plan and is making every effort possible to seek to realise this objective as required by legislation.

The conclusion of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (Habitats Directive) is that the proposed development will have no significant adverse impacts upon the qualifying interests of any NATURA 2000 site in the vicinity of the site. As such the project can be screened out under the Habitats Directive as not requiring a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. No submission has been received which would challenge the findings of this report.

The conclusion of the Environmental Impact Assessment screening statement is that the proposed road development would not be likely to have significant impacts on the environment and does not therefore require an Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out.

The project was also subjected to a thorough Ecological Impact Assessment which similarly determined that the proposed development would not adversely impact upon any protected species or important habitat. It is considered that the concerns of Inland Fisheries Ireland can be adequately dealt with through the inclusion of a condition which would require that the approved contractor provide an agreed method statement outlining how all of the recommendations outlined in the Inland Fisheries Ireland submission would be adhered to.
There are presently 3 residential properties with direct access onto the N16 along the stretch which is proposed for realignment. The first dwelling is 250 metres east of Diffreen Bridge. No alterations are proposed to the existing roadside boundary treatment or entrance to this dwelling. The proposed realignment will not impact on the existing roadside boundary treatment of Diffreen National School, the adjoining childcare facility (Little Learners) or of the adjoining graveyard. The second dwelling affected by the proposed realignment is approximately 300 metres east of L41383. This dwelling and farmyard complex has severely restricted sightlines egressing from the angled driveway. The proposed realignment will result in enhanced visibility for the occupiers of these properties although there will be an impact on the present setting of the roadside boundary which is characterised by mature wooded area. The Diffreen Stream also has to be culverted under the realigned roadway and a new culvert provided to the private access road serving the house and farm buildings. It is considered that the enhanced safety features which the scheme will provide will offset the short term loss of habitat. The third dwelling is a derelict dwelling and outbuilding located 330 metres from the tie in of this realignment with that of the previous scheme heading towards Manorhamilton. Planning permission was previously refused to Mr. Michael Swan pursuant to planning register ref. no. P05/702 to demolish this derelict dwelling and construct a new single storey dwelling, entrance, provide effluent treatment system and associated site works. The reasons for refusal included that adequate sight distances onto the N16 could not be provided and that the proposed development is located within the constraint study area for the re-alignment and road widening works for the N16. The scheme drawings indicate that these buildings are to be demolished whereas the Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Report indicates that they are to be retained and that the works would not impact on same. The buildings are to be demolished and the mobile home which is also within the curtilage of the derelict dwelling should also be removed off site.

The scheme also proposes the closure of a number of agricultural entrances and their replacement with safer entrances and where possible, the creation of combined field entrances. This is considered a further enhancement of safety arising from the proposed scheme.

I am satisfied that the proposed scheme will not adversely impact upon the residential amenity of the dwelling close to Diffreen Bridge and that the scheme provides for the demolition of the derelict house and adjoining shed. I consider that the setting of the dwelling close to the L41383 will be affected by the realignment but that this is offset by the considerable improvement to the safety of persons egressing from the private access road and of all road users on the N16. I consider that the impact on the setting of the dwelling will lessen over time with the provision of replacement landscaping.

As stated previously, Leitrim County Council has previously approved the upgrade of the N16 at this location to a Type 1 Single Carriageway standard. The current proposal seeks to change the scheme to a Type 2 Single Carriageway standard instead. The cross section of the roadway indicates that the Type 2 Single Carriageway standard has a typical width of 17.5 metres (carriageway, hard shoulder, cycle track and grass verge) whereas the Type 1 Single Carriageway standard has a typical width of 17.3 metres (carriageway, hard shoulder and grass margins). The Type 2 Single Carriageway will include a hard shoulder outside each lane of carriageway of 0.5 metres. A passively safe vertical feature will separate the carriageway from the segregated 3.0 metre 2 way cycle track provided along the northern side of the road. The Type 2 Single Carriageway has therefore enhanced safety measures for cyclists compared to the Type 1 Single Carriageway where cyclists would use the hard shoulder outside either carriageway. This is the fundamental difference in the current proposal in comparison to the previously approved scheme.
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N25 National Primary Road Realignment Drummahan

Part VIII Planning Report

I am satisfied that the proposed scheme adheres to the policy framework provided for in the County Development Plan, that the proposed scheme will not adversely impact upon the residential amenity of any existing dwelling and that the scheme will not adversely impact upon the receiving environment. I am satisfied therefore that the scheme adheres to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Planning Department are satisfied that the principle of the proposed development adheres to the provisions of the statutory County Development Plan 2015-2021. The Planning Authority is equally satisfied that the proposed works will not permanently adversely impact upon the local receiving environment and that the development would accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The proposal seeks, in part, to realise a stated objective of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 and has been subject to detailed environmental and ecological assessments.

Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2017, requires the preparation of a report by the Chief Executive of the Local Authority following the placing of the proposed Part VIII application on public display. This report shall culminate in a recommendation “whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be”.

It is recommended that the proposed development be proceeded with as proposed subject to the inclusion of the attached recommended conditions.

Bernard Greene
Senior Planner

Shane Tiernan,
Acting Director of Services,
Planning, Community and Economic Development

Joseph Gilhooley
Temporary Chief Executive
Appendix 1  Schedule of Conditions

1. The development shall be executed in accordance with plans, particulars, details and specifications lodged as part of the Part VIII consultation documentation, save, as is herein under otherwise required.

2. The mitigation measures outlined in the ‘Ecological Impact Assessment: Road Realignment Drummahan’ which accompanied the Part 8 consultation documentation shall be implemented in full. The mitigation measures outlined in the submission received by the Inland Fisheries Ireland for the prevention of pollution and the protection of fisheries habitats shall also be adhered to. Prior to the commencement of development, a Method Statement by the successful contractor outlining compliance with the requirements of both documents shall be submitted to the Planning Authority and their written agreement received to the contents of same.

3. The proposed mitigation measures outlined in the ‘Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Report’ prepared by Niall Roarcy of Transport Infrastructure Ireland shall be adhered to in full. Pre development archaeological testing shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations contained in the submission from the Departments of Arts, Heritage, Rural, Regional and Gaeltacht Affairs dated 01 August 2017.

4. The approved scheme provides for the demolition of the derelict house and outbuilding located at chainage 1200 as indicated on drawing no. WH1601-04-004.5 entitled Horizontal and Vertical Alignment – Mainline. This shall include the removal off side of the mobile home which is located in the curtilage of the derelict dwelling.
Appendix 1: Photographs of Proposed Footway / Cycleway

Figure 1: View towards Diffreen National School from in front on cemetery
Scheme will not impact on existing roadside boundaries at this location

Figure 2: Typical view of existing agricultural entrances along proposed realignment
The scheme provides for the rationalisation of the number and location of such entrances along the extent of the realignment.
Figure 3: Existing substandard entrance serving dwelling and farm buildings
Proposed scheme provides for significant improvement to sight distances serving both

Figure 4: View westwards of the N16 adjoining derelict dwelling and outbuildings
Proposed scheme provides for the demolition of both buildings with the existing roadway being realigned to the left of the existing roadway as viewed on the above photograph
Figure 5: Existing derelict dwelling to be demolished

Figure 6: Unoccupied mobile home in curtilage of derelict dwelling
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisc.

25th October, 2017

Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball
Comhairle Chontae Liatroma

Re: Notice of Intention to Dispose of land at Gortnaskeagh, Leckaun PO adjacent to R286.

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 that Leitrim County Council proposes to dispose of County Council property described hereunder and subject to the consideration and conditions as outlined below.

Background: Land purchased in the 1970’s for the provision of a booster station as part of the Leckaun GWS. As the booster station became redundant when the Leckaun GWS was completed it was agreed to transfer back this area of land to the Harte’s.

The Land: 0.0023 hectares (Freehold) at Gortnaskeagh. Folio LM19158, Plan 15 Property 60 refers.

From whom acquired: John Harte, deceased late of Gortnaskeagh, Leckaun PO

To whom land is to be disposed: Mary Harte, Gortnaskeagh Leckaun PO

Conditions: I. Consideration shall be €1
II. Vendor has agreed to meet the Council’s reasonable legal fees

Your approval of this disposal is requested and at the November Council Meeting at which it may be considered.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett
Senior Staff Officer
Finance Section
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisce.

25th October, 2017

Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball
Comhairle Chontae Liatroma

Re: Notice of Intention to Dispose by means of a 10 year lease of Drumkeeran Courthouse to North Connaught Youth & Community Services Ltd

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 that Leitrim County Council proposes to dispose of County Council property described hereunder by means of a 10 year lease and subject to the consideration and conditions as outlined below.

Name & Address of Proposed Lessee: North Connaught Youth & Community Service Ltd,
Rockwood Parade,
Sligo
County Sligo

Description of Property being leased
Building known as Courthouse in Drumkeeran,
County Leitrim

North Connaught Youth & Community Services is a registered company limited by guarantee and a registered charity who

- Have provided a youth service in County Leitrim since 1988,
- While initially covering South Leitrim, now operate on a County wide basis,
- Seek to provide a high quality locally based service for young people aged 7 – 18 years which aims to support the young person’s development through non-formal education programmes.

North Connaught Youth Community Services now propose to enter into a new 10 year lease with Leitrim County Council on the courthouse building in Drumkeeran for the purposes of providing a Youth Café and Youth Resource Centre for the young people in Drumkeeran and Leitrim in general.

Conditions

- Rent to be a nominal figure of €1 per annum.
- No works to be carried out to the building without the prior approval of Leitrim County Council.
- The property shall be used only for the purposes of providing a Youth Café, Youth Resource Centre and ancillary services.
• Each party to be responsible for its own legal costs

Your approval of this disposal is requested at the November Council Meeting at which it may be considered.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett
Senior Staff Officer
Finance Section
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AUGUST 2017 - Revenue Account: Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

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Water Services

Maximo: Asset Management

The month of August saw 109 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System. 78 related to water, 15 to waste water, 6 to new connections and 10 were classified as 'other'. There were 58 Bursts/Leaks detected and repaired.

Water Conservation:

UFW in this county 49.8%.
The following are the District Metering Areas (DMA’s) which require urgent targeted leak detection and repair:

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

The Contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October, 2016. EPS are slightly behind on programme and have sought an extension of time for completion of the Design Build phase up to 31st January, 2018. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning/process proving period up to 31st January, 2019 when the new plant will be handed over to Irish Water/Leitrim County Council to operate under the SLA. The Contractor EPS is operating the existing Water Treatment Plant and the water produced is meeting all of the necessary drinking water standards. The contract sum is €3.84 million.
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Extension of Supply to Rossinver and Kiltyclogher (Project No 10014315)
Ward and Burke Construction Ltd commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. All of the 11.Km of pipelines were completed, tested and commissioned in December, 2016 and the pipelines put into service. The Boil Water Notice on the old Kiltyclogher supply was lifted on 16th December, 2016. Outstanding work on private property which involves approximately 300 meters of service connections from the meters to the rear/backyards of houses situated well off the road is not included in the scope of works for the Ward and Burke contract. A schedule of all such outstanding works is being prepared and we will seek a budget to cover these extra works and get them done separately. All in cost total project €2.0 million.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734
& Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735
The closing date for receipt of tenders was 25th January, 2016. Irish Water has issued award of this contract and have sought contractors insurances and bonds etc. The contract will be signed soon and we expect that a commencement date to be set for October, 2017. Following the commencement date in October, 2017 the Design/Build phase is programmed for 1 year with a further one year to operate. Therefore the new WWTP’s will be completed by October, 2018 and following the one year operation the hand over to Leitrim County Council to operate under the SLA is programmed for October, 2019. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017- 2021
There is one Major Capital Project listed in Leitrim for this Plan 2017 -2021.

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant  Project No. 10015050
This project is included in Irish Waters Capital Investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan. Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the feasibility study and preliminary report on the bundled scheme. The CaPO Office in Leitrim will be preparing background information, as constructed drawings and historical performance data on the existing WWTP in Drumshanbo and we will be making recommendations on the options for upgrading.

Minor Capital Works

Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks

1. Pipeline replacement
Irish Water has introduced a new funding stream “Networks Portfolio” to address all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc. ERVIA has completed the tendering for this work and Farran’s of Northern Ireland are appointed as the main Contractor for all “networks Portfolio” work in this region. Leitrim is included in the region with Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan.
Irish Water is anxious that works under this new programme will take place immediately and before the end of 2017. We have made a number of submissions for water main upgrades in Leitrim and two projects have been approved as priority
• Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell
• Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore
The CaPO Office has provided background information on both of these projects which are scheduled for completion in the current year. Construction supervision will be by the Leitrim CaPO Office.

2. Find and Fix
Find and fix is included in the network portfolio and we are currently negotiating with Irish Water on resources for staffing this new and additional initiative. Leitrim County Council CaPO requires an additional
Engineer and caretaker resource for find and an additional outdoor crew for fix capability. This has yet to be agreed with Irish Water. The work of repair of found leaks will be shared between the in house fix crew and the Framework Contractor Farrans. This Find and Fix initiative will be managed by a Project Manager from the CaPO Office.

3. **First Fix Customer Side Leakage**

Farrans have been given a list of 60 domestic customers with excessive (>5.0cum/day) usage and will be approaching these with a view to finding and fixing leaks on private property. This to be managed by a Project Manager from the CaPO Office.

- **Energy Efficiency Programme**

Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project to examine the energy usage and efficiency at this facility. Proposals for upgrade of raw water pumps, high lift pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir to include some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong reservoir. A budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital projects expenditure for these works. J.B. Barry’s Consulting Engineers have been appointed as ER on this project and six companies have been invited to tender. ERVIA will appoint the preferred bidder before the end of the year with work programmed to start in the New Year. The Project Manager is Francis Gaffney

- **Disinfection Programme - Leitrim Cavan and Monaghan**

Irish Water Asset Strategy has appointed Veolia on this project to assess the primary disinfection at all Water Treatment Plants in these three counties with a view to bringing all such facilities up to the new Irish Water standards. The contract includes for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards and undertaking the necessary upgrades.

- **Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon**

Irish Water wish to appoint Contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and to optimise the treatment processes at existing Water Treatment Plants in these four counties. The Glenade Water Treatment Plant in Leitrim is included in this bundle. We are currently engaged with Irish Water on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade Water Treatment Plant.

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme – Reservoir Sites**

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have prepared preliminary designs and tender documents for the delivery of a scope of the works at 10 Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Waters appointment of a Contractor for these works. Staff from the Capital Office will supervise the works when they commence.

- **DMA Programme**

Upgrade and complete the District metering Structure on the networks in Co. Leitrim. EMR are the main Contractor on this project which is now substantially completed. Minor snagging works outstanding prior to close out of the project. Total cost: €518,000.

- **Kilena Watermain**

Replacement of 2km of cast iron watermains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. Irish Water has now appointed Sean Quigley Contracts Limited to this job. The Contractor has been given a contract commencement date of 14th August, 2017 and 12 week contract duration. The Contractor is currently organising his mobilisation to site and materials purchase etc. A road opening licence has been granted by Leitrim County Council. We expect work will commence on site by middle September 2017 and will be completed well before Christmas. Estimated cost: €350,000.
• **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.**
  Tendering completed and a recommendation to Irish Water on the preferred bidder was made on 11\textsuperscript{th} April, 2017. Irish Water has submitted the recommendation to ERVIA shared services to complete the appointment and signing of contracts etc. We await this appointment, which is somewhat delayed. We are informed that these works will now most likely commence in early 2018 with six month contract duration. Tendered Contract sum: €612,064.

• **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**
  Coffey’s Water Ltd. has completed all works at our two WTP’s. Commissioning and calibrating of instruments ongoing. The contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants which has commenced.

• **Trunk Main Replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000**
  Irish Water has appointed Mast Construction Limited as PSDP and PSCS for construction of these works and an initial meeting was held with this Contractor on 25\textsuperscript{th} May, 2017. The Contractor commenced works on site in July 2017 with stage 1 site investigation works. They have submitted the design which is now approved and a road opening licence and permanent reinstatement details have been agreed with Leitrim County Council. The Contractor has mobilised to site and the delivery of materials and works will commence in the week ending 15\textsuperscript{th} September, 2017 with a programme of 20 weeks to complete the works. However we expect that these works will be completed before the end of 2017.

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**Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**

**Local Enterprise Office (LEO)**

**Training**

There has been great uptake so far on the autumn schedule of training.

**Outreach Office – Manorhamilton**

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

**Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)**

The IBYE Programme is now open with a closing date of 29\textsuperscript{th} September, 2017. A marketing campaign has commenced including social media, radio, cinema and newspaper.

**LEO Innovation Investment Fund (LIIF)**

The LEO Innovation Investment Fund closed on 31\textsuperscript{st} July and there were 5 applications in Co. Leitrim (21 in the region Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim and Longford). The next step is an Investor Ready Training Programme for the region of which 10-15 businesses can participate, so an evaluation will take place to determine who goes forward.

**LEO Competitive Funds**

- The Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme is progressing well and a networking event was held on 24\textsuperscript{th} August in the Landmark Hotel for graduates and employers. A midterm evaluation of the programme is currently underway.
- The launch of the Inside [Craft] Network took place on 3\textsuperscript{rd} August at the Virginia Show in Cavan, which was attended by Minister Heather Humphreys. A number of other pop ups shops are currently being finalised.
Taste Leitrim
The Taste Leitrim Food Event in Mohill took place on 15th August at which three local chefs produced delicious dishes in Canon Donohue Hall, Mohill. Proceeds from the night went to the hall and a total of €1,300 was raised from tickets on the door and a raffle.

Food Strategy
The first meeting of the Food Strategy Steering Group took place on July 18th in the Hive.

Mohill Sustainable Energy Communities
Mohill SEC is progressing well with its energy masterplan and completing the work under the Better Energy Communities funding approved earlier this year.

Audit
ASM Belfast were contracted to carry out an audit of governance procedures in the Department of Enterprise and Innovation, Enterprise Ireland (Centre of Excellence) and four LEO’s, one of which was Leitrim. The audit was conducted on 4th August last.

Economic Development

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
Purple Flag
• Follow ups to those involved with Purple Flag Assessment on July 28th completed.

Enterprising Towns
• Meeting arranged with key people to prepare the application and the format for judging was agreed.

CCTV
• Gardai contacted regarding information required and form completed subject to information needed from Company and attachments.
• Budget prepared on project.

Town Teams – Rooskey
• Meeting organised by Facilitator with community. Feedback due in September.

Diaspora Strategy
• Meeting held with partner counties for preparation of Diaspora Strategy. It was agreed to ask three companies to present on their submission as per Invitation to Quote documentation.
• Presentation dates were set up.

SECURE Project
• Updates given to Lead Partner.
• Followed up regarding External Expertise contract progress.
• Draft agenda prepared and sent to Lead Partner.
• Preparatory work done on logistics for Partner meeting.

USEFE
• USEFE Operational Management Group meeting took place on the 1st of August in Leitrim County Council where sectoral updates were provided to the project partners.
• A feasibility study focused on the development of a network of ICT enterprise centres/e-hubs across counties Cavan, Leitrim and Longford was developed under the E.I. Regional Development Fund. A
funding application, accompanied by the feasibility study, was submitted to E.I. under Stream 1 for the August 18th deadline.

- USEFE Co-Ordinator prepared for the Spanish Senior Citizen trip to the USEFE region from the 9th – 13th of September.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator attended the Healthy Ireland Information Event in Dublin on the 31st August, 2017 to find out more about the Healthy Ireland funding initiative and possibilities for regional collaboration.

**Tourism Development**

The following actions have been undertaken throughout August 2017 facilitating the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the county:

1. An EU Audit of the SAINT project was prepared and audited over a 2 day period by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
2. Staff at the Tourist office attended a one day customer service training with Fáilte Ireland
3. Adverts were created and designed to promote the Slow Adventure Tourism experiences that were developed from the clusters. 9 experiences in total 3 overnight and 6 day trips.
4. A digital marketing campaign was set up to test market the Slow Adventure tourism experiences, the marketing activities will consist mainly of digital marketing elements.
5. Preparation for visit from SAINT Partners Derry taking place in Leitrim in September
6. Preparation for SAINT Transnational meeting taking place in Leitrim in the coming months
7. Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners.
8. Leitrim Tourism continued to support both the Tourist Information Point at Glencar Waterfall and the Angling and Tourism Centre in Ballinamore. Both centres were restocked for the upcoming busy school holiday period.
9. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
10. Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained including featuring a town of the week and a weekly Friday Focus. We are also promoting festival and events throughout the county.
11. An angling workshop ‘Learn to Fish’ targeting the youth is been prepared under the Redz programme
12. Preparation for the Ploughing Championships in September and the Over 50’s show in October.

**Development Management**

**Unfinished Housing Developments/Taking in Charge**

- Works are nearing completion within 8 housing estates across the county which obtained funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative and also in relation to a research project on development bonds. The Council appointed a firm of Consulting Engineers (Collins Boyd Consulting Engineers) to prepare Site Resolution Plans with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. A draft of these Site Resolution Plans has been completed and are being reviewed at present. When completed, they will allow the Council to make a detailed claim against each of the bonds in question. The Council has sought further clarification with respect to a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of questions pertaining to development bonds.

- No submissions were received on the 6 No. estates which were advertised for taking in charge in June. These will now be brought to the Municipal District meetings for consideration of taking in charge. In conjunction with the Roads Section we hope to advertise a further 10 estates in September.

**Pre Planning**

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of August. 7 no. new pre planning consultations took place during August in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.
Development Management

- 21 no. valid planning applications were received in August of which 8 no. related to commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 3 no. applications sought retention of planning permission and no application was sought for an extension of duration of planning permission.
- A further 5 no. applications was deemed invalid of which 3 no. of the invalid applications had a subsequent valid application accepted by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority are undertaking a review of the relatively high levels of invalidation of applications lodged and will work with agents submitting applications with a view to reducing the current levels of invalidation. Up to the end of July, 3 out of every 10 of all planning applications lodged is deemed invalid which is resulting in unnecessary doubling handling of planning applications by the Planning Authority.
- 17 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during August all except two of which were granted planning permission (14 no. related to applications seeking planning permission, 1 application sought retention of planning permission, whilst no application related to extension of duration of planning permission). A request for further information issued with respect to a further 8 no. applications during the month of August.

Forward Planning

- A draft of the 2 Year Progress Report for implementing the objectives of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 has been completed and was submitted to the Council in June with a short presentation being made to the Elected Members at the July meeting.
- The Planning Authority has appointed Consultants to undertake the screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County Development Plan will also be undertaken at the same time.

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

Leitrim County Council contacted the 13 applicants who were approved to participate in the extended pilot scheme in August. The process to develop the parameters of the extended pilot scheme has commenced. However, difficulties have been encountered in putting in place the necessary services for the roll-out of the scheme. The Council continues to be fully committed to the delivery of this scheme and continues to work actively on bringing this matter to a conclusion. The Council committed to be in a position to provide a timescale for applicants within the next month.

Heritage

The Governments Creative Ireland Programme 2017 -2022 is a national collaboration between central and local government to build upon arts, creativity, culture and heritage. Each county has developed a Culture and Creativity Plan for 2017 and now are in the process of developing a 5 year Strategy. Leitrim County Council has been allocated €64,000 and there has been an open call for projects.

As Heritage is a key part of this programme nationally and at county level, the Culture and Creativity Plan for 2017, identifies the development of a Heritage Plan and Programme as one of its key initiatives. Guidance from the national Creative Ireland Team on the development of the 5 year strategy has also identified Heritage as a strategic priority and a Heritage Strategy is required as part of this.

The local Creative Ireland Team is an in-house cross directorate group. Ms. Vivienne Egan is the Heritage Representative on the Leitrim Creative Ireland team.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2017 and these inspections are ongoing. The sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across
the Country. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016 there will be ongoing inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections are requested.

**RMCEI Plan** – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2017 RMCEI Plan. The EPA has recently released a draft copy of Leitrim’s Environmental Enforcement for 2016 Performance Report & Local Authority Assessment. As the time span for observations on the report has passed the Council await the final outcome of the Assessment for 2016.

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

The OPW and their Consulting Engineers are currently examining all the submissions before making the final Draft Plan which will be then due to go for Ministerial approval. Further details on the draft Flood risk Management Plans consultation process, including the date which observations or comments are required, are now available on the website:

www.opw.ie/Floodplans

The Shannon CFRAM Consultants continue to work hard on completing the Flood Risk Management Plans for the Shannon CFRAM areas and these are scheduled for submission to the Department of Public Expenditure (D/PER) for review (including the assessment and checking of the environmental assessments and conclusions)

It is envisaged that that D/PER will complete their review of all Plans by the end of September 2017. The national Suite of Plans will then be signed off officially by the Commissioners of Public Works and Minister Kevin 'Boxer' Moran T.D. (subject to any final amendments as required), and submitted to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform for approval.

The OPW will be engaging and liaising with the Local Authorities and Elected Representatives as the Plans go through the above-outlined process. In the meantime, the OPW is also working on developing a public-facing website through which the recommended measures and other information around the plans and final maps will be published in due course.


**ROADS:**
- Annual Area Programme works are in progress
- Road Crews concentrating on surfacing and strengthening works at present
- Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.

**CLAR Programme**
- Works are complete in respect of 3 Fishery Roads under this Scheme (Carrigallen Lake Road, Yukon Shore Road & Heron Shore Road).
• Design works are complete in respect of School Crossings at Drumkeerin, Carrick on Shannon and Ballinamore with works due to be completed in September.
• Works are ongoing in respect of the upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the Clar 2016 Programme
• REDS – Works are ongoing on both of the REDS Scheme Roads (St. John’s Lake and Garadice Lake) with works due to be completed by October.

• **Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme** – Leitrim County Council has introduced a Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme which aims to encourage a joint approach with communities and groups of local residents and landowners for the cutting of hedges/trees along the public road network which need attention. The grant amounts to €50 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees attended to along the Public Road Network subject to a minimum length of road network of 3 km per application. Full details and application forms for this Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme are available from the Roads Department of Leitrim County Council.

• **Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)** – The Department of Rural & Community Development have requested Leitrim County Council and all other Local Authorities to make a submission for funding for LIS Projects in 2017, and following receipt of such submissions and subject to availability of funding, the Department may implement a LIS Programme in 2017. Leitrim County Council will be making a submission for funding for a LIS Programme in County Leitrim in 2017 based on our existing LIS Waiting List. This Submission for LIS Funding will be made in September, 2017.

**Rural Water Programme:**

• Enhancement of Schemes: Works on the following schemes are being progressed at present:: Antfield GWS, Drumaleague GWS, Drumkeelan GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcreeve GWS, Mohergregg GWS and Tarmon GWS.
• Poolboy GWS has been completed
• Approx 70% of the works to Mohergregg GWS are complete.
• Drumkeelan & Lismoyle Coolcreeve GWS’ s - Road Opening Licence applications submitted. Upgrade Works have commenced on Drumkeelan GWS.
• Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS. Investigation on and report on current Water Treatment Plant procured. Tenders received for the appointment of a Consulting Engineer. Discussions ongoing with group regarding works to be undertaken and a Public Meeting with all Group Scheme Members is scheduled to take place in September, 2017
• Planning Approval underway for pumping stations on Hartley Group Sewerage Scheme. Hartley Group Sewerage intends to progress the collection of the household contribution fee (€2,250). Consultant Engineer (Ensen) has commenced the design works.

**Veterinary Services**

**Abattoirs**
Slaughter returns: **July 2017**: 85 Cattle, 222 Sheep, 9 Pigs
(Slaughter returns for August, 2017 not yet available)

**Small Meat Manufacturing Plants**
Two Ready Meals manufacturers, one organic meat cutting plant and two distributors are in operation in Leitrim.

**Dog Control & Welfare**
Dog Warden Service returns for August 2017:
• 16 stray dogs, 6 dogs surrendered, 16 dogs were re-homed, and 9 dogs re-claimed by owner, 2 dogs died, 0 dog euthanized,
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- 33 service requests received, 33 dog warden inspections
- 9 dogs neutered, 6 neutering vouchers issued, 11 dogs micro-chipped.

**Responsible dog ownership**
A programme of school visits has been arranged for 12 Leitrim Primary schools in conjunction with Dog’s Trust in September, 2017. A programme of responsible dog ownership talks in Leitrim libraries has commenced.

**Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for stray cats**
The Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Programme was progressed during August. Nine inspections were carried out by the Animal Warden in relation to cats. A total of 22 cats were trapped, a number of these cats were neutered and returned to their place of origin, some were PTS for health reasons e.g. FIV, FeLV.

**Horse Control & Horse Welfare**
An 8-week Pony-riding and Animal Welfare programme for 18 disadvantaged teenagers from Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumsna & Mohill concluded on 3rd August. The course was highly successful and enjoyed full participation. Funding for the programme was provided by Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine, Leitrim Development Company and Leitrim County Council. A funding application for funding for a programme in 2018 is being progressed by Leitrim Sports Partnership and Leitrim County Council.

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

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**New Tenancies created from 1st January 2017 to 31st August 2017**

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**Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st August, 2017**

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**HOUSING GRANTS**

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

### 2017 Allocation

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| Approved not paid  | HGD   | 6     | 29,527.50 |
| Approved not paid  | MAG   | 1     | 3,666.00  |
| Approved not paid  | HOP   | 9     | 41,450.74 |
| **TOTAL**           | 16    | 74,644.24 |

| Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved | HOP   | 8     | 20,000.00 | Estimated |
| Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved | MAG   | 2     | 5,000.00  | Estimated |
| Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved | HGD   | 1     | 3,000.00  | Estimated |
| **Total**                   | 11    | 28,000.00 | Estimated |

**€422,834.80**

**Balance**

**€13,901.20**
Housing Capital

Energy Efficiency Works
Phase 2 Energy Efficiency works includes such works as external wall and attic insulation. This Council has identified approximately 17 potential units that require these energy efficiency works and funds to complete these works have been sought from the Department.

Voids & Derelict Housing Units
The Council made a submission in February for funding to refurbish 16 void units and 1 dwelling classed as derelict. Funding has been received for 16 units by the Department. Work is progressing on a number of these units using direct labour and the remaining units will be complete using Contractors appointed from the Council's Framework Panel.

Disability Works in Council Houses
In April the Council made a submission following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 29 suitable tenancies for proposed disability adaption works and 2 dwellings requiring extensions in order to meet the long term need of the tenants. The total estimated expenditure anticipated under this Programme by Leitrim County Council in 2017 is €231,102, the Council has sought funding of 90% of these costs in the sum of €207,991.80 approximately and awaits a full approval response from the Department.

Acquisitions
The Council is continuing an Acquisition Programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017. In 2016, the Council purchased 25 number houses across the county. In 2017 the Council have continued their Acquisition Programme; to date 2 number acquisitions are complete and a further 7 acquisitions are proceeding. Some of these dwellings required refurbishment works and contracts are in place to complete energy efficiency works and remedial works to these dwellings to return them to productive use in 2017.

Capital Construction Project - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton
This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a Contractor. The Contractor commenced on site in early June. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €885,000.

Capital Construction Project – Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 20 social housing units (to the value of €3,949,500) at Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team will be appointed in early September.

Capital Project Appraisal for Construction of Social Housing at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon.
A Capital Project Appraisal for the construction of 24 social housing units at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon has been submitted to the Department for Stage 1 Approval in Principal and the Council awaits a decision.

Capital Assistance Schemes – Saint Vincent de Paul, Ballinamore
A project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for the demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. This project has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a Contractor. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €207,000.
Community

Peace IV
- Permission to start was granted by SEUPB and Letter of Offer has been signed. Leitrim is the first border county to receive Permission to Start.
- The Assessment Committee met on Friday, July 7th and, on their recommendation, the Peace IV Partnership Committee approved four programmes:
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 1: Support for Ethnic Minorities
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 5: Events around Women’s Suffrage
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 7: Rural Women Along the Border
  - Children and Young People Programme 4: Anti-social Behaviour Programme
Service Level Agreements have now been signed for the first three of these programmes.
- It is expected that four more Programmes will be assessed on September 28th, 2017 and if successful Service Level Agreements will be issued shortly thereafter.
- A contract has been awarded to Blu Zebra Ltd. to carry out the Consultation Process.
- Shared Spaces and Services: Consultations have been taking place during August with communities from the Minority Faith.
- A Programme Launch event will take place on 21st September, 2017 - International Peace Day, at The Dock in Carrick on Shannon.

Public Participation Network
There are currently 200 groups registered with the PPN. Ms. Tracy Ferguson, PPN Resource Worker will commence her new role on 14th September.

Comhairle na nOg
Comhairle na nOg have been approved for Creative Ireland for their “Use your Brain, Not your Fist” campaign. The campaign is about spreading awareness around assault and the consequences of assault. The cost of the campaign is estimated at €6,500.

Age Friendly
A meeting was held with the Age Friendly Alliance on 6th September, 2017 to finalise the strategy for 2017-2020. Michael Harding will launch the new strategy on the 27th September in the Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo.

Environmental and Community Awards
Judging has been completed in the Environmental Section by Eanna Ni Lamhna and Billy Flynn. Judging for the Community Awards will be carried out in September by the new Resource Worker and PPN Resource Worker from Roscommon. There will be an awards night in October.

Pride of Place
Bornacoola, Carrigallen and Manorhamilton have been chosen for Pride of Place entries in 2017. The judging took place on 10th and 11th August and was a huge success. There was good coverage in the local print and social media.

Smoke Alarm Scheme
70 smoke alarms have been distributed to date in 2017 under the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme. An additional 100 smoke alarms have been ordered from the Department so we can continue to promote the scheme.
Community Facilities Scheme
The Communities Facilities Scheme is closed with 126 applications received. Approval has been given by the three Municipal Districts and LCDC and all community groups have been notified. Funding has been received from the Department and Community Groups can now submit invoices for payment.

Clár Funding
Three playgrounds have been approved funding, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermott Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7,000). Meetings have taken place with all Community Groups to determine their needs and documentation is being prepared for tendering.

Leitrim Sports Partnership
Women on the Water
This is a 6 week Kayaking programme for women funded by Sport Ireland. The programme is taking place in Acres Lake, Drumshanbo and at Lough Rynn Rowing Facility. The programme proved so popular that a second evening had to be provided in Lough Rynn. The programme commenced on 22nd Augusta and there are 87 women taking part with a waiting list in place.

Carrigallen Multi Sport Summer Camp
Leitrim Sports Partnership held a one week Multi Sport Summer Camp in Carrigallen where the participants had the opportunity to try out different sports including soccer, tennis, Gaelic football, Olympic handball and Kayaking on the town lake. There were 40 participants on the camp.

Carrigallen Kayaking Camp
This summer camp was held over two weeks and was filled to capacity. The coaching was provided by Rivermania. There were 60 participants involved.

FAI Summer Soccer Camps
The summer schools continued from July delivered by Leitrim County Council’s FAI Development Officer Damon Kearney. Two camps were held in August in Carrick on Shannon and Ballinamore. There were 105 participants in Carrick on Shannon and 68 participants in Ballinamore.

Irish Water Safety Swim Camps
The final Irish Water Safety Swimcamp of the summer was held in July in Cleighranmore with 20 children participating.

Leitrim Pony Riding & Animal Welfare Programme
This 8 week programme finished in August. Its aim was to introduce young people from travelling and disadvantaged backgrounds to horse-riding, horse management skills and animal welfare. The programme was funded by Leitrim County Council, the Department of Agriculture & Food, Leitrim Development Company and Leitrim Sports Partnership. The programme was extremely successful with a 100% attendance record by participants. 18 children in total took part in the programme.

The Arts
Creative Ireland
The 2017 activation plan was launched in Dublin Castle and we are in the process of formulating a 5 year Cultural Strategy. A public meeting has been held in Carrick on Shannon with two others planned for Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. Sixteen applications from across the county were received in response to the Open Call to develop high quality projects and programmes.
Creative Frame
In partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office, Leslie Ryan has been appointed Creative Frame Manager to develop the Creative Frame Programme—a user driven continuous professional development network designed to facilitate the ongoing training and development requirements of practitioners in the Creative Sector in Leitrim and the wider region. A continuous series of workshops and seminars have been organised.

Spark
Leitrim County Council has been selected as the next company to work with Spark. All interested artists attended a site visit at the Council with 9 proposals received and artist Vanya Lambrecht Ward has been selected.

Festivals and Events
Eight Festivals received funding under the scheme from across the County for 2017.

Artists in Schools
Eight primary schools have been selected - 4 for 2017 and 4 for 2018 covering the whole County and 4 Artists have been appointed to work with the schools. A planning session for artists and schools has taken place and the residencies will commence in September.

Artist in the Community
Four Community Groups were selected to participate in the 2017 Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and four Artists selected to work alongside them. A facilitated planning meeting has taken place ahead of their projects.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios
Two Artists have been selected for new residencies and a planning meeting is in the process of being arranged between the Library, The Arts Office and the Artists.

Leitrim Equation 4
The Leitrim Equation DVD is now being made available in retail outlets and via online sales.

Youth Theatre
The 2017 term 1 has been completed and Term 2 will start in September.

Film
Tenders were invited from individuals and/or companies to develop and manage the initial phase of a new Film Development Programme for the Northwest region shared between Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon Local Authorities and Sinead Dolan has been appointed to the role.

Music Generation
An application has been made under the Music Generation Programme following extensive research and we are currently waiting the decision

Iron Mountain Literature Festival
The programme has been finalised and 31 applications have been received for the John McGahern Award which are being reviewed.

Culture Night
Fourteen venues are confirmed for Culture Night for Friday 22nd September, 2017.
Library Service:

Event Programming
Event Programming in August had a strong focus on children and family events, with film screenings taking place in Ballinamore and Mohill Libraries and storytelling events in a number of Libraries. A newly-established Draughts Club met weekly in Ballinamore Library. In addition, Libraries held Reading Group meetings, language sessions and a meeting of the Astronomy Club took place in Ballinamore Library.

Highlights
- Mohill Family Support Centre organised visits to Mohill Library during the month of August, during which the children enjoyed craft activities, storytelling and a tour of the library. This presented a fabulous opportunity to introduce the children to the range of resources available at their local library, free of charge.
- Leitrim County Library Service was once again very pleased to be part of the very successful Wild Words Children’s Book Festival, August 11th-13th, hosting interactive workshops on book selection for parents and young children in Carrick-on-Shannon Library.
- As part of National Heritage Week, the County Library hosted the Leitrim Launch of Cumann Ceoil Chonnhaicne, the traditional music society. The event was launched by Councillor John McCartin, and included a contribution from Fr. John Quinn. The evening featured a performance of local tunes.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure
Leitrim County Library Service once again participated in this national reading initiative this summer, with associated workshops, storytelling sessions etc taking place in Libraries across the county. For example, Ballinamore Library hosted a lively Teddy Bear’s Picnic Storytelling Event while Manorhamilton Libraries presented a series of shared story time sessions for young children together with their parents, grandparents or carers, every Saturday during the month of August.

Libraries supporting Local Festivals
Ballinamore Library supported the local festival with a number of events, including a Children’s Film Club, the Cavan/Leitrim Railway Photographic Exhibition and an Art Workshop.

Heritage Week 2017
Leitrim County Library Service prepared and presented an impressive programme for Heritage Week 2017, with a total of eight events taking place in eight Branch Libraries. Activities included a children’s art exhibition, myths and legends storytelling event, needlework exhibition, céilí music presentations, community singing event and lectures.

Arts Strategy Consultation
The Arts Office facilitated a Consultation evening on Creative Ireland and the development of a new Arts Strategy in Ballinamore Library.

Fire Service

Building Control
- **Commencement Notices:** Received 1 valid notice
- **7 Day Notice:** Received 1 valid notice
- **Opt Out Commencement Notices:** Received 5 valid notices
- **Fire Safety Certificates:** Received 2 Fire Safety Certificates, processed 5.
- **Disabled Access Certificates:** Received 2 Disabled Access Certificates, processed 3.

Capital Programme

Fire Stations
Works are progressing on the proposed Capital projects for the Fire Stations as follows:
• Manorhamilton: Section 183 for the disposal of lands in Manorhamilton for a new site for the Fire Station in circulated to the members in August for consideration at the September Council meeting.
• Ballinamore: Further information sent to the National Directorate for funding for new fire station on existing site
• Drumshanbo: Capital funding application submitted for an extension to the existing station. A decision in this regard is awaited.

Fire Appliances
In the announcement made by the National Directorate on 17th August, 2017 about funding of new Class B Fire Appliances in the 2018 – 2020 Allocation, Leitrim was not included. However we were given an indication that we would be considered for a second hand appliance.

Major Emergency Management
Plans for the regional live exercise to be held in Leitrim in October 2017 were advanced.

Erasmus Project application
Received notification from Leargas, the National Agency that our project application under the Erasmus programme entitled FireSafety4schools was not successful.

Gartan Fire Payment System
Meeting held to discuss possible implementation of this system in Leitrim before the end of the year. Responses prepared and returned to Gartan.

Civil Defence
• Safety Boat and first aid assistance was provided during Carrick on Shannon Regatta.
• First Aid assistance was provided during Ballinamore Agricultural Show.
• First Aid assistance was provided during Mohil Agricultural Show.
• Safety Boat and first aid assistance was provided during the Leitrim Sub Aqua Club charity swim.
• Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Department to carry out the Lake Water Sampling Programme.
• Assistance was provided during the month to the Water Services Department while water sampling on the Shannon at Leitrim Village.

Signed: [Signature]
Joseph Gilhooly,
Deputy Chief Executive (Seal)

Date: 13th September, 2017
Appendix 5 - Council Meeting 6th November 2017


FINANCE & WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

SEPTEMBER 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 2017 - FIGURES)

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MAIN DEBT AS AT END OF SEPTEMBER 2017

Water Department - Due by June 2022 (Total: £20,000)

Development Management Income is ahead of budget due to PNG Govt. Income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.

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WATER SERVICES

Operations Update
Maximo: Asset Management

- The month of September saw 103 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System.
- 72 related to water, 5 to waste water, 8 to new connections and 9 were other.
- There were 44 Bursts/Leaks detected and repaired.
- 9 First Fix completed.

Water Conservation:
UFW in this county 49.8%

The following are the District Metering Areas (DMA’s) which require urgent targeted leak detection and repair:

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Capital Update: September 2017
North Leitrim Regional Water supply Scheme

- The Contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October, 2016.
- Works are ongoing and the date for completion of the Design Build phase is extended to 31st January 2018. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning / process proving period up to 31st January 2019 when the new plant will be handed over to Irish Water / Leitrim County Council for operate under the SLA.
- The Contractor EPS is operating the existing water treatment plant and the water produced is meeting all of the necessary drinking water standards.
- The contract sum is €3.84 million.
Extension of Supply to Rossinver and Kiltyclogher

- Ward and Burke Construction Ltd commenced on site on 20th June 2016. All of the 11.0 Km of Pipelines were completed, tested and commissioned in Dec 2016 and the pipelines put into service. The Boil water Notice on the old Kiltyclogher supply was lifted on 16th December 2016. Some works on snags currently ongoing.
- Outstanding work on private property which involves approx 300 meters of service connections from the meters to the rear/backyards of houses situated well off the road is not included in the scope of works for Ward and Burke contract. A schedule of all such outstanding works has been prepared and CaPO will seek a budget to cover these extra works and get them done separately.
- All in cost total project €2.0 million.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

- Coffey Water Ltd has been awarded this Contract. Following compliance with documentation, insurances, bonds etc I expect that work will commence in the next 4/5 weeks.
- The Design / Build phase is programmed for 1 year with a further one year operate / commissioning. Therefore the new upgraded WWTP’s will be handed over to Leitrim County Council for operate under the SLA in November 2019.
- The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017- 2022  
There is one Major Capital Project listed in Leitrim for this Plan 2017 -2021.

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant

- This project is included in Irish Waters Capital investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan.
- Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the Feasibility study and Preliminary Report on the bundled scheme.
- The initial meeting with Atkins took place on 26th September 2017. The CaPO office in Leitrim will be preparing background information, as constructed drawings and historical performance data on the existing WWTP at Drumshanbo and we will be making observations on the options for upgrading. Whilst the Drumshanbo WWTP is bundled with the 5 other WWTP’s in Cavan for the purposes of the Feasibility study and Design Options reports etc it is likely to go forward as a separate contract for construction.

Minor Capital Works

Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks

1. Pipeline replacement
Irish Water has introduced a new funding stream “Networks Portfolio” to address all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc. ERVIA has completed the tendering for this work and Farran’s of Northern Ireland are appointed as the main Contractor for all “networks Portfolio” work in this region. Leitrim is included in the region with Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan.
Irish Water is anxious that works under this new programme will take place immediately and before the end of 2017. We have made a number of submissions for water main upgrades in Leitrim and two projects have been approved as priority

1. Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcambell (work to be completed by year-end).
2. Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore Reservoir into Town. (work to be completed by year-end).

2. Find and FIX
Find and fix is included in the network portfolio and we are currently negotiating with Irish Water on resources for staffing this new and additional initiative. Leitrim County Council CaPO requires an additional Engineer and caretaker resource for “Find” and an additional outdoor 3 man crew for fix capability. This has yet to be agreed with Irish Water. The work of repair of found leaks will be shared between the in house fix crew and the framework Contractor Farran’s. This find and fix initiative will be managed by a PM from the CaPO office. The Engineering resource we are seeking is needed to manage this and would also assist on other Network Portfolio initiatives such as “First Fix”, “lead service replacement” and “pressure management” etc.

3. First Fix customer side leakage
Farrens have been given a list of 60 domestic customers with excessive (>5.0 cum/day) usage and will be approaching these with a view to finding and fixing leaks on private property.

Energy Efficiency Programme
Proposals for upgrade of raw water pumps, high lift pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir to include some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong reservoir. A budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital Projects expenditure for these works. J.B. Barrys Consulting Engineers was appointed as ER on this project and six companies have been invited to tender. Clarifications have been received from tenderers and we are compiling information in response.

ERVIA will appoint the preferred bidder before the end of the year with work programmed to start in the New Year.

Disinfection Programme - Leitrim Cavan and Monaghan
Irish Water Asset Strategy has appointed Veolia on this project to assess the primary disinfection at all Water Treatment Plants in these three counties with a view to bringing all such facilities up to the new Irish Water standards. The contract includes for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards and undertaking the necessary upgrades. Carrick on Shannon WTP has been selected to be the pilot plant for the inspections and reports and when the format is adopted it will be rolled out to the other plants in the project.

Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon
Irish Water wish to appoint Contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and optimisation of the treatment processes at existing water treatment plants in these four counties. The Glenade Water Treatment Plant in Leitrim is included in this bundle. We are currently engaged with Irish Water on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade WTP.
Appendix 5 - Council Meeting 6th November 2017

Process Optimisation and Control Programme – Reservoir Sites
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have prepared preliminary designs and tender documents for the delivery of a scope of the works at 10 Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Water’s appointment of a Contractor for these works.

DMA Programme
Upgrade and complete the District Metering Structure on the networks in Co. Leitrim. EMR are the main Contractor on this project which is now substantially completed. Minor snagging works outstanding prior to close out of project. Total cost: €518,000.

Kilena Watermain
Replacement of 2km of old cast iron watermains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. Irish Water has now appointed Sean Quigley Contracts Limited to this job. The Contractor has been given a contract commencement date of 14th August 2017 and a 12-week contract duration. The Contractor is currently organising his mobilisation to site and materials purchase etc. A road opening licence has been granted by Leitrim County Council. We expect work will commence on site first week in October 2017 and will be completed well before year-end. Estimated cost: €350,000.

Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades
Tendering completed and a recommendation to Irish Water on the preferred bidder was made on 11th April, 2017. Irish Water has submitted the recommendation to ERVIA shared services to complete the appointment and signing of contracts etc. We await this appointment, which is somewhat delayed. We are informed that these works will now most likely commence in 2018 with a six month contract duration. Tendered Contract sum: €612,064.

Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers
Coffey’s Water Ltd. has completed all works at our two WTP’s. Commissioning and calibrating of instruments ongoing. The contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants which has commenced.

Trunk Main Replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km)
Irish Water has appointed Mast Construction Limited as PSDP and PSCS for construction of these works and an initial meeting was held with this Contractor on 25th May, 2017. Mast commenced works on site in July, 2017 with stage 1 site investigation works. Mast has submitted its design which is now approved and a road opening licence and permanent reinstatement details have been agreed with the Council. The Contractor has mobilised to site with a programme of 20 weeks to complete the works. However we expect that these works will be completed before the end of 2017. Tendered Contract sum: €500,000.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)
Training
The autumn schedule of training has been rolled out and has seen a great uptake to date.

Outreach Office – Manorhamilton
The Outreach Office continues to run on the first Tuesday of the month in Manorhamilton.
Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)
The IBYE 2018 Programme closed on 29th September, 2017 with 17 applications received. An Enterprise Day for all applicants will be held on 17th October, 2017.

National Women’s Enterprise Day
LEO Leitrim are hosting National Women’s Enterprise Day on 12th October with guest speaker Ms. Moira Geary discussing Practical Strategies to Removing Roadblocks and Barriers to Success.

LEO Innovation Investment Fund (UIIF)
The Training Programme was held on 22nd and 29th September with a further date scheduled for 9th October. There were 15 participants from the 4 counties (Leitrim, Longford, Donegal and Sligo), with 2 attending from Leitrim.

LEO Competitive Funds
- The Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme is progressing well and a networking event was held on 24th August in the Landmark Hotel for graduates and employers. A midterm evaluation of the programme is currently underway.
- Creative Connections Programme held the Roscommon pop up shop in Lough Key Forest Park Visitor centre on the weekend of 22-24th September. The next pop up takes place in Longford.

LEO Conference
The LEO National Conference took place on 6th and 7th September in Athlone and resulted in a sharing of best practice.

Regional Enterprise Development Fund
Presentations were made to Enterprise Ireland during September on behalf of both projects submitted to the REDF, the development of ehubs in conjunction with Longford and Cavan LEO’s and the expansion to the Food Enterprise Zone.

Taste Leitrim
Under the REDZ Programme the Taste Leitrim Initiative continues to be rolled out, the Harvest Feast took place in the Organic Centre, Rossinver on 24th September.

Erasmus Programmes
Smart Data Smart Regions
The third partner meeting for SDSR programme took place in Kaiserslautern, Germany from 26th -28th September and was attended by a LEO staff member.

WISE (Women Entrepreneurs in STEM)
Funding has been approved for the Programme in conjunction with Omagh Enterprise Company Ltd (lead partner).

Other
- Magiflo Gutters was the Leitrim business displaying in the Enterprise Village area.
- A LEO staff member presented LEO supports to the three Municipal District Meetings in September.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- Purple Flag
  o Purple Flag Award announced by ATCM.
  o Social Media information on award circulated.
  o Prize Winner of VIP Award selected and notified
- Enterprising Towns
  o Final arrangements made with towns prior to Judging Day
  o Met with judges and participated in adjudication of Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton
- CCTV
  o Contact made with Gardai in relation to date for national CCTV Sub-Committee Meeting.
  o Application form compiled.

Town Teams – Rooskey
- Meeting organised by Facilitator with the local Community. Feedback requested from Roscommon County Council.

Diaspora Strategy
- Presentation by 3 companies arranged and held on September 8th. Successful tender picked by reps from each County involved. Contract prepared and insurances etc checked.
- First meeting with Consultant held on September 27th with attendees from each county.
- Next steps agreed in terms of database collection and priorities for each county in Diaspora work.

SECURE Project
- Updates given to Lead Partner
- Followed up re External Expertise contract progress
- Seminar Agenda Finalised and all speakers contacted
- Logistics organised for partner meetings and seminar
- Attended NPA Seminar and Project Meeting in Galway

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
The following actions have been undertaken throughout September 2017 facilitating the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the County:

1. Attended the Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, Co. Offaly. A number of Tourism Providers from the county were hosted by Leitrim Tourism where they were given the opportunity to promote their businesses to the 290,000 visitors to the show. The providers hosted were Electric Bikes, Tawnylust Lodge, Riversdale Guesthouse & Barge Holidays, The Landmark Hotel, The Lough Allen Hotel and Spa and The Organic Centre, Rossinver.

2. Adverts were created and designed to promote the Slow Adventure Tourism experiences that have been developed from the clusters. There are 9 experiences in total with 3 overnight stays and 6 day trips.
3. The SAINT Project Digital Marketing campaign ran to test market the Slow Adventure tourism experiences. The marketing activities consisted mainly of digital marketing elements.

4. Hosted visit from SAINT Partners Derry in early September. Our Derry Partners sampled Leitrim’s Slow Adventure experiences with a number of our providers including Adventure Gently, The Organic Centre, Lough Allen Adventure, Leitrim Cycles and The Food Hub in Drumshanbo.

5. Preparation for SAINT Transnational meeting taking place in Leitrim in October where we will be hosting project partners from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

6. Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners.

7. Leitrim Tourism continued to support both the Tourist Information Point at Glencar Waterfall and the Angling and Tourism Centre in Ballinamore. Both centres were restocked for the upcoming busy school holiday period.

8. Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained including featuring a town of the week and a weekly Wellness Wednesday. We are also promoting festival and events throughout the county.

9. Video editing took place on the various SAINT Project Slow Adventure providers’ videos which will provide them with a 90 sec video for their business use and then also be used to promote the Slow Adventure experiences in Leitrim.

10. Research has taken place for a marketing campaign taking place next month. The campaign will be specifically at Active Age and accommodation providers have been contacted and have provided special offers that will support this campaign.

11. Attended NPA conference in Galway.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge
- Works are now complete in all but one of the housing estates (9) across the county which obtained funding under Measure 1 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. The Council are reviewing the Site Resolution Plans prepared with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative engineers. Collins Boyd Consulting Engineers are undertaking this project on our behalf. When completed, the Site Resolution Plans will allow the Council to make a detailed claim against each of the bonds in question. The Council has sought further clarification with respect to a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds and we are still awaiting a response to same.

- 6 estates were brought to the September Municipal District meetings with a recommendation for taking in charge. The respective Municipal District meetings approved the recommendations. In conjunction with the Roads Section, the Planning Department are finalising the advertisement of a further 10 estates in September, many of which had works completed under the National Taking in Charge Initiative.

Pre Planning
- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of September. Three new pre planning consultations took place in September in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.
Development Management
• 19 valid planning applications were received in September of which 4 related to commercial
development. One application by Sandlewood Ltd. seeks to extend a quarry (further 5 hectares) at
Liscuillew Upper, Drumkeeran. Of the applications lodged, 2 applications sought retention of planning
permission and one application sought an extension of duration of planning permission. A further
application was deemed invalid but had a subsequent valid application for this development accepted
by the Planning Authority.
• 12 final decisions on planning applications were made during September all of which were granted
planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 5 applications.

Forward Planning
• The Planning Authority has appointed Consultants to undertake the screening for Strategic
Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the proposed Variation to the County
Development Plan in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment to the
Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County
Development Plan will also be undertaken at the same time.

ENVIRONMENT:
National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2017 and these
inspections are ongoing. The sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across
the Country. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016 there will be ongoing inspections where
works were due to be completed and re-inspections are requested.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2017 RMCEI Plan. The
EPA has recently released a draft copy of Leitrim’s Environmental Enforcement for 2016 Performance
Report & Local Authority Assessment. As the time span for observations on the report has passed the
Council await the final outcome of the Assessment for 2016.

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

The OPW and their Consulting Engineers are currently examining all the submissions before making the
final Draft Plan which will be then due to go for Ministerial approval. Further details on the draft Flood risk
Management Plans consultation process, including the date which observations or comments are required,
are now available on the website:
www.opw.ie/Floodplans

The Shannon CFRAM Consultants continue to work hard on completing the Flood Risk Management Plans
for the Shannon CFRAM areas and these are scheduled for submission to the Department of Public
Expenditure (D/PER) for review (including the assessment and checking of the environmental assessments
and conclusions).

It is envisaged that the D/PER will complete their review of all Plans by the end of September 2017.
The national Suite of Plans will then be signed off officially by the Commissioners of Public Works and
Minister Kevin 'Boxer' Moran T.D. (subject to any final amendments as required), and submitted to the
Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform for approval.

The OPW will be engaging and liaising with the Local Authorities and Elected Representatives as the Plans go through the above-outlined process. In the meantime, the OPW is also working on developing a public-facing website through which the recommended measures and other information around the plans and final maps will be published in due course.


Pesticides detected in the Lough Forbes Public Drinking Water Supply
Leitrim County Council has sent correspondence to all landowners whose lands drain into the catchment area of the Rinn River, which flows to Lough Forbes and is the Rinn/Lough Forbes drinking water source catchment area. The engagement measure is about emphasizing the importance of protecting the environment, maintaining high water quality and promoting the safe use of pesticides.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Abattoirs
Slaughter returns: August 2017: 96 Cattle, 274 Sheep and 23 Pigs
(Slaughter returns for September, 2017 not yet available)

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service returns for September 2017 as follows:

- 6 stray dogs, 6 dogs surrendered, 13 dogs were re-homed, and 3 dogs re-claimed by owner, 0 dogs died, 0 dog euthanised.
- 24 service requests received, 41 dog warden inspections
- Dogs neutered, 1 neutering voucher issued, 8 dogs micro-chipped.

Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign
A programme of school visits promoting Responsible Dog Ownership was carried out in 12 Leitrim Primary schools in conjunction with Dog’s Trust in September, 2017. A programme of Responsible Dog Ownership talks in Leitrim libraries and in Family Support Centres is due to commence in the near future. A programme of school visits is planned for January, 2018.

Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for stray cats
The Leitrim Animal Welfare/Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Programmes were progressed. Nine inspections were carried out by the Animal Warden in relation to cats (20 cats were trapped, a number of these cats were neutered and returned to their place of origin, some were PTS for health reasons e.g. FIV, FeLV).

Ploughing Championships
The Veterinary Officer and Dog Warden attended the National Ploughing Championships on the Department of Rural and Community Development Stand on 20th September, 2017.
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ROADS:
- Annual Area Programme works are in progress
- Road Crews concentrating on surfacing and strengthening works at present
  Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.

CLAR Programme
Works are in progress at School Crossings at Drumkeerin National School (35% Complete), Carrick on Shannon National School (50% Complete) & Ballinamore National School (50% Complete).
Works are complete in respect of the upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the CLAR 2016 Programme
- Works have commenced on the following Clar 2017 Projects – Pedestrian Crossing at Newtowngore Community Hall, Erection of Street Lighting at Drumduff North, Erection of Street Lighting at Annaduff National School and Keelora Lake Amenity Development.

REDS – Works are 95% complete on both of the REDS Scheme Roads (St. John’s Lake and Garadice Lake) with works due to be completed by October.

Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme
Leitrim County Council has introduced a Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme which aims to encourage a joint approach with communities and groups of local residents and landowners for the cutting of hedges/trees along the public road network which need attention. The grant amounts to €50 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees attended to along the Public Road Network subject to a minimum length of road network of 3 km per application. Full details and application forms for this Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme are available from the Roads Department of Leitrim County Council. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31st October, 2017.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
Leitrim County Council made a Submission to the Department of Rural & Community Development for LIS Funding for 2017. A total of 20 Schemes were submitted for Funding and the Funding sought amounted to €561,671. An LIS Allocation of €250,000 was received by Leitrim County Council from the Department in September, 2017. This will allow approximately 6 – 7 Schemes to be completed in 2017. This office is in communication with the first 7 applicants on the LIS Waiting List in relation to progressing works on these 7 private roads.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:
Enhancement of Schemes
Works on the following schemes are being progressed at present: Antfield GWS, Drumaleague GWS, Drumkeelan GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcreeve GWS, Mohergregg GWS and Tarmon GWS. Upgrade Works have commenced on Drumkeelan GWS and Tarmon GWS. Upgrade Works on Drumaleague GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcreeve GWS and Antfield GWS are scheduled to commence in October.
- Poolboy & Drumkeelan GWS’s have been completed
- Approximately 90% of the works to Mohergregg GWS are now completed
- Approximately 70% of the works to Tarmon GWS are now completed

Environmental and Public Health Compliance – Cornashamsogue GWS
A Public Meeting with all Group Scheme Members of Cornashamsogue GWS took place on 7th September, 2017. The decision of this Meeting was that this GWS would maintain their own water supply and refurbish the scheme. The GWS are now proceeding to appoint a Consultant Engineer to prepare Designs
for the upgrade of this scheme. Leitrim County Council and the National Federation of Group Water Schemes are working closely with Cornashamsogue GWS in order to progress the upgrade of this scheme.

Hartley Group Sewerage Scheme
Planning Approval is underway for pumping stations on. Hartley Group Sewerage intends to progress the collection of the household contribution fee (€2,250). Consultant Engineer (Ensen) has commenced the design works.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 – 2018
An allocation of €110,000 was received in September, 2017 from the Department. This allocation is made up of a block grant of €90,000 and a specific grant of €20,000 in respect of upgrade works required to Carrigallen GWS.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY, CORPORATE SERVICES, CULTURE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

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Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 30th September, 2017

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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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HOUSING CAPITAL

Energy Efficiency Works

Phase 2 Energy Efficiency works includes such works as external wall and attic insulation. This Council has identified approximately 17 potential units that require these energy efficiency works and funds to complete these works have been sought from the Department no approval has been received to date.
Voids & Derelict Housing Units
The Council made a submission in February for funding to refurbish 16 void units and 1 dwelling classed as derelict. Funding has been received for 16 units by the Department. Work is progressing on a number of these units using direct labour and the remaining units will be complete using contractors appointed from the Council’s Framework panel.

Disability Works in Council Houses
A submission was made to the Department to fund disability adaption works to 29 Council properties and 2 dwellings requiring extensions in order to meet the long term need of the tenants. The total estimated cost of these works will be €231,102. Funding of €207,991.80 (90% of total cost) has been approved by the Department. These works are currently being progressed or are under construction.

Acquisitions
The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017. In 2016 the Council purchased 25 number houses across the county. In 2017 the Council have continued their acquisition programme; to date 10 number acquisitions are complete. Some of these house required refurbishment works and contracts are in place to complete energy efficiency works and remedial works to these houses to return them to productive use in 2017.

Capital Construction Project - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton
Under construction completion date April 2018, construction costs of €880,000.

Capital Assistance Schemes – Saint Vincent de Paul, Ballinamore
Under construction completion date December 2017, construction costs of €253,254.

Capital Construction Project – Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 20 social housing units (to the value of €3,949,500) at Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team is due to be appointed for the project.

Capital Project Appraisal for Construction of Social Housing at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon.
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 24 social housing units (to the value of €3,743,850) at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team will be appointed in November.

COMMUNITY:
• The Leitrim County PEACE IV Programme was launched on September 21st, International Peace Day, at The Dock in Carrick on Shannon with approximately eighty attendees. The event commenced with poems being read by Aoibhinn Callaghan from Comhairle na Nog (representing the PEACE IV Theme of Children and Young People) and Reverend Linda Frost (representing the Protestant Communities). Speeches were delivered by Ms. Brenda Hegarty, Programme Manager of SEUPB and by Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Leitrim County Council.

• Service Level agreements have been granted to 5 programmes:
  o Building Positive Relations Programme 1: Support for Ethnic Minorities
  o Building Positive Relations Programme 2: Support for Minority Faiths
  o Building Positive Relations Programme 5: Events around Women’s Suffrage
  o Building Positive Relations Programme 7: Rural Women Along the Border
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- A contract has been awarded to Blu Zebra Ltd. to carry out the Consultation Process: Shared Spaces and Services. Consultations have been taking place during August and September with communities from the Minority Faith and other communities of interest.

- During the PEACE IV Partnership Meeting on September 28th, Blu Zebra presented their findings and the Partnership voted that two of the Shared Space and Service Projects should move ahead immediately for SEUPB approval:
  - Kilclogher/Cashel Community Hall upgrade
  - Sexton Hall in Manorhamilton

The PEACE IV Team is in the process of reapplying to SEUPB for funding available in the Building Positive Relations and Children and Young People Themes.

Public Participation Network
There are currently 200 groups registered with the PPN. Ms. Tracy Ferguson, PPN Resource Worker has commenced her position as Resource Worker. There are currently two vacancies in the LCDC and one vacancy on Peace Partnership which need to be filled and election notification has gone out to the groups

Comhairle na nOg
Comhairle na nOg have been approved for Creative Ireland for their “Use your Brain, Not your Fist” campaign. The campaign is about spreading awareness around assault and the consequences of assault. The cost of the campaign is estimated at €6,500.

Age Friendly
Age Friendly Strategy was launched on 27th September by Michael Harding and Charlie McGettigan in Lough Allen Hotel in Drumshanbo. It was a great event with over 200 attendees.

Environmental and Community Awards
Judging has been completed in the Environmental Section by Eanna Ni Lamhna and Billy Flynn. The awards night will take place in the Bush hotel on 12th October with Eanna Ni Lamhna and Eleanor Shanley as guest speakers.

Smoke Alarm Scheme
70 smoke alarms have been distributed to date in 2017 under the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme. An additional 100 smoke alarms have been ordered from the Department so we can continue to promote the scheme.

Clár Funding
Three playgrounds have been approved funding, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermotts Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7,000). Meetings have taken place with all community groups to determine their needs and documentation is being prepared for tendering.

Towns and Villages Funding
€ 1,098,583 allocated to Leitrim County Council for 12 Community Development projects.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered an extensive range of programmes over the busy summer period as outlined hereunder.
Ag Sugradh Le Cheile Workshop
This is a HSE programme and it is about parents and children playing together in tutor lead fun classroom activities and games during school hours or as after School programme in Primary Schools. We completed 2 workshops in September, Drumreilly N.S. with 5 adults and 30 children, and Fatima N.S. with 15 adults and 25 children participating in the workshops. Total number of participants: 23 adults and 55 children.

Swim Camps in Leitrim
In association with Leitrim’s Irish Water Safety Committee Swim weeks are took place throughout July/August in the following locations. 669 children participated on the swim weeks.
1. Drumshanbo: 2 camps from June 27th to June 8th – 271 participants
2. Rossinver: 2 camps from 18th to 29th July – 136 participants
3. Gulladoo: 2 camps from 11th to 22nd July 64 participants
4. Keeltra: 2 camps from 4th to 15th of July – 174 participants
5. Cleighnanmore: 2 camps from 1st – 12th August – 20 participants
Total Number of participants: 665

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

Girls Active Programme
The Girls active programme, a physical activity programme for Post-primary girls will be rolled out in five Post-primary schools, Ballinamore (40), Carrigallen Vocational school (30), Drumshanbo Vocational School (32), St Clare’s Comprehensive school (39), & Lough Allen College (20).
Total Number of participants: 161

Safe Guarding 1 Workshop
We delivered 1 safe Guarding 1 course in Carrick on Shannon for sports coaches/volunteers etc.
Total Number of participants: 9

Active Age Groups Fit-Sticks Workshop and Age Friendly launch
The Active Age groups Fitsticks workshop was held in the Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo in advance of the Age Friendly Strategy Launch. There were a total of 80 that participated in the Fit Sticks workshop and another 110 older adults attended the Age friendly launch.
Total Number of participants: 190

Active Age Group Programmes
We delivered chair exercises and Go for Life games in Ballinamore nursing home (18), Mohill (22) and Carrigallen day centre (26) for three weeks.
Total Number of participants: 66

National Play Day
Eivers Lane Childcare Centre in Mohill was awarded the project and delivered this initiative in their facility in Mohill for young children & their families as part of National Play day. Some of the activities that were delivered:
- Large Bouncy Castle with slide for all age children
- Large climbing frame for all ages
- Sctf play area with ball pond soft mats and music for all babies and toddlers up to 2 years
Outdoor games with Michelle Fanning and Pat O’Toole tutors from Leitrim Sports Partnership for all children 4 years and upwards

**Total Number of participants: 140**

**National Recreational Week**
As part of National Recreational week we gave funding to Foróige and North Connacht Youth Services to deliver a comprehensive range of activities for their groups.

**Foróige National Recreational Programmes**
Young people in Leitrim engaged positively and actively in sport and recreation activities during National Recreation Week, 2017 (3rd to 9th of July). Activities consisted of kayaking, water sliding, archery, assault course and wall climbing engaging young people from Mohill, Dromod, Drumkeeran, Drumshanbo, Annaduff and Carrick on Shannon areas. In total 36 young people were engaged on two separate days in fun and active activities during National Recreation Week.

**North Connacht Youth Services - The Base Youth Cafe “Sharing the Joy of Fun and Active play in the natural environment of Leitrim”**
Participants completed the Shannon – Blueway from Drumshanbo to Leitrim Village by Canoeing/kayaking the 9k route on water. We had a 1 hour taster session to developed our technique and improve our skills before we started the 9k challenge. Along the route, we took rest and water breaks and all the children took part in fun games and activities, like, Bingo, Soccer, rounders and arts and crafts. The 36 children got opportunity to see and use the natural environment of the River Shannon in Leitrim, they learned to respect the water, and how important it is to be safe while having fun on the water. The children also got a chance to mix with new people in a positive and fun way.

**Total Number of participants: 72**

**Lough Melvin Angling Programme**
This Programme was a School /Club initiative to promote angling on Lough Melvin in north Leitrim. The programme was about educating and training students about how to fish properly using different techniques and the importance of looking after the environment. The programme was delivered in partnership with the two angling clubs on Lough Melvin, Kinlough & District Anglers and Rossinver Melvin Angling club, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Angling Council of Ireland, Leitrim County Council, Leitrim Sports Partnership and the two local primary schools, Four Masters N.S., and Ballymeehan,(Rossinver) N.S.

**Total Number of participants: 34**

**FAI Programmes**

**FAI Football for All**
Four FFA sessions with children from Childhood days in Drumshanbo was completed with around 20 participants taking part.

**Total Number of participants: 20**

Football for All blitz day was completed in Sligo as part of the north west region with 40 participants attending the event from Rehab Care in Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon.

**Total Number of participants: 40**

**FIFA Live your Goals Girls Festival**
FAI completed the FIFA LYTG festival in Leitrim Village community facility will 318 girls completing on the day. The programme was part of developing Women’s football in Leitrim.

**Total Number of participants: 318**
Afterschool Clubs
The aim of this project is to provide boys and girls from 2nd to 6th class an opportunity to get active through sports within their own schools and hopefully get more children playing the soccer within Leitrim. We ran 4 week clubs in Drumkeeran NS (28 kids), Newtowngore NS (17 kids) and Leitrim Village NS (47 kids).
Total Number of participants: 92

THE ARTS

Creative Ireland: The 2017 activation plan was launched in Dublin Castle and we are in the process of formulating a 5 year cultural strategy. A public meeting has been held in Carrick on Shannon with 2 others planned for Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. 16 applications from across the County were received in response to the Open Call to develop high quality projects and programmes.

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

Spark: Artist Vanya Lambrecht Ward has been selected to work with Leitrim County Council

Festivals and Events: 8 Festivals received funding under the scheme from across the County for 2017

Artists in Schools: 8 primary schools have been selected - 4 for 2017 and 4 for 2018 covering the whole county and 4 artists have been appointed to work with the schools. A planning session for artists and schools has taken place and the residencies have now commenced for the September term.

Artist in the Community: 4 Community Groups were selected to participate in the 2017 Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and 4 artists selected to work alongside them. A facilitated planning meeting has taken place ahead of their projects.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios: 2 artists have been selected for new residencies and a planning meeting is in the process of being arranged between the Library, The Arts Office and the Artists

Leitrim Equation 4: The Leitrim Equation DVD is now being made available in retail outlets and via online sales.

Youth Theatre: Term 2 has commenced in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Carrigallen.

Film: A tour of the 3 counties has taken place with the Irish Film Board who also attended a meeting with filmmakers in the region

Music Generation: A successful application was made under the Music Generation programme and next steps are now in the process of being planned

Iron Mountain Literature Festival: The festival will take place in October and the winner of the John McGahern award will be announced during the Festival

Culture Night – 14 venues are confirmed for Culture Night for Friday 22nd September and over 1,000 people participated, with a particularly successful event taking place at Glencar Waterfall in association with the Glens Centre.
LIBRARY SERVICE:

Event Programming

Event Programming in September saw the resumption of many of our regular activities after the summer break, such as the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, reading groups in Carrigallen and Manorhamilton Libraries and creative writing groups in Mohill and Carrick-on-Shannon Libraries. In addition, meetings of the local Astronomy Club and local Conradh na Gaeilge took place in Ballinamore Library. Drumshanbo Library began a series of Lumra workshops in association with the ICA group, which demonstrates the age old craft of working with wool.

Highlights

- Class visits at pre-school, primary and secondary level resumed following the summer break. Manorhamilton Library introduced a group of local Leaving Cert Local History students and teacher to the range of resources available, while Carrick Library welcomed the 3rd class pupils from Scoil Mhuire.
- In association with the HSE, Ballinamore Library commenced a 6-week Photography Group Arts initiative, which involves a presentation on techniques, followed by practical exercises in the local environs.
- Mohill and Ballinamore Libraries commenced creative writing courses during September and a Poetry Appreciation group has been set up in Drumshanbo Library.
- To celebrate Positive Ageing Week (25th September – 1st October), Libraries created engaging displays of the wide range of relevant resources available in all branches. In addition, Ballinamore Library presented a special screening of “The Quiet Man”, which was attended by members of local Active Age groups, and all enjoyed some light refreshments and a chat afterwards.
- Manorhamilton Library organised a workshop on working with leather in association with the North Leitrim Men’s Group.
- Drumshanbo Library are hosting a series of Lumra workshops in association with the ICA group, which demonstrates the age old craft of working with wool.
- As part of the county wide celebration of Culture Night (22nd September), Leitrim County Library hosted the following events:
  - Ballinamore Library presented a talk on Beekeeping by Professor J. Bredin, University of Limerick.
  - Mohill Library hosted a wonderful evening of traditional music with local musicians.
  - In Manorhamilton Library, Elizabeth Goell presented Tales of a Travelled Piano narrated in song, keyboard and visuals.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure – Presentation of Awards

Following the roll-out of the Summer Stars national reading initiative across all Leitrim Libraries this summer, an awards ceremony took place in the Lough Allen Hotel in Drumshanbo. Children who had participated in the reading programme were presented with Certificates by Cathaoirleach Finola Armstrong-Maguire, followed by the awarding of a number of prizes. Children attended in great numbers, accompanied by parents, grandparents and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all.

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Capital Programme (Fire Stations)
- Manorhamilton: Section 183 notice approved at the September Council meeting. Managers Order prepared for forwarding to solicitors to complete legal aspects of the procurement of the site.
- Ballinamore: Approval received from the National Directorate for funding of new fire station on existing site
- Drumshanbo: Approval received from the National Directorate for extension to existing fire station.

Licensing Applications
Processed a number of Licence applications for the annual Licensing Courts.

Major Emergency Management
Plans for the regional live exercise to be held in Leitrim in December 2017 are being advanced. A number of sub group meetings were held.

CIVIL DEFENCE
- On 9th September Malin Head Coastguard requested that Civil Defence respond to a Cruiser aground at Jamestown Bridge. Volunteers responded and the Boat Crew attended the scene and provided assistance. No injuries were reported.
- On the 10th September Volunteers provided Safety Boat and First Aid assistance during a charity walk on the recently opened Acres Lake walkway.
- Assistance was provided to the Environment Department for Lake Water sampling.
- Assistance was provided to the Water Services Department while water sampling on the Shannon at Leitrim Village.

Signed: [Signature]
Joseph Gilhooly
Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 13th October, 2017
Leitrim County Council submission to the draft National Planning Framework Overview

Leitrim County Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the draft National Planning Framework (Ireland 2040 - Our Plan) and to seek the influence the final strategy.

The structure of the draft National Planning Framework is markedly different from its predecessor, the National Spatial Strategy, and the decision to publish such a strategic framework without an accompanying series of maps was unexpected. The Framework sets out the likely future change in Ireland and the spatial pattern required for effective and co-ordinated investment in a range of sectors to best accommodate and support that change. Limited information is provided to understand what the spatial patterns of this growth will be as there is no effective guidance below the 5 stated cities. The absence of such maps is perhaps understood in the context of the extent of decision making which is being effectively delegated to the Regional Assemblies in the preparation of the forthcoming Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies. The inclusion of the word ‘spatial’ would indicate that the latter strategies will be more definitive in spatial terms than the National Planning Framework. It would have been expected that the higher level framework would have provided more certainty for the urban hierarchy to be pursued in the regional strategies.

The new National Planning Framework must provide a robust basis for integrated national planning, pulling together relevant Government policies and investment on national and regional development. However, the final framework must also ensure that the future focus of economic development, enterprise and employment addresses the existing imbalance which is centred on the Greater Dublin Area and to a lesser extent on the other large cities of Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway. This should permeate to state assisted employment and the implementation of a regional employment strategy by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland. The draft Framework in its current composition would not indicate that such regional employment strategies are forthcoming and should be addressed in advance of work commencing on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies.

The Framework was presented on the basis that it will address all parts of Ireland, avoid the perception of ‘winners’ and ‘losers’ but avoid unrealistically treating all parts of the country in the same way. The new National Planning Framework needs to ensure that the potential of all areas are realised, relative to their capacity for sustainable development and to prioritise rural development and address the declining small towns and villages of Co. Leitrim (and other midland and western
Counties) where businesses and essential services are closing down with vacancy and dereliction levels rising. The strategy seeks for these small towns to reinvent themselves to bring greater vitality but there are no concrete examples given as to what this should be as? The final Framework needs to provide greater detail of what these new roles should be rather than appearing to predominantly rely on additional infill housing. Small towns and villages developed around the provision of services to a wider hinterland and with the development of supermarkets in larger towns allied to the greater availability of enhanced personal transport, less and less local people avail of traditional retail in these centres which has had a spiralling effect on the viability of other local service providers.

Leitrim County Council requested in our initial submission that parity of esteem for Carrick on Shannon, with all other county towns was provided for in the resultant urban hierarchy contained within the Framework. The draft Framework presents all of Co. Leitrim and indeed the vast majority of the Northern and Western Assembly as a rural area in its entirety. The exceptions to this are Galway as a designated city and the large urban towns with a population greater than 10,000 population of Letterkenny, Sligo, Ballina, Castlebar and Cavan (the area of Athlone in Co. Roscommon would also fall into this category). It is considered that the status and range of functions within County towns should be recognised within a revised urban hierarchy than presented in the draft Framework. It is considered that such County towns should have indicative targets included as potential regional growth drivers for their surrounding catchments. The role of Carrick on Shannon and the range of services provided therein is markedly different to similar sized towns within the Greater Dublin area. The final Framework must recognise and not seek to stifle such potential. It is considered that similar to the manner in which a dedicated growth rate is identified for towns with a population greater than 10,000 population – of the region of 20 – 25% - such a growth rate should be specified for County towns.

Indeed, Leitrim County Council would indicate that the ‘Hierarchy of Settlements and Related Infrastructure’ on page 77 should be reconsidered as with the exception of ‘Park N’Ride’, ‘A&E Hospital’, ‘Minor Injuries’, ‘Outpatient’ and ‘Waste Landfill’, all of the other related infrastructure are present in Carrick on Shannon which has a recorded population in 2016 of 4,062 population (including Cortober, Co. Roscommon). Concern would be expressed that individual Government Departments may use the population categorisation within the National Planning Framework as a significant basis for decision making for services such as libraries, schools, Primary Health Care, etc.

### Major Urban Centres in Northern & Western Regional Assembly Area

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The above table presents an extrapolation of the existing population levels and targets to be pursued for Galway and the other large towns in excess of 10,000. This accounts for a very considerable proportion of the projected population growth in the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area.

On this basis and having regard to National Policy Objective 14, the population of Co. Leitrim should expect to increase by 15% over the life of the National Planning Framework as the entire county is
considered a ‘rural area’. The population target therefore which Co. Leitrim should expect in a resultant Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy is 32,044 (2016 Population x 0.15 = 4,807 people). The National Planning Framework has a 23 year horizon which translates into an annual target of 209 persons per annum for our county. On the basis of the recorded average occupancy in the 2016 Census of 2.55 persons per household (accepted that this is falling) this would imply a requirement of 82 no. additional households per annum or 492 housing units over a 6 year Development Plan cycle. This is a marked reduction on the existing Core Strategy of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021 which projected that 1,043 housing units would be built over the period of the plan of which 262 units would be in Carrick-on-Shannon. Whilst housing completions are lower than the projections contained in the Core Strategy, they would be almost double of what we could expect from the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This is more of a concern when one considers that there is no effective construction of new multiple residential developments in the county.

### County Leitrim House Completions 2005-2016

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**Source:** Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government database which is based on ESB connections.

It is respectfully considered that the scale of additional population growth being provided for to the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area is simply too low for the horizon to 2040 as outlined above.

The status of Sligo has been significantly downgraded in the draft National Planning Framework and Leitrim County Council considers that the lack of recognition to Sligo as a nationally important centre has implications for the upgrading of the existing N4 National Primary Road and of the existing Sligo – Dublin rail line both of which serve south Leitrim and both of which require significant improvement to include inter alia, flood resilience. It was anticipated that a National Planning Framework would not alone retain the national importance of Sligo which was designated as a national ‘Gateway’ in the National Spatial Strategy but would stipulate tangible and measurable targets for synergies being realised for towns in the next tier below such as Carrick on Shannon and perhaps Manorhamilton. Through Sligo IT and the proposed Technological University status for the North West appropriate educational linkages would further assist in the attractiveness of the region to further business investment.

There is no indication in the draft National Planning Framework of the timing of publishing the 10 year National Investment Plan or indeed the nature of such plan. It is considered imperative that the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies must inform the National Investment Plan from an infrastructural investment viewpoint as other than the 5 designated cities, there is no indication of the level of investment which could be expected for the northwest. Leitrim County Council would request that there are firm statements of commitment included to upgrade the existing N4 to Motorway standard including the bypassing of Carrick on Shannon. It is considered that the existing text in ‘Enhancing Regional Accessibility to the North West’ – “Upgrade northern sections of the N4 route” or elsewhere “incrementally improving access to the north west from Dublin and from other cities to the south” are too vague and non committal. The final document should specify what standard the N4 route is being designed to. In addition, Leitrim County Council would require improvements to the N16 National Primary Road which links Sligo through Manorhamilton as far as Blacklion in Co. Cavan to connect with the A4 as the main travel route from Sligo to Belfast.
Additional employment opportunities must be developed in the larger urban centres of the County facilitated by high speed broadband to ensure that more of our resident population are afforded the opportunity to work within reasonable distance from their homes or work from their homes;

Minister Naughton’s foreword indicates that “the National Planning Framework sets a strategic development context for the roll-out of high speed broadband networks in rural Ireland, energy systems and infrastructure, and the sustainable development of our natural resources.” National Policy Objective 22 in turn seeks to support and facilitate delivery of the National Broadband Plan as a means of developing further opportunities for enterprise, employment, education, innovation and skills development for those who live and work in rural areas. Leitrim County Council as the most rural county in the country supports this policy objective but again requests the expedited rollout of the National Broadband Strategy which is considered essential for rural counties such as Leitrim to become competitive in attracting and retaining enterprise, employment, commercial and residential uses. There remain concerns that the length of time being afforded to competitive dialogue will cause delays to the rollout of the strategy and other possible delays due to the need to undertake Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of Ireland’s Broadband Intervention Strategy. These concerns should be addressed as a matter of priority rather than using words such as ‘support’ and ‘facilitate’. A definite timeframe to roll out this key infrastructure must be committed to by Government.

Leitrim County Council welcomes the concept of the competitive bid based National Smart Growth Initiative although limited detail regarding the scope of the initiative, extent of budget, duration, etc. are provided. In particular, as all of County Leitrim is designated as a ‘rural area’, it is encouraging that this is recognition of the demonstrable need to strengthen and reinvigorate small towns and rural areas to counteract the corrosive effects of population decline. It would be hoped that funding may be made available to assist local people in trialling Zero Discharge Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems in Co. Leitrim. This is a divisive issue for not alone Co. Leitrim but also for surrounding counties with similar underlying soils with poor percolation characteristics.

Concern is raised with regard to the process of identifying rural housing need as outlined in the draft Framework following the repercussions of the Flemish decree. In particular, the concept of ‘demonstrable economic need’ as an alternative to ‘local housing need’ as the relevant policy determination is questionable and removes any consideration of social ties to an area. It is presumed that the outcome of the Flemish decree removes consideration of familial ties to a locality. It is also of concern that the draft Framework appears to consider that pressure for urban generated rural houses applies only to the environs of cities and towns greater than 10,000 population and that it shall be a matter for individual Local Authorities thereafter. The dilution of the existing Rural Housing Guidelines to the extent now proposed in the draft Framework should be reconsidered as it will have the inevitable effect of increasing the price of sites for persons who would have intrinsic social ties to an area.

The National Planning Framework acknowledges that in areas of poor soil / marginal land as found across the majority of Co. Leitrim that such land are more suitable to afforestation than to more traditional forms of agriculture. The use of Government incentives seeks to increase long term timber supply to support the development of a sustainable processing sector and offers significant carbon sequestration potential. However, the private afforestation levels being undertaken in Co. Leitrim is beginning to have profound and perhaps unintended social consequences. Investors are pricing farmers out of the market who seek to extend their farm holdings on the basis of the incentives available and further, there are isolation issues occurring for rural dwellers whose residential properties are planted effectively on all sides. As to date, all of the afforestation is exempted development with the exception of the creation of new entrances onto public roads, the
Planning Authority has no effective role in ensuring the appropriate and sustainable siting of forestry developments other than in commenting on planting applications lodged to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Forest Service. It is considered that the section on Forestry requires modification to acknowledge and seek to prevent the social and visual consequences of further afforestation whilst accepting the sectors undoubted potential as a carbon neutral and renewable energy source.

The National Planning Framework must seek to minimise the impact for border counties such as Leitrim of the impending departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union with regard to the free movement of people and goods. The future of successful cross border and all island initiatives such as Waterways Ireland established under the British-Irish Agreement Act of 1999 to manage Ireland’s inland navigable waterways is uncertain.

Is it anticipated that the Office of the Planning Regulator will be in place before the preparation of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies is completed as this is the authority with responsibility for monitoring compliance with the National Planning Framework. A commitment in this regard in the final Framework would be welcomed although noting that the enabling legislation has not yet been approved.

Leitrim County Council has in place a High Level Advisory Group (HLAG) consisting of members who have experience in business and economic development. The Group meets a number of times per year to advise and support the Council in pursuing objectives for the continued growth of the County. The HLAG discussed the importance of the National Planning Framework for the future development of the County at its most recent meeting. As an outcome of that meeting a number of key items were agreed as fundamental to the future growth of the North West Region and to Co. Leitrim in particular.

1. Access to the Region: The HLAG were strong in their identification of access to the region as the central most important component to the future growth of the region and in this regard strongly urge the immediate prioritization of the road access from Dublin to Sligo to be upgraded to Motorway standard and status. From their experience having an efficient access is key to making the region attractive for investment and population growth. There is a perception that once you leave the N4 Dual Carriageway at Mullingar that the quality of transport corridor reduces significantly.

2. Broadband: The Group are also of the view that the fast and effective delivery of high speed broadband across the region is of urgent need.

3. Education: The Group strongly supports the initiative for Sligo IT to secure technological university status. This status is essential to build on the excellent work of the college and for the future attraction of the region to further inward investment and the support of existing business to grow effectively within the region.

4. Foreign Direct Investment: There is need for an accelerated drive to secure FDI decisions in favour of the North West Region with Carrick on Shannon as a case in point that despite a ready to go facility no FDI has occurred on the Carrick Business Campus.

Leitrim County Council requests that you take this submission into account in the formulation of the new National Planning Framework and acknowledges the difficult task faced by those charged with its preparation and the extent of challenges which must be overcome. Leitrim must play an integral part of the future of this region and in turn, this country as we continue in our economic recovery.
Rural counties such as Leitrim must become more resilient to the cyclical boom and bust cycles and unlock the unrivalled potential of our regions. The National Planning Framework must provide the basis for achieving this vision.

Leitrim County Council remains fully committed to the detailed collaborative submission by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly which was submitted at pre draft stage.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Joseph Gilhooly,
Chief Executive (Temporary),
Leitrim County Council
Leitrim County Council

Winter Service Maintenance Plan

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## Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this document is to identify the processes, procedures and key personnel employed by Leitrim County Council, to deliver the winter service for County Leitrim. This plan may be amended as necessary during the winter season. The winter season runs from 16th October 2017 to the 30th April 2018. This plan has been prepared in consultation with the Draft Winter Service Manual published in 2010 by the National Roads Authority (NRA) and the City & County Managers Association (CCMA).

## Policy

There are approximately 2,500 km of public roads in county Leitrim. For practical and financial reasons only a certain portion of the road networks can be included in the Winter Service Plan. It is therefore necessary to prioritise important and strategic routes in order to use available resources to the greatest benefit.

The following is Leitrim County Councils policy with regard to the winter service, including the description of and level of service on route Priorities 1, 2 & 3, and the treatment and mobilisation times.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Route Designation</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Level of Service</th>
<th>Routes in Co. Leitrim</th>
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<tr>
<td>Priority 1</td>
<td>Those routes which are essential to be kept serviceable in all weather conditions, as far as reasonably practicable</td>
<td>To be treated during all weather events</td>
<td>N4, N15, N16 (from Sligo Co. Bdry to Fermanagh Co. Bdry)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Priority 2</td>
<td>Those routes which are desirable to be kept serviceable in normal weather conditions, as far as reasonably practicable</td>
<td>To be treated as part of the normal winter service but may have interruptions to treatment in certain severe weather events</td>
<td>R280,(incl. section in Co. Roscommon) R371, LP 1601-1, R299, LP 3408, R202, R199, R205, R201, R203, R207, R208, R200, R209 Part (Letterfine to R280) R210 Part (Letterfine to Drumcong) R289 (R280 to Dromahaire) R287 (Dromahaire to R280) R286 R287 (To be carried out by Sligo Co Co)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Priority 3</td>
<td>Those routes that could be kept serviceable once Priority 1 and 2 routes have been treated, if resources allow.</td>
<td>Not treated as part of the normal winter service but may receive intermittent treatment during certain severe weather events</td>
<td>All other Regional Roads and Priority County Roads.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treatment Route</td>
<td>Priority 1</td>
<td>Priority 2</td>
<td>Priority 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------------</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobilisation Time</td>
<td>1 hr</td>
<td>1 hr</td>
<td>When possible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Treatment Time</td>
<td>3 hr</td>
<td>4 hrs</td>
<td>When possible</td>
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**Footpaths**

Leitrim County Council will, during severe weather, clear snow/ice from footpaths at strategic locations in the towns and villages. Property owners are encouraged to clear snow from the footpaths outside their property. We will advise the public of the best equipment to use and the safest way to use this equipment in clearing snow from footpaths.

**Overall Map of the Service Plan Area**

*See Maps at Appendix A*

**Weather Monitoring and the Treatment Decision process**

Leitrim County Council appoints Duty Engineers to review the weather conditions and make a decision on the treatment to be carried out, each day during the winter period. The weather predictions are made available to Leitrim County Council through the TII web based weather application provided by Met Eireann and Vaisala. The Duty Engineer will monitor the weather conditions as necessary and alter any decisions made as required.

Winter Service Duty Engineers and Winter Service Supervisors must attend to their normal Council duties during normal Council working hours and be competent to do so. Accordingly, Leitrim County Council acknowledges that there is a limit to the extent of overnight monitoring that can be expected of a Duty Engineer. In particular, the Council would expect that treatment decisions would normally be communicated to the Winter Service Supervisor before 22:00 hours. If the treatment decision is deferred to a later time, the Duty Engineer should advise the Winter Service Supervisor of the deferred treatment decision deadline at or prior to 22:00 hours.

Details of the rosters for the duty engineers in Appendix B.
## Contact Details

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<th>Contact Details</th>
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<tr>
<td>Duty Forecaster Met Eireann</td>
<td>(01) 8065550</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technical Support for Bureau Weather Service</td>
<td>(01) 8064219 or (01) 8064255</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garda Point of Contact</td>
<td>(071)9142031 or (071)9157000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter Service Manager Donegal County Council</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Winter Service Manager Sligo County Council</td>
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<tr>
<td>Winter Service Manager Roscommon County Council</td>
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<tr>
<td>Winter Service Manager Longford County Council</td>
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<tr>
<td>Winter Service Manager Cavan County Council</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Winter Service Manager Western Division, Road Service NI</td>
<td>00 44 28 82254111 or 00 44 28 82241999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Commisky Plant Hire</td>
<td>087 9683006</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ambulance Service</td>
<td>999 or 112</td>
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<td>Fire Service</td>
<td>999 or 112</td>
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## Supplementary Resources

Details of resources available to supplement the winter service are included in Appendix C.
# Decision Matrix

The following table is our Decision Matrix for treatment of roads in severe weather conditions.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Road Surface Temperature</th>
<th>Precipitation</th>
<th>Predicted Road Conditions</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Wet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May fall below 1°C</td>
<td>No rain</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No hoar frost</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No fog</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expected to fall below 1°C</td>
<td>Expected hoar frost</td>
<td>Salt before frost, as required during rain and after rain stops (see note d)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Expected fog</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expected Snow</td>
<td>Salt before snow fall</td>
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The decision to undertake precautionary treatments should be, if appropriate, adjusted to take account of residual salt or surface moisture.

All decisions should be evidence based, recorded and require careful monitoring and review.

**Notes:**

(a) Particular attention should be given to the possibility of water running across carriageways and other running surfaces e.g. surface water off adjacent fields after heavy rains, washing off salt previously deposited. Such locations should be closely monitored and may require treating in the evening and morning and possible other occasions. Ideally the source of the run-off should be diverted from the roadway.

(b) When a weather warning contains reference to expected hoar frost, considerable deposits of frost can occur. Hoar frost usually occurs in the early morning and is difficult to cater for because of the probability that any salt deposited on a dry road too soon before its onset, may be dispersed before it can become effective. Careful monitoring is required under this forecast condition which should ideally be treated just as the hoar frost is forming. Such action is usually not practicable and salt may have to be deposited on a dry road prior to but as close as possible to the expected time of the condition. Hoar frost may also be forecast at other times of the day, in which case the timing of salting operations should be adjusted accordingly.

(c) If under these conditions, rain has not ceased by early morning, crews should be called out and action initiated as rain ceases.

(d) Under these circumstances rain will freeze on contact with running surfaces and full precautionary treatment should be provided even on dry roads. This is a most serious condition and should be monitored closely and carefully throughout the danger period.
## Treatment Matrix

The following table is our Treatment Matrix for the various weather conditions.

### Treatment Matrix Guide

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weather Conditions</th>
<th>Treatment</th>
<th>Salt Spread Rate (gm/m²)</th>
<th>Ploughing</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Road Surface Conditions</strong></td>
<td><strong>Road Surface Temperature (RST)</strong></td>
<td>Air Temperature</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frost or forecast frost</td>
<td>RST at or above -2°C</td>
<td>10/15</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frost or forecast frost</td>
<td>RST below -2°C and above -5°C</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frost or forecast frost</td>
<td>RST below -5°C and above -10°C and dry or damp road conditions</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frost or forecast frost</td>
<td>RST below -5°C and above -10°C and wet road conditions (existing or anticipated)</td>
<td>2 runs X 20</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Light snow forecast (&lt;10mm)</td>
<td></td>
<td>20</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Forecast for Medium/heavy snow or a freezing rain forecast</td>
<td></td>
<td>2 runs X 20</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ice formed</td>
<td>Above -5°C</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Not possible</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ice formed</td>
<td>At or below -5°C</td>
<td>2 runs X 20</td>
<td>Not possible</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snow covering exceeding 30mm</td>
<td></td>
<td>20 to supplement ploughing, up to 40 if temperatures are falling</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snow accumulations due to prolonged falls</td>
<td></td>
<td>20 to 40 to supplement ploughing</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard packed snow/ice</td>
<td>Above -8°C</td>
<td>Successive treatments at 20 to 40 (repeat as needed)</td>
<td>Not possible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hard packed snow/ice</td>
<td>At or below -8°C</td>
<td>Successive treatments at 20 to 40, supplemented by abrasives (repeat as needed)</td>
<td>Not possible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sustained low temperatures</td>
<td>Below -10°C</td>
<td>Refer to Roads Section</td>
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### Notes:

(a) Rate of spread for precautionary treatments may be adjusted to take account of variations occurring along the route such as residual salt, surface moisture (in the air or on the road surface) and traffic density.

(b) All decisions should be forecast based, recorded and require careful monitoring and review.

(c) Ice refers to all ice on the road surface, including black ice.
(d) For salt stored outside it may be necessary to increase spread rate for precautionary treatment salting from 10gm/m² to 15gm/m². Duty engineer to decide which rate to use.

Target Spread Rates by Location

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Salt Spread Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carriageways</td>
<td>As described in the Treatment Matrix Guide</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hard shoulder or carriageway marginal strips</td>
<td>50% of selected treatment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Porous Surfacing</td>
<td>Plus 25% of selected treatment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Footways, cycle tracks and pedestrian areas</td>
<td>25 gm/m²</td>
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Plant, Vehicles and Equipment

Leitrim County Council operates 5 number demountable mounted salt spreaders, and 6 number snowploughs, to deliver the winter service. We also have access to other hire equipment if the situation requires.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Depot Location</th>
<th>Capacity</th>
<th>Date Calibrated</th>
<th>Date Serviced</th>
<th>Date of next Calibration</th>
<th>Date of next Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>Plant No 39 Demountable Salt Spreader</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
<td>9 m³</td>
<td>Sept 2016</td>
<td>Sept 2017</td>
<td>Nov 2017</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<td>Plant No. 24 - Demountable salt spreader</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
<td>5 m³</td>
<td>Sept 2016</td>
<td>Sept 2017</td>
<td>Nov 2017</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<td>Plant No. 25 - Demountable salt spreader</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
<td>5 m³</td>
<td>Sept 2016</td>
<td>Sept 2017</td>
<td>Nov 2017</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<td>Plant No. 29 - Demountable salt spreader</td>
<td>Manorhamilton</td>
<td>6 m³</td>
<td>Sept 2016</td>
<td>Sept 2017</td>
<td>Nov 2017</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<td>Plant No. 30 - Demountable salt spreader</td>
<td>Manorhamilton</td>
<td>6 m³</td>
<td>Sept 2016</td>
<td>Sept 2017</td>
<td>Nov 2017</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<tr>
<td>Demountable Mini Spreader</td>
<td>Mohill</td>
<td>2 m³</td>
<td>Sept 2012</td>
<td>Sept 2012</td>
<td>Nov 2017</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<tr>
<th>Snowploughs &amp; Loading Shovels</th>
<th>Depot Location</th>
<th>Fitted to</th>
<th>Date Serviced</th>
<th>Date of next Service</th>
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<td>Snowplough</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
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<td>Oct 2016</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plant No 97A – Snowplough</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
<td>01LM1136</td>
<td>Oct 2016</td>
<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<td>Plant No 98 – Snowplough</td>
<td>Manorhamilton</td>
<td>11LM435</td>
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<td>Sept 2018</td>
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<td>Plant No</td>
<td>Snowplough/Tractor</td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Registration No</td>
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<td>Faulties</td>
<td>03LM822</td>
<td>Plant 31</td>
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<td>97D</td>
<td>Snowplough</td>
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<td>06LM1334</td>
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<td>18A</td>
<td>Snowplough</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
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<td>Snowplough</td>
<td>Dromahaire</td>
<td>05LM1053</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Landini Tractor</td>
<td>Faulties</td>
<td>06RN3615</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Landini Tractor</td>
<td>Dromahaire</td>
<td>04RN1876</td>
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Note: Duty Engineers will advise when demountable gritters are to be mounted before weekends and holiday periods.

**Details of Depots**

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<th>Map Ref.</th>
<th>Salt Depots</th>
<th>Routes Serviced</th>
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<th>Max Capacity</th>
<th>Minimum stock levels at:</th>
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<td>1st Oct</td>
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<td>Faulties</td>
<td>N4, R202, R280, R207, R208.</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>2000 Tonnes</td>
<td>200 Tonnes</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Ballinamore</td>
<td>R199, R201, R202, R205, R208, R209, R210.</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>300 Tonnes</td>
<td>80 Tonnes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manorhamilton</td>
<td>N15, N16 R280</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>300 Tonnes</td>
<td>300 Tonnes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drumkeeran</td>
<td>R280, R289, R287, R207, R200</td>
<td>Indoor</td>
<td>300 Tonnes</td>
<td>200 Tonnes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mohill</td>
<td>Local Roads</td>
<td>Outdoor</td>
<td>50 Tonnes</td>
<td>0 Tonnes</td>
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**TOTALS**

|              | 2950 Tonnes | 780 Tonnes |
Materials and Spares

The Area Engineers will be responsible for re-ordering de-icing materials. The new procurement in operation by the TII will be used for procuring salt this winter.

There are small quantities of fuel stored at each Depot for emergencies, but the majority of the fuel will be acquired at Retail outlets.

Spare parts for winter service machinery are stored in the machinery yard. The Machinery Yard supervisor will be responsible for reordering stock.

Community Involvement

During severe weather conditions Leitrim County Council will make available grit at 36 locations throughout the county to enable people in the community to use it to treat local roads, hills etc that we are never going to be able to get to due to the demand on our resources. See Appendix D for map and a full list of the locations of the drop points. This grit is available for any person to use. They will not be working for Leitrim County Council when spreading this grit.

Leitrim County Council will introduce a scheme where residents associations and business can purchase from the council a salt bin and salt for their housing estates or business premises. They will be charged a nominal fee. Depending on our resources at the time the bin will be refilled by us or salt made available to the residents at our depot, for a nominal fee.
APPENDIX A
APPENDIX B
Grit Locations – County Leitrim

Ball Room of Romance Glenfarne N16
Rossinver Football Pitch
Scollans Depot, Largydonnell
NCF Laughta Road, Kinlough
Askill School
Lough Doon, Fivemilebourne
St Michael Church, Barrs West
Kiltyclogher - Old Landfill Site
Coraleehan Church
Cromlin Cross Roads
Greaghglass, Pol an Easa Amenity
Leitrim County Council Depot, Ballinamore Depot
Drumeela church.
Corawallen P.O.
Corriga Reservoir
Glan Cross Roads, Beagh More
Rassuan Church
Nailers Cross Roads, Feraglass North
Cornageeha Church
Greagh Cross Roads, Lissagarvan
Gubbs Crossroads, Corduff
District Hospital, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Kilboderry, Carrick on Shannon
Kiltoghert Community Centre
Leitrim County Council Depot, Faulties
Mohill Church
Bornacoola Church
Eslin Church
Gortlettragh Church
Fearglass Church
Annaduff Church
Crossroads Toomans
Aughacashel
Leitrim County Council Depot Kildoon
Drumkeeran Old Landfill Site
Ballinaglera Village
Aughavas
Carrigallen Mart
Appendix 8 - Council meeting 6th November 2017

Comhairle na nOg Liatroma Project
The following is an update of our projects
What we like about living in Leitrim & Rural Ireland

- Tourists
- Safe place
- Friendly People
- Water Sports
- Good Community Spirit
- Good Schools
- Scenery
- Music & Dance
What we do not like about living in Leitrim & Rural Ireland

- Bad Phone Coverage & Wifi
- Very little Public Transport
- No 3rd Level Colleges
- We never won an All Ireland
- Can feel very isolated
- Too much attention on Carrick on Shannon & not the rest of Leitrim
What we would like to Change?

• Open Wifi in all towns
• Rural Lift to operate more on evening times & weekends
• More training courses in the County
• Ghost Estates to be done up and used as houses
• More jobs for teenagers in towns
• Better Mental Health Services – we should not have to travel to Sligo to access care
• More Bins in towns & Bicycle Rent scheme
• Less emigration of young people under 25 years old from the County
EQUALITY 2017

On being different
Aloisa

Aloisa Dias: “I was the only brown face in the class and didn’t know how to act” People expect that I am Muslim or Hindu and can be surprised to learn I’m a Mass-going Catholic. In some ways my religion has helped me to fit in better in Ireland. I used to try and hide that I was Indian, and I’d ask my mum not to make me Indian food for my school lunches because people teased me about the smell. There isn’t much of an Indian community around Leitrim, but there are more than 18 different nationalities in my secondary school. Now I have good friends and don’t feel isolated.

The Irish Times Saturday 14th of October 2017
Use Your Brain not your Fists Project

I HAD A FIGHT AFTER A MATCH

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family.

USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS

An Garda Síochána
Community Safety